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Board to consider disqualifying Ingram

Hearing to focus on 'malicious' campaigning

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The Board of Elections will decide tonight if it will disqualify student body president candidate Rick Ingram from Tuesday's election. The hearing comes in response to accusations by candidates Mary Cooper and Ian Lee that Ingram's campaign has violated election law in a "malicious and harmful manner." The accusations submitted to the board cite incidents in which Ingram and campaign manager Billy Klutz reportedly insulted, harassed and attempted to intimidate members of the

Cooper and Lee campaigns, along with students not affiliated with a campaign. The accusations are all descriptions of in-person incidents aside from a transcript of a Jan. 23 text message conversation between Ingram and Lee. "It's all complete hearsay," Ingram said, adding that the accusations are exaggerated and mostly false. He sent a statement to the board that responded to each incident specifically. "I can tell you right now this is absurd," he said in an interview. "I don't think we've

done anything that in the wildest interpretation of these events can be classified as malicious and harmful." Andrew Phillips, the board's chairman, said the board must go beyond proving the authenticity of the claims to disqualify Ingram. "The board's chief concern is we take the burden of proof very seriously," he said. "I think that's something that past boards have failed to do." Title VI, Article III, Section 310 of the

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Lee's evidence

Ian Lee submitted this conversation to the Board of Elections as evidence against Rick Ingram's campaign.

Ingram: You should stop the unsolicited emailing.

Lee: They (are) personal emails, not unsolicited mailing lists. Please don't give me campaign advise.

Ingram: Bull s---, Ian. You've emailed so many people on my campaign team. This is getting sort of pathetic.

Ten more texts were exchanged, and the conversation ended with the following:

Lee: I'm sorry but I'm out talking to students, I have to go. We told everyone at the BOE meeting, listen!

Ingram: You're full of s---. Beating you in this election is going to be a wonderful feeling.

SOURCE: UNC BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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SO LONG, LARRY

When Larry Drew II left the North Carolina men's basketball team Friday morning, coach Roy Williams was left to rebuild his entire game plan for Florida State. Not only was Drew's coach dumbfounded by the move, but so were his teammates. They said they didn't expect

him to leave midseason, especially when he was elevating his game from his bench spot. Visit dailytarheel.com for the full story from Friday along with video from Williams' press conference. In SportsMonday on page 10, read how Marshall took a firm grasp on his new role.

Student Union fee increase is added to ballot

Petitioners get required signatures

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Student Body President Hogan Medlin verified 3,133 signatures for UCommons on Sunday, placing on Tuesday's ballot an option to increase student fees for a renovation to the Student Union. The signatures, which exceeded the required 2,939, were approved amid complaints to the Board of Elections concerning potential campaign violations by UCommons petitioners, including misuse of University computers and posting of campaign materials in prohibited areas. In order to pass, at least 2.5 percent of the student body must vote, and a majority must vote in favor. The referendum would allow students to vote on a student fee increase of \$8 per semester for the next 30 years in order to fund Phase 2 of UCommons, a project that would give students increased meeting and rehearsal space on the bottom floor and provide a yet-to-be-determined food option. It would also allow parts of the Union to be available 24 hours a day. Alex Mills, a graduate student and speaker pro tempore of Student Congress, was part of the

committee that voted down the referendum in January. The referendum has drawn criticism, primarily from graduate students who say they rarely use the Union. "Given the level of attention that it's getting, I haven't heard a lot of positive attention toward it," he said. Phase 1 has already gained approval and funding, said Tyler Mills, president of the Carolina Union Activities Board. Securing student approval for Phase 2 could mean saving money for the University now, rather than spending more later on, he said. "Construction costs could increase by as much as 30 percent if we don't start Phase 2 as Phase 1 is ending." But Medlin said he was unsure how students would react to seeing another fee next to numerous others that will appear on the ballot. "The common student who is going to go vote will see all these fees, and we don't know how this will make them react," Medlin said. "Would spreading it out across the semester and voting later be a better strategy? I honestly don't know."

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IFC shelter displayed to community

Reveals space issues, need for new facility

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The second floor of the Inter-Faith Council for Social Service's Community House on Rosemary Street houses two dormitory-style rooms filled with wooden bunks for residents. Paint peels off a nearby wall, hanging idly. Floors are scuffed, and the beds are made up with faded, donated sheets. "It is configured for 32 men and it allows a limited amount of space per individual," IFC board member Charles House said. The IFC opened the Community House's doors Sunday to display the state of its facility. "It's like the before picture of a before-and-after," said Allan Ross, the project manager facilitating the shelter's move. The IFC's application for a special use permit to build a transitional housing facility for men near Homestead Road is under review. The application was passed onto the Chapel Hill Town Council by the planning board and is up for council review March 21. The new building would be a 16,250-square-foot, 52-bed facility — a 16-bed increase from its current location.



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During a Sunday open house, Charles House, board member on the Inter-Faith Council, explains how living arrangements will be set up at a planned new community center. The University would lease the property to the IFC for \$1 a year. Mary Ellen McGuire, pastoral associate at the Catholic Community of St. Thomas More, said she has lived in Chapel Hill for more than two years but has never visited the shelter. "Clearly, it's not a place that was meant

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County aims to extend landfill life until 2016

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Orange County is applying to extend the life of its landfill, further delaying a solution for the area's messiest problem. The Orange County Department of Solid Waste Management is in the process of submitting a permit modification to the state that could extend the Eubanks Road landfill's life to January 2016 from an earlier 2012 deadline. The modification will allow the county to steepen the side slopes of the landfill, increasing its capacity. "The county's goal has been to extend its capacity as long as possible in order to delay greater costs," said Gayle Wilson, director of the solid waste management department. "The longer we can stay in our current landfill, the better it is for our current users." In an effort to address Orange County's landfill filling up, the Board of County Commissioners voted in December 2009 to divert trash temporarily through a Durham transfer station. The plan would be an intermediate solution and exclude the historically black and low-income community that houses the landfill from hosting future solid waste facilities. Steve Yuhasz, commissioner vice-chairman, said the extra time is still a small extension and does not change the long-term dilemma.

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The story so far

- > **1972:** Chapel Hill purchased 80 acres on Eubanks Road in a historically black and low-income area to use as a landfill for 10 years.
- > **2007:** Landfill remains, and begins to reach capacity. Rogers-Eubanks Coalition to End Environmental Racism is founded, and members argue that the community shouldn't host more waste sites. Orange County Commissioners start a contentious \$490,000 search for a waste transfer station elsewhere in the county.
- > **2009:** As a temporary solution, commissioners vote to ship the county's waste to the Durham transfer station in the three to five years following the landfill's capacity being reached.
- > **2012:** Latest estimate for the year the landfill will reach capacity.

this day in black history

FEB. 7, 1956 ...

Autherine Lucy, the first black student admitted to the University of Alabama, is suspended after a mob prevents her from going to class.



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HAIRY HEROES
A Carrboro-based organization is looking for "puppy parents" for its dogs, which are trained to detect high levels of blood sugar.



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OFFENSE EXPLODES
Guided by Kendall Marshall's 16 assists, the men's basketball team had its best offensive game of the year against Florida State.

Today's weather

High-pressure system
H 57, L 36

Tuesday's weather

No pressure, baby
H 45, L 25