

## Campus elections Daily Tar Heel editor

Pride prevents us from being quite as critical of the past year's *Daily Tar Heel* as have been the three candidates for editor—Greg Porter, Sam Fulwood and Mike York. But that pride is not so great that it keeps us from recognizing the value in most of their proposals. We sense the problems and the needs of the paper. In evaluating the candidates, we have tried to determine if they perceive the same problems and needs we do and if they are equipped to handle them effectively.

None of the three proposes radical change. All believe the paper's first responsibility is to cover campus news, and all believe some national and international news should be printed.

Mike York justly emphasizes improving the beat reporting system and increasing consumer-oriented reporting. He overemphasizes the business operation of the paper. The editor is *not* directly responsible for the business operation of the paper. The Media Board, and a business manager chosen by the Media Board are sovereign in financial affairs. (If the constitutional amendment for the *Daily Tar Heel* passes, financial responsibility will transfer to the new *Daily Tar Heel* Board of Directors.) If York's primary goal is to increase advertising sales and thus increase the size of the paper, he might better fulfill his purpose by applying for a position on the Media Board.

Sam Fulwood's platform has some well-conceived, innovative proposals. He suggests strengthening the existing student organizations coverage and the University administration coverage, as well as creating a lifestyles beat to "examine the trends and problems of the diverse communities" on campus. He has said he would run proportionately more sports articles and fewer arts and entertainment articles.

Fulwood also proposes instituting a regular Saturday issue. This is a feasible idea, but would probably require taking advertising away from the Monday and Friday papers, thus making them smaller. We would prefer to see efforts to expand the weekly paper rather than an attempt to institute a weekend issue.

Greg Porter's platform is the most comprehensive, and his proposals have apparently been well-thought out. He proposes appointing a national news editor who will add local angles to wire service stories; he advocates the creation of an editorial board to research and write editorials and he suggests instituting regular student interest surveys. His platform indicates that he is very sensitive to the unique needs of the *Tar Heel*—a sensitivity that is no doubt the result of his experience in various editorial positions on the *Tar Heel* in the past.

We believe Porter is the best qualified of the three candidates.

## Student body president

Of the seven candidates for student body president, two—Mark Miller and Bill Moss—are extremely well qualified. Both stress academics and academic reform, which have often been forgotten in past years by student leaders who became caught up in the peripheral affairs of campus life. Both have carefully conceived platforms which they have articulated well.

Miller has made several innovative proposals. He has suggested that a periodic "shit sheet" be pasted on the inside of bathroom stall doors and above urinals in dormitories to keep students abreast of the activities of Student Government. He has also recommended that the profits of dormitory pinball machines be given to the dormitories rather than to the Student Stores.

Moss suggests a forum made up of the student members of various Chancellor's committees to insure "more responsible representation." He also proposes closed-circuit broadcasts of basketball games into Memorial Hall.

Both Moss and Miller support the bus system as the only immediate solution to the campus parking problems.

Either candidate could make a very successful student body president. We favor Miller, primarily because he seems to be the more enthusiastic candidate. The president must be able to excite people working for him in order to accomplish even the most modest goals. The executive budget is small, and enthusiasm must make up the difference.

## The Daily Tar Heel

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## Looking back—'divide by the total population'

By THOMAS WARD

Looking back can be a precarious habit. Runners lose races when they do it. Humans lose their youth. And college graduates lose their summer "experiences."  
Still, we often look back...

At 18, he came to college to avoid absurd adult questions about his future and to meet a cheerleader. (His high school football coach had always preached simple, tangible goals.) Besides, it was easier to meander with the herd. And should any sense be made of it all in the next four years, so let it be.

In the fall of 1973, he began to copy quotes which made him wonder why.

