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## Vote for fee increase

The most important vote taken in Tuesday's campus elections will decide whether student fees will be increased next year by \$1.25 per semester. Student fees are used to fund a variety of University organizations and programs, from the Carolina Union and *The Daily Tar Heel* to the Campus Y and Student Legal Services, and help shape the quality of education UNC students receive outside the classroom. Because of the higher costs facing campus organizations, and to prevent future cutbacks in programs offered to students, the student fee referendum should be approved.

The most obvious reason for a fee increase is that student fees haven't been raised since 1977. At the same time, inflation has caused prices to rise by more than 30 percent, while the amount of money available to campus organizations has increased only as the number of UNC students has risen. It hasn't been enough to cover the rise in costs.

The evidence for that is becoming clearer each year student fees remain the same. "Free Flicks" shown by the Carolina Union aren't always free now. Instead, students often have to pay to see many top-rated and popular movies on "Admission Night." Carolina Union President Wayne Plummer has said that unless there is a fee increase, the day may come when students will be charged \$1 or \$1.25 for every movie. Plummer also pointed out that the costs of finding speakers that the Union could afford such as Garret Morris, who is speaking tonight, was becoming more difficult.

The lack of funds also has hurt *The Daily Tar Heel*. Eight- and 10-page papers, which were common only a few years ago, have given way to frequent four-page newspapers. Usually the first stories cut are those features and sports stories most students enjoy reading. But increased printing costs for the newspaper have not been matched by more student fees.

Other organizations will fare even worse in the future years. The Union, the DTH and the Graduate and Professional Student Fund all receive a set percentage of student fees; other campus groups don't. These organizations will be competing with each other for the same amount of funds. As a result, organizations won't get the money they need for their programming. Students will be the losers.

Another event that would be hurt in future years if fees aren't raised would be the spring concert. Money for that concert comes from the General Reserve, which is money that has been built up from unallocated student fees from past years. Last year for the first time, the Campus Governing Council was forced to borrow \$20,000 from the reserve to give to campus organizations. That much alone does not endanger the concert, but if \$30,000 to \$40,000 were needed at one time, a spring concert would be more difficult to put on.

No one likes the thought of a student fee increase, but if the quality and quantity of the programs provided for UNC students is to continue, an increase is needed. If the proposal is voted down, students will be the ones to suffer.

## For president, Reckford

Maybe "getting off like a big dog," as student body presidential candidate Hugh Reckshun advocates, isn't such a bad idea after all. Reckshun is not just tilting at windmills. He has some valid points regarding the inefficiency of the Executive Branch of Student Government. There is some serious thought going on under that Black Label helmet.

Though, as Hugh G. says, it is true that there will be no alcohol allowed at this year's spring concert, without Student Government's efforts there might have been no concert at all. Believe it or not, the Executive Branch does perform some important tasks; those accomplishments just aren't always visible to the students' eyes.

There is some validity to candidate Kevin Monroe's "responsive, in touch" theme. He seems genuinely concerned about molding Student Government to the needs of the average student. He would like to see the organization respected and trusted. The problem is that Monroe has yet to develop specific policies or ideas. Without well-focused plans, Student Government would sink back to the same muddy rhetoric about "direct communication" and "better relationships."

Monroe and the third contender, Jon Reckford, have addressed many of the same issues. Both would like to upgrade the image of Student Government. Both want to improve race relations. Both want to expand the academic advising service. Both see the necessity of reforming chancellor committees. Monroe, however, has only mapped out a general direction.

But Reckford seems to have blueprints, rather than rough sketches. He plans to set up seminars for teaching assistants, dorm resident assistants and students on race relations similar to the one conducted on campus by Dr. Charles King last year. He would encourage RAs to conduct more seminars and black-white dialogue programs within each dorm. Reckford wants to inject some life into the chancellor committees by limiting the terms of faculty members. Reckford also proposes to reduce the size of executive branch committees to cut out some of the bureaucracy and further motivate the students serving on them. Right now only a few leaders on each cumbersome committee really do anything.

One of the most common complaints voiced by UNC students regards the quality of professors and classes. By placing a higher priority on the *Carolina Course Review* and promoting undergraduate teaching awards, Reckford hopes to improve student involvement in the tenure process.

