

# Candidates focus on the environment

Platforms vary in approaches

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From the statewide drought to waste reduction to global warming, campus attention is increasingly focused on the environment.

The candidates for student body president reflect this growing focus in their platforms.

Many of the candidates' environmental plans overlap and include similar goals, though each has approached the issues differently.

"I think the environment is one of the most pressing issues for Carolina," said Logan Liles, a student body president candidate.

Liles' platform is divided into long-term and short-term environmental goals, while candidate Kristin Hill's platform is broader and much less specific than her opponents'.

J.J. Raynor, the third candidate, has a platform extensively researched with footnotes backing up her ideas.

Raynor's platform includes an effort to stop the UNC Grounds Department from planting invasive species, as well as a plan to expand recycling options around campus.

Both Raynor and Hill are encouraging collaboration. Hill stressed the need for campus groups to work together, whereas Raynor emphasized the need for student government to cooperate with student groups.

"Student government isn't meant

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J.J. RAYNOR, SBP CANDIDATE

to replace student organizations but to work with them," Raynor said. "There are already so many great things going on. We need to pool our resources."

Additional targets included in Hill's platform are improving UNC's grade on the Campus Sustainability Report Card and strengthening green ties with the Triangle area.

One of the primary goals of Liles' platform is a push for a Styrofoam-free campus.

"We'll be sitting down with Carolina Dining Services and asking what our options are beyond Styrofoam," he said. "We want to make Chapel Hill a leader in environmental issues, especially this one."

The candidates' environmental platforms borrow heavily from former student body presidents' environmental goals.

Following current Student Body President Eve Carson's lead, both Liles and Raynor's plans include the aim of pursuing more efficient campus lighting.

Raynor's platform also continues to discourage the use of mountain-top removal coal, an effort started by former Student Body President James Allred and

## How the SBP candidates feel about the environment:

	J.J. Raynor	Logan Liles	Kristin Hill
Motion sensor light switches	✓	✓	
Replace inefficient light bulbs	✓	✓	
Better recycling	✓	✓	
Increase water-conserving toilets	✓	✓	
More green space on campus		✓	✓
Greener buildings and dorms		✓	✓
Work with dining services for "sustainable food"	✓	✓	✓
Continue environmental competitions and campaigns	✓		✓
Encourage green Carolina North	✓		✓

continued by Carson.

All three of this year's candidates will continue the push for more recycling options around campus.

Raynor said students are more concerned about the environment than past generations were.

"This is the issue of our generation," she said. "We are educated about the environment, but we need to continue to encourage that climate here."

Student government's environmental affairs committee will host

a forum Thursday to endorse one of the candidates.

The candidates are eager to make strides to help the earth while improving UNC's reputation as ecologically friendly.

"Carolina sets the standard for

just about everything across the country," Hill said. "I don't see why environmental issues should be any different."

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### Forum endorsements

- Kristin Hill - 3**
  - Di-Phi
  - Young Democrats
  - College Republicans
- Logan Liles - 1**
  - Out-of-State Student Association
- J.J. Raynor - 0**

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# Hopefuls try to woo out-of-staters

All have in-state residency status

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Even though the three candidates for student body president are all in-state students, all are confident they will be able to equitably represent their out-of-state peers.

J.J. Raynor is the only candidate to have a separate section within her platform especially for out-of-state students. Both Kristin Hill and Logan Liles said they decided against a separate section because they want to integrate the concerns of out-of-state students into their general platforms.

Mike Winters, co-chairman of the Out-of-State Student Association political committee, said he is not concerned about the ability of any of the candidates to fairly represent the issues of out-of-state students face.

"I think that all three candidates are perfectly capable of representing out-of-state students competently," he said.

But Winters said an out-of-state presidential candidate could connect with out-of-state students more because of "shared experiences."

The Out-of-State Student Association endorsed Liles on Monday night.

"I'm not an out-of-state student,



J.J. RAYNOR  
CHARLOTTE



LOGAN LILES  
ZEBULON



KRISTIN HILL  
CHARLOTTE

so I can't say what it feels like to be an out-of-state student," said Raynor.

She has had several out-of-state students give their input to her campaign to overcome her lack of personal experience.

Hill, who was born in Atlanta but has lived in North Carolina since the fourth grade, also said she had aid from out-of-state students in writing her platform, especially the portion on tuition.

In November, the Board of Trustees raised out-of-state tuition again by \$1,250, while in-state tuition didn't raise a cent, thanks to a state mandate. Out-of-state tuition now will cost \$20,986 per year — about 300 percent more than in-state students.

Hill said that her empathy for issues facing out-of-state students stemmed from the experience of one of her friends who had to leave

UNC after the non-resident tuition was raised last year.

"These tuition increases are almost killing his dreams of graduating from this University," Hill said of her friend, who is now working in the area and trying to establish residency so he can return.

Raynor said the closest experience she has had to those of out-of-state students came from a summer program in Asia. She said trying to fit all her belongings into one suitcase and worrying about being accepted in a new, unfamiliar place were all experiences that she felt out-of-state students also deal with.

Liles said that despite being a native North Carolinian, he has no doubt that he can work for the needs of nonresident students.

"As SBP, you serve every single student," Liles said.

He considers the term out-of-state to be a label used by the Board of Trustees, the Board of Governors and the admissions office, but not one that he uses.

"If you're from Fort Myers or Fort Bragg, once you're here, you're a Tar Heel."

Raynor said that if you divide up the community along in-state and out-of-state lines, like the Board of Governors and the General Assembly do, it ultimately ends up harming the entire community.

"We're all friends," she said. "We're all students. We all go to the same school."

The president's residency status

did not make that much of a difference in the representation offered by the last two presidents Eve Carson, who is from Athens, Ga., and James Allred, of Chapel Hill, Winters said.

This year's candidates offer out-of-state students several specific initiatives.

Liles said he wants to fight for fairness on tuition, saying that he would prefer to pay a couple hundred dollars more for tuition rather than place the entire burden of increases on out-of-state students.

Liles also wants to start a "ride board" that all students can use to coordinate rides back home and also wants to use University Day in October as a day to reach out to out-of-state students through games and other activities.

Raynor proposes a similar program, called the Carolina Experience Program, in which she hopes to transition out-of-state students into N.C. culture upon arrival.

Raynor also said she would investigate the potential disadvantage the recommended out-of-state C-TOPS, which is the last session of the summer, places on non-residents when registering for classes.

Hill talked about starting a mentoring program and securing off-campus storage space for out-of-state students through a campus partnership.

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