"I want you to know that I have no intention whatever of walking away from the job that the American people elected me to do for the people of the United States."  
—Richard M. Nixon

"When I was young I used to think girls were like buses—another one would be along in five minutes."  
—anonymous

"God didn't make the world in seven days. He laid around for six and then pulled an all-nighter."  
—anonymous

"When angry count to four; when very angry, swear."  
—Mark Twain

"Always alone in the midst of people, I return home in order to give myself up with

unspeakable melancholy to my dreams. How do I regard life today? I give way to thoughts of death"  
—Napoleon Bonaparte at 17

"If God did not exist, it would be necessary to invent him."  
—Voltaire

And so it went for the college student—in no set direction, at no set pace. Not that such a situation was bad, however. College allowed him to play in a game where the score didn't matter much.

College administrators spoke of grade inflation in 1974, his sophomore year, but Lewis Carroll had already spoken about that in *Alice in Wonderland*:

"All Must Have Prizes"

"First it marked out the race-course, in a sort of circle (the exact shape doesn't matter," it said), and then all the party were placed along the course, here and there. There was 'One, two, three, and away!' but they began running when they liked, and left off when they liked, so that it was not easy to know when the race was over. However, when they had been running for half-an-hour or so... the Dodo suddenly called out, 'The race is over!' and they all crowded round it, panting and asking, 'But who has won?'... At last the Dodo said, 'Everybody has won, and all must have prizes.'"  
Later in the college student's sophomore year...

"It's better to be dead in this country (America) than not have money."  
—a 1912 Immigrant to his son

"When you read about Mark Twain's Mississippi men and pilots, or Bret Harte's Western gold miners, they seem more remote than the cannibals of the Stone Age. The reason is simply that they are free human beings."  
—George Orwell

In his junior year, the college student was just as puzzled as before. It was late 1975, and America—the founder of the Atomic Age—promised inflation, an outside chance at a reasonable job and no more than two pass-fail courses in any one semester.

"If you see somebody winning all the time, he isn't gambling, he's cheating... It is like the Negro in America seeing the White man win all the time."  
—Malcolm X

"Woodrow Wilson's 14 points bore me. Jesus God Almighty only needed 10."  
—Georges Clemenceau

"Radicals point the finger and contemporary philosophers study the finger."  
—Abbie Hoffman

"We walked together in the woods and like a dog I was befriended."  
—Paul Simon

"The truest act of courage/ The strongest act of manliness/ Is to sacrifice oneself/ In a totally nonviolent struggle/ For Justice. To be a man is to suffer/ For others. God help us be men."  
—Cesar Chavez

The college student was now 22, a senior. It was the spring of 1977, and Jimmy Carter had just been inaugurated as the 39th President of the United States. Graduation was just around the next bend. But the college education—and his collection of quotations—still left him wondering why.  
"People vote their resentments, not their appreciation—we do not vote for anything so much as we do against something else."  
—Munro

"Nobody makes generalizations about life unless they mean to talk about themselves."  
—Aldous Huxley

"Fact: That 'ambition' was not considered a virtue in ancient times, since the word originated from the Latin meaning 'running around trying to get votes.'"  
—Sydney J. Harris

"Love is really the pursuit of a desired object, not pursuit by it. Once you've caught the object there is no longer any reason to love it, to have it hanging around. There must be other desirable objects out there, somewhere."  
—Jules Feiffer

"When the second man appeared on earth the rights of the first were cut in half. Now divide yours by the total population and that explains everything."  
—anonymous

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## Law interns need boost

By BRIAN POWERS

A procession of corporate law firms come to the law school during the fall recruiting season. Each strives mightily to differentiate itself from the many other law firms practicing the same corporate law, representing the same corporate clients and paying the same alluring salary. The firms that can afford to send summer job recruiters to the school will often also pay a student's expenses to fly to the firm for a second interview where he or she will be wined and dined for a day or two. Invariably these firms restrict their efforts to the small universe of students with the best grades. Inevitably a few students will have their pick of several job offers while the rest of the class doesn't get a chance for a second interview. Few can deny that this recruiting system provides an exciting and valuable summer experience for those law students who have the desire and the resume to work for these types of firms. But few will pretend that the present recruiting system serves the needs of a majority of the law school student body.

