

LETTERS OF ENDORSEMENT FOR CAROLINA ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

Schedule for candidates' letters of endorsement

The following are letters of endorsement submitted on behalf of candidates for Carolina Athletic Association president. Two letters were accepted on behalf of each candidate. The letters were limited to 400 words and two signatories. Letters endorsing candidates for student body president will be printed next Monday, Feb. 8. Letters endorsing candidates for senior class president and vice president will be printed on Tuesday, Feb. 9.

Patalano will take regular student concerns to CAA

To the editor:  
It is time to elect a new Carolina Athletic Association president again, and we think Louis Patalano is our best bet. No, we are not star athletes. Nor are we powerful officers in big school organizations. They make up only a minority here at UNC. We are simply Carolina students, just like most of you, and it is the regular Carolina students, like us, that make up about 95 percent of this campus. Now is the time that we as a campus really need a candidate to step forward with untarnished ideals and focus on student concerns. Louis definitely fits this role. Louis has not been entangled in the inner-network of the CAA in the past. Actually, it is this inexperience with the CAA that is a benefit to us all. His ideas for the CAA and ticket distribution are the same ones that we, as a student body, have always had, and about which nothing has ever been done. Louis is the candidate who can take these ideas and try to work them into reality.

We are not writing this endorsement as a personal favor for Louis. In reality, it is the other way around. After hearing Louis' platform and that he needed student endorsements, we asked him if we could write for him from the students' viewpoint, and he agreed. We met Louis last year as freshmen, and since then, we have become very close friends. Once again, this is not why we are writing this letter. We are writing this letter to inform the student body that

Louis is a student like us. His plans for expanding Homecoming, working with ticket distribution reforms, and giving students an active say about the ticket problem through regular student forum meetings are exactly what we need. We think it is his ideas like these and his fastidiousness that will help Louis be a great CAA president in the future. He is running this campaign for the students with student concerns as a priority. Louis is "Dedicated to Giving Students What WE DESERVE!" And he will stop at nothing to gain this. So do UNC a favor and vote for the students' choice, Louis Patalano, for CAA president on Feb. 9. Thank you.

JASON PARKER  
Sophomore  
Economics

CHARLES GRAY  
Sophomore  
Psychology

Patalano will move CAA out of old, in from cold

To the editor:  
It's time for the nonsense of campus elections once again, yet I would like to encourage those interested in change to go to the trouble of voting for Louis Patalano for Carolina Athletic Association president. He does not have the experience of membership in the illustrious CAA, which I think is one of his glaring advantages over the other candidates. Louis wishes to combine the CAA's good qualities with ideas that could come from a student who has frozen his butt off camping out for tickets. The ticket distribution policy is not the only thing he will make an issue of. It is time we devised a Homecoming celebration that is not just a farce and an embarrassment to Carolina. His ideas on changing ticket distribution, such as season tickets and limited block seating, are original and worthy of consideration. Louis Patalano is a man concerned with improving things for his fellow students.

As Granville Residence College governor, I have seen both apathy and concern for improving activities for one's peers. I have always been able to count

on Louis to attend meetings, but more importantly I have come to expect him to contribute to discussions as well. He keeps his mind open to new ideas and pulls no punches when it comes to expressing his beliefs and concerns.

Aren't you tired of the CAA's follies? Standing out in the cold last Saturday night straining to hear if your name is called does not sound like much fun to me. Isn't it a hell of a feeling to camp out for several distribution weekends, be one of the first couple of hundred numbers and magically end up in places such as 115DD rather than 110D or 117D? Having a Homecoming that I would want to attend would be an interesting change of pace.

This endorsement is not just because Louis Patalano is a "Granville boy." It is because he possesses the personal qualities and new approaches to be a good leader for the CAA. I know that there are good people in the CAA but it seems to me that it is time for new faces and new ideas. You may not associate the name Louis Patalano with the CAA now, but come February 9 you will be doing yourself a disservice if you don't.

SCOTT WEINSTEIN  
Junior  
Biology

Stanbery one-faced fan, not two-faced politician

To the editor:  
Josh Stanbery defines what it means to be a Tar Heel. Josh lives and breathes as a supporter of UNC athletics. I have the great pleasure of telling you a little bit today about my friend for more than 1 1/2 years.

