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For CAA, Theriot

Students are fortunate this year to have four competent individuals from whom to choose their next Carolina Athletic Association president. All four CAA candidates - Harold Cooley, Chuck Gardiner, Jake Kelly and Steve Theriot - have shown they have some relevant experience and concrete ideas they could bring to the position. Whoever is elected would be wise to solicit the assistance of the other three.

However, two candidates - Theriot and Gardiner - stand out as having superior ideas and experience. Of those two, we believe Theriot has the best conception of the CAA's purposes and duties.

Gardiner has among his credentials experience playing intramurals and club sports, membership and coaching experience on the UNC Crew Club, membership on the Intramural Advisory Board and a term as president of the Sports Club Council.

His platform includes a proposal to move the basketball ticket distribution check-in times to 10 minutes before the hour so students can check in and still make their classes on time, a plan to improve the football block-ticket token system to ensure only members of organizations receive the block tickets that have been designated to them. He also is proposing to designate specific times for general student use at the soon-to-bé-completed gymnasium so that students as well as athletes can conveniently use its facilities.

Though Gardiner's ideas are all good ones, we prefer Theriot for president because he has from the beginning emphasized that one of CAA's most important functions is to act as an advocate for and watchdog of student interests in the UNC Athletic Department.

Like the other three candidates, he favors expanding Homecoming activities and improving publicity for them, acquiring office specifically for the CAA so students have easy access to the organization and hiring assistants so that the CAA becomes more thana one-person operation. Theriot plans to break the CAA into four committees to which chairmen would be appointed. One would handle ticket distribution, one would be in charge of special events such as Homecoming, one would have the responsibility to publicize those events and one would have the responsibility to publicize those events and one would be a CAA liaison with The Daily Tar Heel. His experience this year as a Homecoming coordinator and CAA representative to chancellor's meetings as well as the organizational experience he has gained at Carolina while working with his dorm and fraternity should ensure that he understands and can handle the job of CAA president. Above all, though, Theriot wants to establish closer relations with athletic department officials to see that students are "on the ground floor" of long-range athletic plans at the University. That's an area where student opinion often has been lacking. He also wants to build on the CAA's organization and leave a written framework so that his successor will be able to begin his term with more than a title. A Theriot CAA presidency would offer idealism tempered with practically and it would be a solid beginning to an era in which the Carolina Athletic Association functions as an effective and vital campus organization.

The issues

Mark Bozymski

Editor's note: The Daily Tar Heel asked presidential candidates Mark Bozymski, Joe Buckner, Scott Norberg and Tim Smith to respond to six questions relevant to their candidacies. The questions and answers follow.

What is the biggest problem facing Student Government?

Bozymski: First, Student Government must deal with all of the current issues and resolve them in the best interest of the students. It must tackle every future issue quickly and solve each one as effectively as possible.

Buckner: As director of Student Services for Student Government, I saw many communication problems between staff. The 12 cabinet heads were rarely used as sounding

Presidential candidates outline ideas

tablished under Student Government. This office could be a service to almost every student because it would provide information about University policies and administrative matters. It would also answer questions about grade appeals and the misconduct of University workers. As for solving the communications problem, I feel the Student Government should work closer with the DTH to let students know what is going on in Suite C. I also feel Student Government should do more door-knocking, thereby giving students direct contact and access to members of the Student Government.

What is the biggest issue facing the University?

Bozymski: Not an issue, but a task. To keep giving a high quality of education with the wide range of extra-curricular activities. The University must keep recruiting talented and interesting faculty and students.

Buckner: Racism is still the prime problem facing the University. We must begin by increasing the percentage of blacks enrolled here (now 7.5 percent). We must show black high school students they will not be lost in a great white wave at Carolina, and then help them make the transition from high school to college. We also need more black and women faculty. We must become a successful model of racial interaction, an example for the state and nation to follow. Racial violence does not have to begin here to happen here - it can easily spill over unless we make significant changes.