The ways and means of the large corporate law firms offer a sharp contrast to the recruiting habits of public interest lawyers. Unable to afford the expenses of recruiting trips, public interest lawyers must rely on word of mouth or resort to sending a letter to the placement office indicating a readiness to accept applications from law students interested in working during the summer. Those students who choose to work in nontraditional jobs such as for public interest organizations, legal services offices, public defenders, civil liberties organizations and some legislative and government offices often have low or no salaries, while students who choose and are lucky enough to get a job with a private law firm may earn between \$200 and \$300 per week.

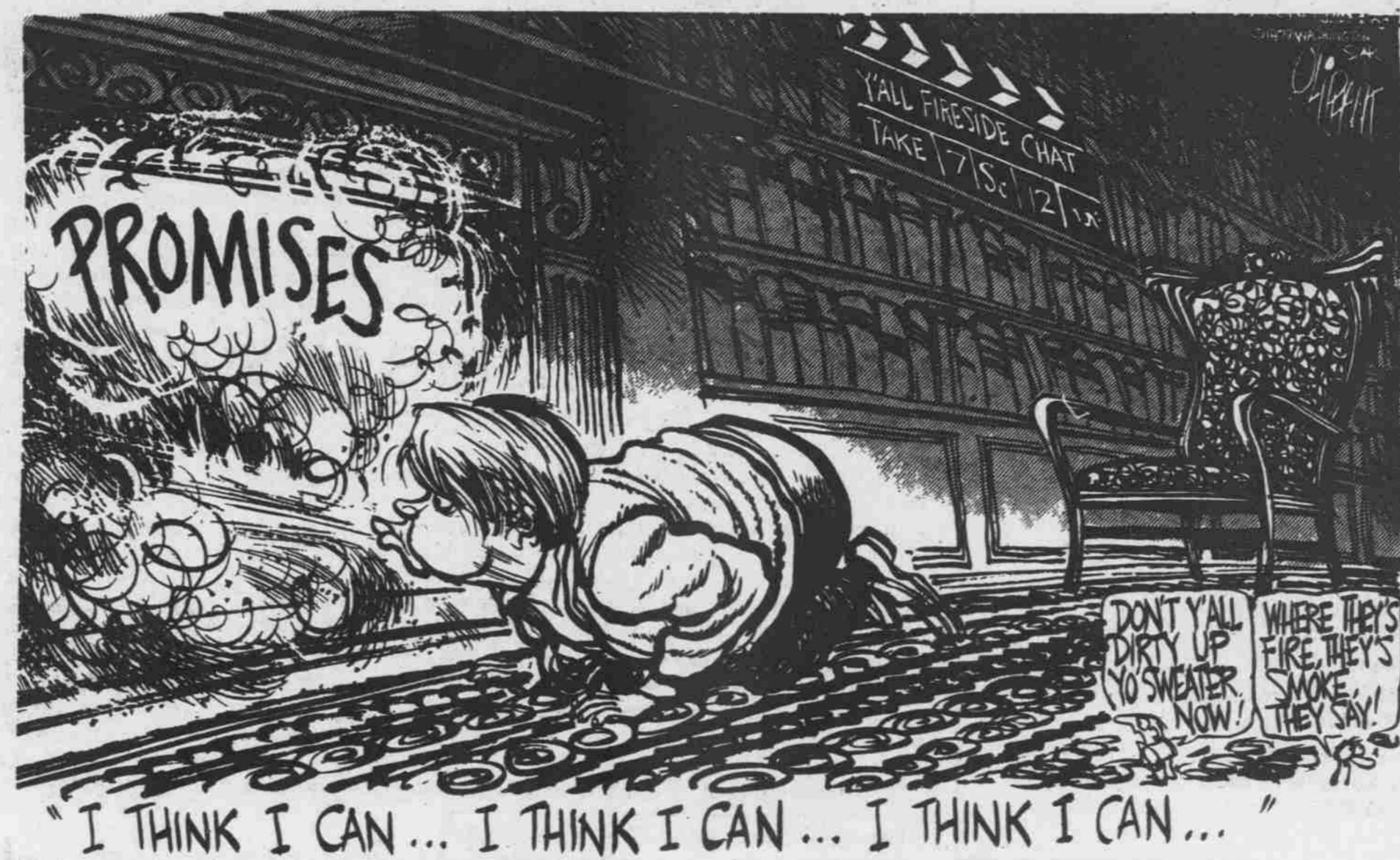
A law school would be remiss if it failed to train lawyers skilled in the practice of commercial law. The need for qualified legal counsel in the public law field is equally clear. Legal service offices and other similar organizations are terribly overburdened. Unfortunately, economic restraints imposed by law school indebtedness and other commitments discourage many otherwise interested law students from working in the public law field.