Josh has had a great impact on our lives as fans. His leadership has helped make ticket distribution go better than ever this year, as he served as ticket director for the Carolina Athletic Association. We all know how much effort it takes to wait in long lines and packed crowds for football and basketball tickets. Josh has made our commitment just a little easier to bear. He's proven himself as an organizer whose efforts have genuinely benefited the campus community. His outspoken push for change has revolutionized the way in which we

cheer for Carolina.  
I play a lot of tennis with Josh. I've seen his spirit as both my singles rival and my doubles partner. My time with him on and off the court has provided me with a true insight into his personality. He's both a colleague and competitor to me and my friends. He has a balance that you really don't find in many people. He knows how to support people but he also knows how to push them. His energy and dedication inspire everyone he associates with. Leadership flows right out of him and affects everyone he meets.

I can also tell you that he's not all substance either. He knows how to have fun and his easygoing attitude has made him countless friends. He has a magic ability to draw people around in support of him. He enjoys a special aptitude for pooling people together. He can always bring out the best in those he knows. His charisma makes him memorable to everyone with whom he comes into contact whether in a class or at a party. He's someone you never forget.

Candidates for office usually show themselves through two faces. These candidates often match their public sincerity with private selfishness. Josh Stanbery has only one face; he truly believes in the ideals we all share as fans. Josh Stanbery wants to take our athletic program to the heights we all know it can reach. Elect Josh Stanbery and take the first step toward Building a Commitment to Carolina's Champions!

ANEESH SINGLA  
Sophomore  
Chemistry

Experience within CAA gives Stanbery the edge

To the editor:  
Josh Stanbery is thoroughly familiar with the purpose, goals and functions of the Carolina Athletic Association. This knowledge proves beneficial both to Josh and to the student body. He has made significant contributions to all aspects of CAA. An involvement in finance, Homecoming and the student recreation center, in addition to his duties as ticket director, enables Josh to advance the student body what it so

desperately needs—the power to implement plausible, well-informed changes within CAA. Josh, with his insight to CAA, can offer students more than well-intentioned campaign promises. Josh has also worked closely with both the Educational Foundation and the Smith Center, two primary components in the University's athletic programs. These established relationships will greatly benefit the students. His familiarity with operations and administration would prove helpful in attempts to implement change or, at the very least, gain an audience for the student's concerns. Finally, Josh is eager to communicate with and work with people. He has demonstrated a great maturity in his willingness to seek the guidance of others in his quest for a better understanding of the CAA position and the students' needs. He realizes that only by constructively consulting a variety of people can he more adequately address the concerns of everyone.

ROLANDA C. BURNEY  
Senior  
English

Experienced Thornton will fix ticket distribution

To the editor:  
I would like to take this opportunity to endorse Daniel Thornton for the office of CAA president. I have known Daniel for three years, and I am impressed with his initiative and work ethic.

Daniel, planning on a career in athletic administration, has spent the past three years garnering experience that would prove valuable to the office of CAA president.

This experience includes an internship with the North Carolina High School Athletic Association, a CAA director of publicity in 1992 and a co-director of the Tar Heel Tip-Off. The Tip-Off was a brilliant success drawing more than 5,000 spectators in spite of the fact that it was held on Halloween night.

Daniel has made commitments to inform the student body of the intricacies of the ticket policy and to make clear the distribution dates. Communi-

cation between the CAA and the students is vital to ensure fairness in the ticket distributions, and Daniel has promised to work diligently on this matter. Daniel has the experience, professionalism and desire to be your CAA president.

VOTE THORNTON!!!

JIM JOHNSON  
Junior  
Psychology/Biology

Thornton's enthusiasm makes him the top choice

To the editor:  
We write this letter in support of Daniel Thornton for CAA President. We have seen Daniel Thornton's hard work first hand. As members of the women's basketball team at Carolina, we've had the opportunity to get to know him and see his enthusiasm towards athletics up-close.

Daniel Thornton acted as a manager for our team last year, and when we asked him why he was not going to stay on with us this year, he informed us of his increased involvement in CAA. We knew that as CAA director of publicity, he would be quite active. We still see him, though, because he attends many of our games, just as he supports all of the other non-revenue and revenue sports.

Daniel Thornton has a great love for athletics, and the experience and connections that are crucial in an association like the CAA. In addition to his experience mentioned above, he has also interned for the North Carolina High School Athletic Association and has been the supervisor for IM-REC. We feel that Daniel Thornton is the right choice for CAA President because he knows what Carolina students want and need, and he has the work ethic and the experience to get the job done.

CARRIE MCKEE  
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Speech Communication

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Junior  
Business

OPINION

Tenure grant will be death knell to rationality

(Editor's note: This is a copy of a letter addressed to Chancellor Paul Hardin which was delivered to The Daily Tar Heel by the author.