Norberg: The lack of understanding between black and white students is our biggest problem. The UNC Department of Education desegregation case, the small number of black students on campus and the lack of integration in on-campus housing make the problem obvious. SG can and should promote more social and cultural interaction between black and white students and work for better recruitment efforts. For example, seminars in the residence halls on different cultural backgrounds would go a long way toward helping us understand each other better.

Smith: I feel that the biggest problem facing the University is racism. This becomes obvious when you look

school to college less bumpy. About 2,500 Greeks participate in the Fraternity and Sorority Transportation Service providing older and handicapped persons a way out of the house. These services send the University and town the message that we care about living here. The results of these programs are obvious, and others like them must be developed.

Norberg: I am planning to completely change, in tone and in fact, the way Student Government works for us. This past year as the coordinator of the 200 people who work in SG, I learned a great many ways that would make SG more efficient and more accountable to students. Specifically, under by administration there would be SG representatives responsible for working with student organizations and residence areas to let us know what Student Government is doing and find where Student Government can help us.

Smith: I would like to see Student Government more centralized. I believe things are helter-skelter the way they are now. If elected, I would reorganize the Student Government so all of the staff members would know what was being planned and who was doing the planning. I feel this is necessary in order for Student Government to function efficiently.

What is your biggest weakness?

Bozymski: My biggest weakness? My girlfriend, my Mom's cooking, meeting old friends after long absences No, seriously, the main weakness in my campaign has been that I have not been able to appear in person in front of all sections of campus. I hope the persons and



boards; I will draw more input from all Student Government staffers. I will use five executive assistants - one to coordinate cabinet heads and organize the office staff, one as liaison to Steele Building, one as liaison to South Building, one as special assistant to the president and one for special projects. All Student Government personnel will be more visible on campus, more accessible to students.

Norberg: More than anything else, Student Government needs to make us more aware of what it does and can do for us. Student Government is our representative to the administration, the faculty, the town, and the state and national governments. But before it can truly claim to represent us, Student Government has to be more visible; by letting us know what the issues are and how we can become involved. When the president speaks, he will be speaking with the voice of 20,000 students,

Smith: I feel the biggest problem facing Student Government centers around two aspects. First is the student services aspect. I feel Student Government is not doing all it can to expand services throughout the University. Secondly, I feel there is virtually no communications be-

at the admission rate of minority students. I feel the University has and continues to discriminate against blacks and other minorities. I know that there are quality minority students throughout the state, and I know they could be successful here. I think it is disgraceful an institution of higher learning would practice discrimination.

Why does your experience best qualify you for the job?

Bozymski: Experience in what area? In Student Government? I do not feel experience in Suite C is the important prerequisite for the job. What we need is a person to deal with all the persons - a sincere listener, an outgoing person helping to meet everyone's needs, and someone with a special interest in the University and the town apart from the four or more years of education here. Having lived in four different settings on the campus I've met and listened to people from many areas of University life - from deans in Steele Building to leaf rakers on McCorkle Place. I have and will continue to sincerely "mix it up" with all of the area's different types. My added interest in the welfare and beauty of this campus stems from my naturalistic tendencies (not to sound pious, but I've never littered), and because Chapel Hill is my home I respect it - a vital fact.

Buckner: As director of student services, the largest cabinet post in Student Government, I have been able to motivate large numbers of people to deal with problems here - security on campus, academic deficiencies, relations with the town, to name several. I have worked with many campus groups, such as the Association for Women Students, the Residence Hall Association and Inter-Fraternity Council, and have shown myself sensitive to their needs. I currently have successful personal and working relationships with administrators in South, Steele and Carr buildings, as well as officials of the town. I know the issues facing us and I know the routes to dealing with them.

Norberg: During my freshman year I was the assistant to the student body president for minority affairs and this past year I have been an executive assistant and chancellor's committee coordinator. It is this kind of experience that will make the difference between just talking about these issues and actually getting things done.

Smith: To be truthful, I really have not had much experience as far as the current administration goes; however, I have served as an Action Line operator. By working with this program, I was able to hear many problems students throughout campus were having. This is how I formulated the concept of establishing a student affairs office. I feel that by having listened to students' problems, I am more aware of what needs to be done to better serve the students.