As a response to the inequities in the present summer job market, a group of second- and third-year law students have formed an organization called Student Funded Fellowships. Patterened after a program which has operated successfully at Yale, Harvard and Duke law schools, it is designed to provide supplementary income benefits to those students who choose to work in public-interest related summer jobs which offer low or no salary. The fellowship will be funded by voluntary contributions made by fellow law students. Students whose professional interests lie outside the public law field can pledge a small percentage of their next summer's income to the fund. Through the fellowships made possible by these pledges, students whose professional interests do lie in the public law field will have increased opportunities to pursue those interests.

Student Funded Fellowships is a self-help, communitarian concept. Its design calls for a student-run administration, student financing and benefits which run directly and immediately to fellow students. Given this orientation, it is hoped that Student Funded Fellowships can generate a needed attitude of community among the members of the student body.

It is hoped that Student Funded Fellowships will provide an impetus for this law school to accelerate its efforts to encourage its students to enter the public law field. It also provides a serious challenge to the sincerity of those who have disparaged the vocational, commercial or corporate atmosphere which is said to pervade this law school. For these and many other reasons, Student Funded Fellowships is a program which deserves the serious consideration and financial support of the entire law school.

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## letters to the editor

### Avoiding traps of 'homo politicus'

To the editor:

I am a retired student politico.

Let me emphasize that word *retired*: I am not running for anything this spring. However, I have spent the greater part of my undergraduate years running for and serving in different roles in student government. Now, as a senior, having been things and seen places, I feel qualified to offer some words of warning about the campaign rhetoric of candidates for student body president. So please get out your grains of salt.

To pick his/her way through the campaign jungle, the intelligent voter must learn to identify and avoid the cleverest traps devised by the mind of *homo politicus*. Some of the more common deceptions are exemplified by the following examples culled from this year's campaign.

• *I have worked . . . in the following positions . . .* Beware of candidates who list the positions they have held but fail to mention what they have accomplished (or failed to accomplish) in those offices.

• *(The candidate) said his lack of direct involvement in (student government) in the past will be advantageous.* Although it can't rival the federal bureaucracy, student government is still a complex beast, with multiple ties to other student groups, the town and the University administration. This candidate probably won't know how to avoid repeating the same mistakes that have been made in the past.

• *End averaging Incompletes as Fy . . .* Beware deception! The candidates using this issue don't mean that you could take an incomplete in a course and never make it up. Under their proposal, incompletes simply wouldn't be allowed to spoil the looks of your grade average between the time you take them and the time you made them up—a purely cosmetic change.

• *academics . . . parking . . . housing . . . communications . . .* Too many candidates throw around catchy issue words without explaining how they would bring about changes in these areas.