Dear Chancellor Hardin:  
I am writing to you regarding my concern over the issue of Paul Ferguson's status in the Department of Speech Communication. I hope to urge you to support the speech communication department's decision to deny Paul Ferguson tenure.

In May of 1992, I graduated from the speech communication department masters program. I also was a speech communication major as an undergraduate at UNC. I was involved with the speech communication department for five years, and I believe this issue is as important to alumnae as it is to the students currently at UNC.

Since leaving Chapel Hill in June, I have kept abreast of the controversy and am disturbed and disheartened by the division this issue has caused. This issue has been turned into who is for and who is against good teaching. It is ludicrous to frame the speech communica-

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Guest Writer

tion department as standing against good teaching.

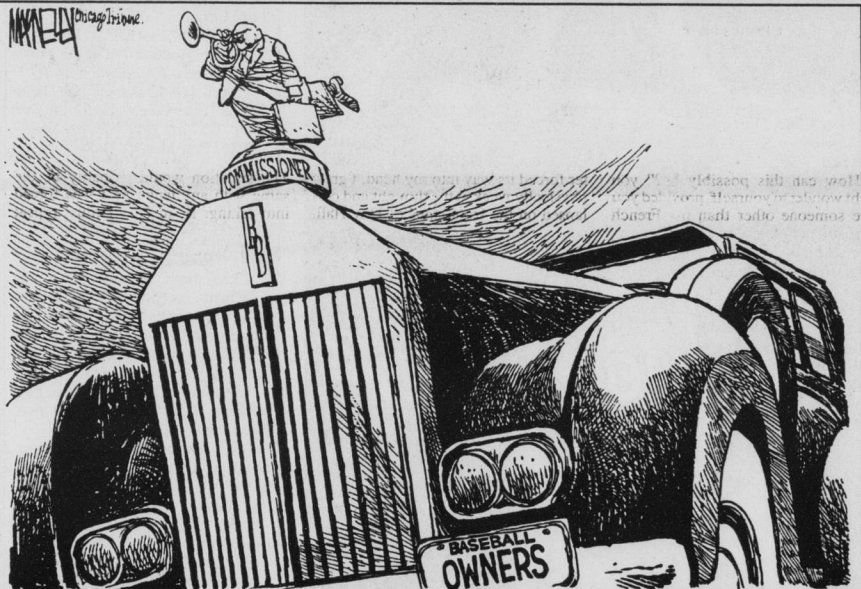
The speech communication department at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is nationally known for the teaching and scholarship of its professors. Who better to make decisions about the long-term make up of a growing department than Tanner and Undergraduate Teaching Award winning professors, editors of national journals, grant winners and well-recognized scholars? I support the decision made by this group regarding Paul Ferguson's tenure status.

I am further disturbed by the method by which Paul Ferguson and his supporters have pursued their cause. Although I encourage students who support a teacher and a cause, I wonder how many of them actually know the facts of the case or the reasons why the speech communication department decided to

deny Paul Ferguson tenure. There is a feeling of mob rule about the controversy. For one to support the department, one is easily framed as, "against Paul," which is an uncomfortable place for anyone — professor, graduate, or student — to stand. However, this fear has quieted my voice for too long, and I believe it has quieted many others who support the department's decision.

My memories of the speech communication department are of a place where intelligent and heated discussions took place among respected colleagues, students and teachers. I fear that irrationality has taken over and that many voices in support of the department have been squelched. I care deeply about the speech communication department, and thus, I urge you to end this divisive controversy by supporting the decision of the department to deny Paul Ferguson tenure.

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Misquoted speaker sets the record straight

Editor's note: The author of the following letter is the director of undergraduate studies in environmental science and policy.

To the editor:  
An excellent article appeared in the Feb. 3 Daily Tar Heel (Activists hail new environmental era under Clinton), describing a forum in which I spoke to the environmental implications of the Clinton-Gore administration. While the article generally was flawless it contained one large error likely to cause troubles on campus (especially to me as this very long day will attest!). I refer to the "quote" attributed to me, "This environmental sciences graduates can't solve environmental problems, and 80 percent of environmental policy graduates are unemployed."

This is a deconstruction of several related statements I made. What I actually said was (1) environmental STUDIES majors (as distinct from environmental SCIENCE majors) are not trained primarily as scientists, (2) that this lack of scientific training has produced a reality in which less than 20 percent of environmental STUDIES majors in the U.S. are employed in environmental SCIENCE positions and (3) that the solution to environmental problems involved much more than environmental science (involving also considerations of economics, public policy, social organization, etc.). This was intended to convey the impression that if environmental STUDIES programs are to be viable, society must recognize the importance of nonscientists in solving environmental problems and address the education of these individuals through increased environmental content in existing nonscience majors.