What specific changes do you plan for **Student Government?**

ski: In office I would present Student Go to the student body as it has not been presented before. I'd incorporate the branches of helpers and aides into groups that would constantly be searching for new issues concerning the student body. Staff members and I would actively solicit information from students about what they thought the issues were at the time and where they thought Student Government's concerns should lie at the time. One way to solicit this vital input from students is through talk shows on WXYC or WUNC in which students could call in and express themselves about issues. Another way is through the printing in the DTH a small form on which people would write their ideas and cut it from the paper and deposit it at Suite C or at the DTH. A last method of keeping students abreast to which activities the staff and I are involved in is the bimonthly news letter that we'd print and distribute on either every hall's bulletin board or in every downstairs lobby of every dorm and at convenient off-campus locations, also,

Joe Buckner

groups that I haven't visited do not feel they've been overlooked or taken for granted in any way.

One other small weakness I foresee is the 2-3 week period during which I would study the Student Government system per se. I hope aid in this process will issue from the numerous people working in Student Government at present. They will be extremely important in the new administration, along with the rest of the students.

Buckner: My biggest weakness is not knowing all the answers. Granted, the problems facing student body president are difficult to resolve - it would be foolish to think they can be remedied instantly. But the candidate who capitalizes on the advice and knowledge of students, faculty and administrators here by putting their ideas into action will be able to make the most progress toward the answers. Here at UNC we are surrounded by the brightest and most motivated individuals in our society today. Involving these people in Student Government will lead to answers.

Norberg: I have worked so closely with many of the issues facing us - minority affairs, book prices, the advising system, etc. - that as student body president I will be tempted to dwell on the details of these issues; I will have to be careful to use my time to manage my office and coordinate the broadet direction of Student Government in meeting our goals.

Smith: As far as Student Government is concerned the major weakness I possess is the lack of experience. However, with hard work, a good staff and a lot of determination, I know that I can overcome any problem that arises.



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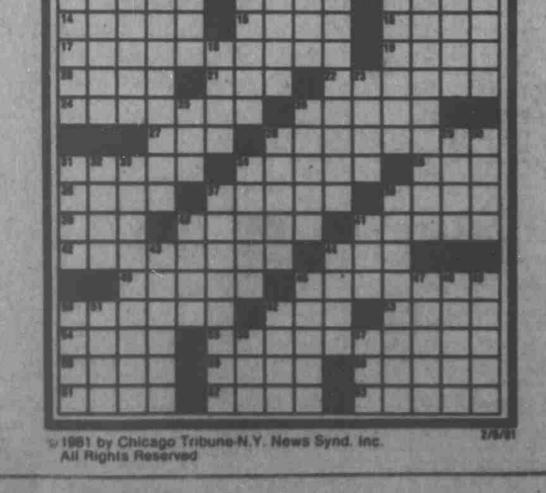


Scott Norberg

tween the staff members of Student Government and the students of the University. I think we should let the students know at all times what the Student Government is doing and what they are considering for the future.

How do you plan to solve that problem?

Bozymski: I will be able to work very well with the existing power figures. Concerning the issues, I will use various and numerous Student Government task forces and will deal with groups such as the Town Council and University officials to "solve the problems."



Buckner: Student Government must come down out of its ivory tower. Too often it looks inward to find ideas and solutions. Carolina has a wealth of talent waiting to be used to deal with the problems of racism, high book prices, rising student health fees and housing shortages. Only when the student body president decides to use all the people available to him will he find real answers, and only then will students really want to participate in Student Government.

Norberg: First of all, I would put together my staff in such a way that work outside Suite C would be very vital. Each of my highest level staff would be responsible for working with on- and off-campus residence areas. By attending dorm meetings and constructing telephone surveys, they could let students know first-hand what problems we face and what SG can do to solve them.

Smith: To help solve the problem of expanding student services. I would like to see a student affairs office es-

Buckner: I already have made steps in alleviating student apathy. More than 300 persons participate in the escort service, a deterrent to violent attacks on women. The tutorial services at James and STOW involve 250 persons committed to making the transition from high