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Campaign Finance Reform 'Town Meeting' Sponsored

Six discussants and an audience of interested persons met at the Willis Building at 7 p.m. on April 4, 2001, to examine in a town hall format the issue of campaign finance reform.

This second Phi Kappa Phi-sponsored "debate" featured Dr. Carmine Scavo (ECU Political Science professor), Arielle Morris (ECU student), Randy Royal (Pitt County Commissioner), Keith Cooper (educator and businessperson), Tom Lamprecht (businessman), and Chris Fitzsimon (of the Common Sense Foundation). Allan Hoffman, news anchor for WNCT-TV served as moderator.

After a welcome by Dr. Tom Feldbush, ECU Phi Kappa Phi chapter president, each panelist presented opening remarks of about five to seven minutes: these opening comments were followed by two-minute rebuttals.

The discussion centered on the current campaign finance system and upcoming changes (as would be mandated in McCain-Reingold bill, it it becomes law). Of particular interest were comments about the impact (direct and indirect) that the system has had on American citizens.

Questions and comments from the audience

expanded the formal discussion into broader issues of individual and governmental responsibility in such important arenas.

This event is this year's second under the aegis of the

ECU chapter of Phi Kappa Phi's "debate" initiative which has addressed topics of general interest such as coastal development and student assessment in public schools.

Chapter Officer Spotlight: Tom Durham

Dr. Thomas W. Durham has been attending school on East Carolina University's campus since he was a child. He attended kindergarden and middle school at what is now known as the theatre building. (If it seems hard to believe, walk between McGuiness Theatre and the theatre building. He wrote his initials in the concrete in sixth grade.)

Durham attended ECU as an undergraduate. He double-majored in mathematics and psychology. Before he began his college education, Durham took placement tests in which he placed out of forty-five credit hours in math and foreign language. This shortened his studies at ECU to only three years (1970-1973). After graduation, Durham attended graduate school at Florida State University in Tallahassee where he obtained his M.S. and Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology.

Now back at ECU, Durham teaches in the psychology department. He mainly teaches graduate level courses, but does teach undergraduate courses, especially Abnormal Psychology. Durham believes in bringing experiences alive in the classroom -- he feels his job is to clarify. He wants his students to experience, not memorize. "If you sit in on my class, don't take a lot of notes or you are going to miss what is going on," he says.

In 1973, Durham was one of the first people inducted into East Carolina University's chapter of The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi. He had been an active member since the early eighties. In 1986, Durham took on the role of Phi Kappa Phi's treasurer and has served in that capacity since then.



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Shoemaker Named Outstanding Freshman



Nicole Christine
Shoemaker has
been selected by the
chapter nominating
committee (Holly
Mathews, chair; Tom
Durham and
Lorraine Robinson,
members) as the

2000-2001 East Carolina University Chapter of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi Outstanding Freshman.

Shoemaker is an honors graduate of Northwest Cabarrus High School (Concord, NC.) While a student there, she also earned certification as a nursing assistant, did volunteer work in a kindergarten class, and was active in extra-curricular activities.

Her solid array of credentials, including AP credit and active participation in the ECU Honors Program, as well as her first semester Chancellor's List 4.0 GPA combined to make her a successful candidate for this award.

The multitalented Shoemaker is a Philosophy major on the pre-medicine track and is considering adding a minor or double major in Spanish. Beyond her academic life, she enjoys exploring the "underground" music scene, draws and paints, writes poetry, and participates in yoga and swimming.

Shoemaker was selected from

a large and strong applicant pool for this academic year and will be recognized at the April 18th initiation ceremony where she will also be presented a cash award.



Feldbush Concludes Successful Tenure as PKP Chapter President

Dr. Thomas L. Feldbush, vicechancellor for research and dean of the graduate school at ECU, has completed his two-year term as Phi Kappa Phi local chapter president.

Under his aegis, the chapter has sponsored a lecture by Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and author Haynes Johnson, established a debate series that has examined high-profile public issues, and begun publication of a chapter newsletter.

In addition to these initiatives, the chapter has engaged in an initial self-study and has hosted PKP southeast regional president Wayne Lacy. Because of the strong initiate acceptance rate during his tenure, the chapter is also moving from an initiation ceremony and reception to a ceremony and full, sit-down dinner.

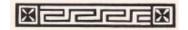
Feldbush will continue his involvement with the chapter as immediate Past President.

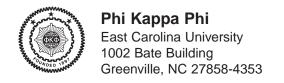
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