That impression obviously was not conveyed correctly, and I end up sounding as if I am warning students away from environmental SCIENCE as a

major. I even seem to be warning students away from environmental POLICY, which is a viable and productive component of the public policy analysis program on campus. As one of the most vocal voices on campus in support of environmental science as a major and increased environmental content in all majors, I fear my friends and colleagues will think I have undergone a last shift in loyalty. This is not the case and I apologize for any part I might have played in producing the confused message found in that single reconstructed quote.

DOUGLAS CRAWFORD-BROWN  
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Environmental Sciences and Engineering

DTH shows ignorance in Peach Bowl reporting

To the editor:  
The Daily Tar Heel has published yet another expose in its typically half-ass way. Thus, despite many articles dealing with the tenure crisis and letters from a graduate student and faculty member in speech communication asking for more balanced treatment, the DTH has yet to give the slightest indication of ANY research accomplishments of the faculty members in question. For example, how many papers have they published in refereed journals?

The current expose deals with the Peach Bowl incident. What we see is republication of a table from the News & Observer of Raleigh with not a bit of critical analysis. Is there no one at the DTH with a modicum of mathematical or statistical training? Let me suggest how you might have proceeded.

First of all, it's obvious that the figures shown do not come close to adding up to \$600,000. Taking the items shown with dollar amounts one obtains: \$60,000 Travel, \$110,000 Meals (obviously this must include meals for EVERYONE, not just players and coach-

ing staff as stated), \$115,000 Rooms, and \$18,240 Rings and jerseys for a total of \$303,240, leaving a deficiency of about \$300,000!!!!

One can add on some easily obtained figures and estimates: \$14,000 for 400 Peach Bowl tickets, \$15,000 for housing and meals in Chapel Hill and \$31,360 for travel in Atlanta at \$20 per day for a total of \$60,360.

This still leaves \$242,880 unaccounted for, and the only item left in the DTH's table is "Salary bonuses for Staff." This is what needs explaining.

ELLIOT M. CRAMER  
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Psychology

Editorial board remains uneducated about BCC

(Editor's note: The author of this letter is the president of the Black Greek Council.)

To the editor:  
Once again, the DTH's editorial board writes one of its famous asinine, ignorant and slanted editorials. In the Feb. 3 editorial titled "Academics central to BCC approval," the board shows its complete lack of understanding. They say the black cultural center will become a reality when "BCC advocates realize the importance of building an academic center instead of a black student union." These asses would not have written this if they knew that BCC advocates do favor the curriculum in African and Afro-American studies being housed in the free-standing building. We have been begging the curriculum to become a part of the BCC but they have refused time and time again. Again, the DTH misdirects its fire at the BCC advocates and, intentionally or not, demonizes us.

And it damn sure is not a fact "that only an academic center will legitimize African-American culture and teach the different races to better understand the black experience." For one, the DTH

defines the word academic too narrowly to only include formal study. Education is a better word, and we all know, of course, that everything has educational value. For two, nothing is needed to legitimize African-American culture but its practice by African Americans. In fact, this is the only thing that can legitimize African-American culture. For three, interaction, not just book knowledge, teaches different races to better understand the black experience. Experiences are living and breathing continuums; they are not caught, dried out and pinned on paper somewhere in a book like someone's insect collection.

The board goes on to say that "the fact is, groups like the BSM should retain offices in the existing Union ... Removing all African-American-related student groups from the Union and putting them in a new BCC (a plan that many support) would do irreparable damage to race relations on campus." I would say the DTH is doing it part to damage race relations on campus by spooking people and placing false notions in their heads. While it is true that the BSM wants to have an office in the new BCC, it is the ONLY African-American related student organization that has any space, office or otherwise, in the Student Union. I repeat, out of 20 to 25 black groups on campus, it is the ONLY one that has office space in the Union. The DTH has once again failed to do its homework and has put its foot in its mouth to prove a moot point.

Oh, and one last thing. If anyone on the DTH editorial board ever had the balls to sit down and talk to any of the representatives on the Sonja H. Stone BCC Advisory Board or the Student Coalition for a Free-standing BCC, then the DTH would know that no one in the above groups are advocates of a black student union. So why does the DTH continually argue against a stance that no one favors? Maybe it's to cause division among the student body and run tensions high so that they will have something to print in that rag we lovingly call the DTH.

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