Reckford also stresses taking a strong role in his seat on the Campus Governing Council, an important function of the president. Reckford's experience on the CGC Finance Committee should help him in that area. Reckford, a Chapel Hill native, also is prepared to work with the town on two crucial issues: the possible new drinking age and proposed thoroughfare plan. Reckford appears to be much more knowledgeable about the problems inherent in these two possible changes of the future. He has talked to legislators, town officials and UNC administrators. He has sought solutions and compromises on issues relevant to students.

Much of Reckford's preparedness is because of his experience as executive assistant in charge of academic affairs under current Student Body President Mike Vandenberg, which should make the transition smooth and enable Reckford to get started quickly. Considering students' present malaise toward Student Government, he will need to. Reckford is ready to implement specific answers to specific problems. Vote for him on Tuesday.

## For editor, DeRochi

Both candidates for *Daily Tar Heel* editor, John Altschuler and Kerry DeRochi, want the paper to become more involved with students and more representative of what is happening on campus. It is clear both have the right objective. It also is equally clear that DeRochi is the only candidate with the experience and knowledge to take the paper in that direction.

Altschuler is correct in wanting the *DTH* to lighten up and be more reflective of life at UNC. Yet other than possessing a vague idea of what he would like for the paper to be, he has virtually no ideas for how to get it there. Other than adding a "Revolutionary Activist of the Month" feature, he can think of few changes to make in the paper's news coverage. He would like to open up the editorial page, but again he has no specific plans to accomplish that goal and fails to realize that the *DTH* already prints almost all of the letters it receives. His qualifications for the job of *DTH* editor consist of being editor of his third grade newspaper and working for his junior high school newspaper.

DeRochi has both the ideas and the experience to lead the paper effectively. To make the paper better reflect students, she proposes a weekly series of articles about campus organizations. She also would establish writing seminars sponsored by the *DTH* but open to all students. She has the creativity to seek new ideas to brighten and liven the paper.

She also has the experience. She has worked two summers for *The Greensboro Daily News and Record* and three and one-half years for the *DTH*, where she was associate editor. Unlike Altschuler, DeRochi has sound ideas to raise much-needed money for the paper. Kerry DeRochi is clearly the best choice for *DTH* editor.

# Presidential candidates' Q&A

By KEVIN MONROE

## What is the biggest problem with the executive branch of student government?

The biggest problem with the executive branch of Student Government is that it sometimes gets so caught up in its dealings with the administration that students view it as a place simply to bicker with South Building. Students must feel that they are a part of and represented by Student Government. I will be firm with the administration; however, I will not go to the point where the students' best interest, the respect of the student body and the integrity of student government is lost or compromised.

## What would you do about the problem?

The solution to the problem is not a simple one. Gaining the respect of the students and showing them that Student Government has purposes besides representing them with the administration is part of the solution. Programs like the Student Part-Time Employment Service and Hotline are the types of programs Student Government should be more concerned about. I am not advocating creating new agencies or programs for every problem, but making students aware we do or try to do things in response to their needs. Making Student Government a more open body by bringing in fresh ideas from the student population, not from Suite C, is what I would do about the problem.

## What would you do differently than the current student body president?

Having worked very closely with Mike Vandenberg the past years, I have watched him interact and work with the cabinet, the administration, the Board of Trustees and the students. Mike has dealt with the administration very sternly with a fair degree of success. Many students, however, felt this administration did not represent them in their best interest. I disagree. The problem was that Vandenberg did not interact with the student body enough nor at the right times. Staying in touch with students is an ongoing process.

I would keep a more open flow of communication between Student Government and the students that Mike did not have, and I would also try to tone down the power image that Student Government has acquired.

