

# RHA board endorses student candidates

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Staff Writer

The Residence Hall Association Board of Governors Tuesday announced its endorsements of student body candidates running for office in the Feb. 13 general elections.

William Porterfield, RHA president, said the board endorses Bob Saunders for student body president, George Shadrout for The Daily Tar Heel editor, Peggy Leight for RHA president and Charlie Brown for Carolina Athletic Association president.

RHA's recommendations were delayed until Tuesday because of a deadlock among the board members after interviewing the candidates last week.

Porterfield said the governing board, composed of the governors from the ten residence areas on campus, based its recommendations on the potential leadership qualities of the candidates, goals for their terms of office, and issues and questions relating to residence life and residence halls.

"We were naturally looking to see which candidates could best represent the



Bob Saunders



George Shadrout



Peggy Leight

interests of on-campus students," Porterfield said. "It was also important to see how well they could serve the student body as well as the Residence Hall Association."

In other campaign affairs, the Student Consumer Action Union held a candidates' forum Tuesday afternoon for the student body president and DTH candidates. Sharon Parker, SCAU

chairperson, said they had not yet decided whether to endorse candidates.

DTH candidates Ken Roberts and George Shadrout presented their respective platforms, but they generally agreed on students' roles as both readers and constituents, and on guidelines for publishing letters to the editor.

Student body presidential candidates Bob Saunders, Kevin Garrity and Clive

Stafford Smith spoke for five minutes each and responded to questions. Garrity did not participate in the question and answer session due to a conflicting appointment.

Candidates' forums will be held at 7:30 p.m. today in Winston dorm and at 9 p.m. in Mangum dorm. The forums are sponsored by RHA.

## Chain letters illegal; promise wealth, luck

By STEPHANIE BIRCHER  
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Two chain letters have surfaced on the UNC campus recently, one promising riches and the other threatening death.

Both, however, are illegal. One chain letter promises a return of more than \$12,000 for an investment of only \$6. The other promises good luck if the letter is sent to 20 friends within four days and death if it's not.

According to N.C. state law, chain letters are illegal. "By not mailing the letters, you may avoid federal mail fraud statutes," said Mark Sternlicht of Student Legal Services. "But there is a N.C. statute prohibiting them whether you hand it or mail it to someone."

Pyramid or chain letters writers have committed a misdemeanor punishable by a \$2,000 fine or six months in prison, Sternlicht said. The state attorney general probably would not prosecute any students connected with the letters, since most are unaware that the practice is illegal, he said.

Don Duncan, a sophomore, paid \$3 to a friend to obtain the chain letter promising \$12,288. He then questioned Sternlicht about the legality of the letter. The letter instructs the holder to send \$3 to the first name on the list, and to find two "responsible" people to each mail \$3

to the same name. Then the holder crosses off the name and replaces it with his own. The recipient, now 12th on the list, in 12 days will theoretically move to the top of the list and collect \$12,288.

The letter claims to fall within all current laws. "It has received approval of a legal council. All memoranda are passed by hand from person to person. Because no letters are being sent through the mail, the mails are not used to solicit. Of course, there is no law that prohibits persons sending money by mail," the letter claims.

Sternlicht said that this was true under federal statute but not under N.C. statute. The letter is illegal, he said.

Duncan does not know where the letter originated, but he had heard that it was sent by students from Pembroke College. He did not know of anyone who had made any money from the letter.

Jerry Kimbro, a freshman, received the other chain letter, threatening death. It claims to have been written by a missionary in South Africa and bears the message, "Trust in the Lord and He will acknowledge and He will light the way."

The letter includes names of people who allegedly won as much as \$400,000 after receiving the letter and the names of those who died just days after breaking the chain.

Kimbro broke his part of the chain. He said he does not expect anything to happen to him.

## Granville East bomb threat

A bomb threat was called in to Granville Towers East at 1:58 a.m. Tuesday, causing evacuation of the dorm's residents.

The all-female residence hall was cleared for approximately 45 minutes. No bomb was found.

"Everything went smoothly," said Melvyn Rinfret, Granville Towers general manager. "The night attendant did exactly as he should have, and we opened up the cafeteria so the girls wouldn't have to stand out in the cold."

Ben Callaghan, administrative assistant for the Chapel Hill Police Department, said the anonymous caller told the Granville night attendant, "This is a bomb threat. You have until 1:58 to get out." The caller was reportedly a female.

Although this was the first bomb threat phoned in to Granville Towers this year, 18 similar threats have been made to other campus buildings since midsummer—900 percent increase in the number of bomb threats made to UNC buildings during the same period in 1976.

—JOEY HOLLEMAN

## Carrboro has drinks, no ABC store

By CINDY BOWERS  
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Carrboro citizens can buy mixed drinks in the town's bars, but until some legal obstacles are overcome, they'll have to go out of town to buy liquor by the bottle.

Although Carrboro voters approved liquor-by-the-drink last year, a state law prevents the building of an ABC store in the town, Bill Hester, general manager of the state ABC Board, said recently.

When town officials informally began looking into the possibility of a liquor store in Carrboro last winter, they discovered the legal impediment, said Town Attorney Michael Brough.

When Orange County approved liquor sales in a 1959 referendum, Carrboro, which was then one precinct voted dry. According to state law, a precinct that votes dry in any

referendum must present a petition from 20 percent of its registered voters before a liquor store can be built there.

"The problem with Carrboro is deciding who should sign the petition," said Hester. Since the referendum, the old Carrboro precinct has splintered into five new precincts.

The state ABC Board asked the state attorney general's office for an opinion in the matter when the county ABC Board requested help with the problem, Hester said.

Benton Efland, chairman of the Orange County ABC Board, said the board has received the ruling but is still considering the matter.

"The ruling that we got said the petition should have 20 percent of the voters from the original precinct on it," he said. "But (the county ABC Board) is still talking about it."

Efland said he did not know when a decision on a Carrboro ABC store would be made.

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