• *Cutting in half Student Government officers' salaries of \$4,200 . . .*

This may sound like a great sum to us poor students, but in fact it represents only about a one per cent savings out of the student government budget. That may be a nice idea but shouldn't be taken as an indication of major budget overhaul. Candidates frequently dangle such comparatively small amounts in front of money-starved student groups. However, \$2,100 doesn't go very far among the dozens of campus organizations needing funds.

• *beer sales on campus . . .* From the North Carolina General Assembly? Many proposals, like this one, belong in the Blue Sky Party's platform, along with that giant Carolina-blue geodesic dome. Do these issues sound familiar? They

should; they've been around long enough to have been dug out of the Old Well.

I hope that no one mistakes my skepticism for cynicism. There are nuggets of inspiration and sincerity in any student campaign, including this one. Sometimes they're hard to find, but I think that it's worth the effort. I believe that if we students look hard enough for a good candidate, we can usually find and select one with some potential for representing us effectively. Everyone else will have to judge that idea for themselves.

Dan Besse  
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### GPSF endorses Moss, York

To the editor:

Of all the candidates running for campuswide office only two have shown an interest in graduate and professional students as a whole. These two candidates have sought information and advice from the office of the Graduate and Professional Student Federation. They have appeared in person before the Federation to justify their platforms. They have made an effort to open channels of communication between themselves and individual graduate and professional students. These two candidates are:

Bill Moss for student body president  
Mike York for editor of the *Daily Tar Heel*

This office supports Bill Moss and Mike York. We are urging all graduate and professional students to vote for these two candidates. And we are actively working for the write-in election of David Hackleman for president of the Graduate and Professional Student Federation. We feel that these three positions are critical to graduate and professional students.

These candidates have demonstrated their willingness to go to the people, both to learn what the problems are and to seek possible solutions. Our constituency needs these leaders.

J. Daniel Lindley, President  
Graduate and Professional Student Federation

(Editor's note: This letter was also signed by 27 Graduate and Professional Student representatives.)

'Mudslinging' campaign.  
To the editor:  
There once was a time when elections on this campus were pretty clean affairs, pitting the qualifications of one candidate against those of another. Those days are over. Strangely enough a change has come to the Campus Governing Council (CGC) race. Brian Wirwicz, a candidate for CGC, is

waging his campaign by engaging in "mudslinging."

First, Mr. Wirwicz asserts that Ms. Schafer has never polled her constituents. If Mr. Wirwicz knew anything about the CGC he would know that often the speaker does not know what bills will be presented 24 hours in advance! An important qualification for a candidate is good judgment. The kind which reaches rational decision in heated situations rather than "hopping on the bandwagon."

Second, Mr. Wirwicz attacks Ms. Schafer's attendance record, which shows that she attended at least 80 per cent of the meetings. This is a very commendable record. Mr. Wirwicz should check to see how many members missed fewer meetings.

Third, Mr. Wirwicz asserts that Ms. Schafer "did not keep her promise to oppose CGA funding." Last year, Ms. Schafer sought to place the CGA under the Human Sexuality Counseling Service. A solution which was unworkable. The funding of this organization was passed by consent and probably so was the budget as a whole, though I do not think that anyone would dare assert that there was no debate on the funding of any other organization.

If Ms. Schafer supported an annual student fee increase, she is advocating something I, as a former CGC member, recommended in a report to the Council two years ago! Student fees have been stabilized since 1957. After UNC's enrollment stabilized, a few years ago, the number of organizations kept growing. There is only so much trimming which can be done to a budget. If the needs of campus organizations are to be met an increase is inevitable.

Seldom are individual members of the Council polled as to their opinions on student matters. To say that Ms. Schafer has refused to "commit herself to meaningful academic reform" fails to consider that. She just may not have been asked!

I would like to say that I firmly support Diane Schafer's candidacy and believe that she will do a better job if reelected. I urge residents of Granville South and West to get behind her and give her your support. Her record on the CGC is one to be proud of.

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