## How does your experience qualify you for the job of student body president?

My experience in Student Government qualifies me greatly for the office of student body president. I came into student government as a freshman wanting to work for the simple reason of making a contribution to the University. When I felt what I was doing, working on action line, was not enough, I got on another committee, State Affairs. Then, I received an appointment to the National Affairs Committee, as well as an appointment to the Housing Advisory Board. This is where I started to work with members of the faculty and administration and where my work has a greater impact on students. On the National Affairs Committee I worked to get the University in a book review list of a well-respected academic journal. On the HAB I got to relate student opinions on issues like the tripling policy. When the administration changed again, I was appointed Chairman of the Food Service/Health Affairs committee by Mike Vandenberg. I dealt with and helped to form policy on complex issues like the cooking and food service policy. I have learned over the years how the CGC works and how personalities and relating to people are important. I do not see working in all areas as an advantage. How well you have worked and how well you are respected by your co-workers, however, are important. I have the open support from the chairpersons of the Academic Advising, Academic Procedures, Educational Poliv. and University Relations Committees.

## What is your major strength and weakness?

My biggest strength is my concern for the students. I come from the general student population. I interact with them daily, not because I should but because it is my nature. I have taken a stance on the issues. The ones I am not up on I am willing to learn. My main weakness is that maybe I am a little too altruistic in my beliefs. Maybe I am counting on the students too much. Maybe I want to do too much "good" to the point of being blinded by how students really feel. However, I am willing to try.

Kevin Monroe is a junior political science and speech major from Lillington.

By HUGH RECKSHUN

## What is the biggest problem with the executive branch of student government?

After a forum last week, a woman came up to me. "You said the Executive Branch spends more than \$40,000 a year," she said. "What do they spend it on? What do they do?"

I stood there thinking. I thought about all I had read and heard about the Exec Branch in the last two years. I thought about all the electioneering and promising I had heard in the past two weeks.

"I really don't know," I said. That's the biggest problem with the Executive Branch. They don't do anything.

It wouldn't be so bad if we got some influence for our money. But students are never around long enough to gain any power. For an administrator who has been here 25 years, the president is just another in a long line of bright, ambitious faces.

The dorm cooking policy is a good example. Student government formed committees, made pronouncements in the *DTH* . . . The issue was decided by the state Fire Insurance Commission.

The Exec Branch had nothing to do with it.

What would you do about the problem? Nothing can be done about the lack of influence. I could promise, promise, promise 'till I turned blue, but that wouldn't change anything.

## What would you do differently than the current student body president?

I would do everything differently. I would close the Executive Branch for one year. I would return the \$40,000 to the Student Activities fund where it could be distributed by the CGC to student organizations, making a fee increase unnecessary. I would ask for just enough money to keep the phones working. I would have three volunteers to keep track of any administrative decision affecting the students. I would ask the Union to take over the concert committee. I would make the Student Part-Time Employment Service independent.

I'd spend my \$1,600 presidential stipend on a massive all-campus party with multiple keg trucks and local bands. I'd give away my basketball tickets and keep the all-zone parking permit. I'd also keep my seat on the CGC and the Board of Trustees.

I want to close the Exec Branch, not because they do anything harmful, but simply because whatever good they do is not worth \$40,000.

## How does your experience qualify you for the job of student body president?

My biggest qualification: I'm not going to law school. I can afford to raise hell. I don't usually trust politicians who make a lot of promises, but if I'm elected, I promise to walk into my first Board of Trustees meeting wearing a beer helmet and quaffing an ale. Let's party!

## What is your major strength and weakness?

My major weakness: I've got a weakness for blond babes and Black Labels. My major strength: I don't take myself too seriously. That explains the joke name and the beer helmet. But although I'm not serious about myself, I am absolutely serious about the Student Government. I am absolutely serious about our money.

Hugh Reckshun is a sophomore contemplating a philosophy major.

# Elections '83

## Senior class candidates offer ideas

By PERRY MORRISON and ANGIE ROBBINS

We are seeking the offices of president and vice-president of the Class of 1984 because we feel that we can make significant contributions to you, next year's senior class. We hope to achieve a sense of unity and togetherness, and to provide programming to better prepare you, as a new graduate, when you begin to explore the extremely competitive job market.

The issue we feel that must be dealt with at the outset is one of funding. There is no money provided for the structure of the senior class. No money means no programming, no events and most important of all, no class gift. We feel this is our primary responsibility. The Campus Governing Council should be lobbied for funding; the senior class should receive a portion of its members' activity fees. In addition, we'd like to sell advertising for a newsletter, as well as to seek business and personal donations. A Homecoming fundraiser is also on our agenda, along with the Second Annual Franklin Street Frolic.

We plan to take a class unity trip to the Virginia football game. This, we feel, is the best way to take a large group on a day trip at an inexpensive, reasonable cost. We don't feel you should be asked to spend a month's allowance on a class trip.

Through programming, we will be able to reach out to you, the seniors. By work-

ing with the Career Placement Service, we plan to help coordinate workshops dealing with resumes and interviewing.

In addition, we would like to work to enhance the Last Lecture Series. This is a spring program where the class' favorite professors give one short "last" lecture to the seniors. The program is very meaningful, yet it has not been well attended in the past.

Moreover, we plan to distribute a newsletter several times next year, reaching the seniors through campus drops and by working with the Off-Campus Students' Association. The purpose of this tabloid would be two-fold. Primarily, we can maintain a line of communication with you, the classmembers. In addition, advertising will produce revenue that we can channel into our projects.

This has been but a brief capsule of our plans for next year — not vague intentions, but concrete promises. The senior class officers must possess leadership ability, experience and most importantly, motivation. We feel that we have evidenced these qualities in the positions of CAA President and Governor of Morrison Residence College, respectively, and we would very much like to serve you, the senior class, in the coming year. Juniors, we ask for your support on Feb. 8.

Perry Morrison is a junior history major from Wilson. Angie Robbins is a junior journalism major from Charlotte.

By SUSAN SPARKS and GERRY BATTLE

The senior year in college is the last chance for students to interact with their peers. We as potential senior class officers feel that this interaction is invaluable as are many of the extracurricular activities which our diverse campus has to offer here at UNC. We believe that by offering seniors a wide range of activities, both social and academic, we can provide an atmosphere that is conducive to this contact and involvement among classmates.

If elected, three of our primary responsibilities as your senior class officers would be to plan the class trip, the class gift and the speaker at graduation. We plan to survey the senior class by way of questionnaire in order to get your input on these matters. In this manner, we can implement your decisions rather than simply making decisions based only on our ideas. Our role in each of these duties is to plan and organize to the best of our ability what you, the class of 1984 would like to do.

Some of our ideas include having a nationally known speaker at graduation, a class trip to an athletic event such as a bowl game or perhaps even a cruise to the Bahamas.

We both see great potential for expansion in the senior class. More social activities geared toward bringing the seniors in closer contact is a primary concern of

By JON RECKFORD

## What is the biggest problem with the executive branch of Student Government?

The students often don't see, or hear about, student government's role in policy decisions. Without the executive branch representing us, no student could now remain in school with less than a 2.0, or graduate with under a 2.75 GPA. Instead of a \$100 food service fee, we might have had a mandatory 10-15 meal-a-week plan. While the executive branch cannot always control a decision, it can have and has had a large impact. In addition, the executive branch created the Student Legal Services, the Student Part-Time Employment Service, the S.C.A.U., which collectively served close to 3,000 this year.

## What would you do about the problem?

Student government must better publicize its policy efforts through more extensive training of the Executive Branch Liaisons, so that they will be able to explain to students on their halls exactly what is going on, and so that students will feel more comfortable coming to Student Government with problems, questions or ideas. We must also develop specific programs to solve problems on campus so that students can see us working for them. I want to establish a reading room with copies of all the major textbooks on reserve so that students on financial aid whose checks are late will be able to keep up with their studies in the interim. I also plan to expand the academic advising program. We now have a centralized advising program, but with the new curriculum, there is a need for trained advisers available on the halls, so that during orientation, freshmen, in particular, will have someone right there who can answer all of their questions. In addition, I will expand the *Carolina Course Review* to help students select the best classes and professors.

## What would you do differently than the current student body president?

While keeping up with every area, I will focus student government's attention more on financial aid, academics and race relations. These are the areas that most directly concern us, and I believe the programs I have proposed will make definite progress in these areas.

## How does your experience qualify you for the job of student body president?

The president's duties include appointing and administering the executive branch, serving on the Campus Governing Council and representing the students to the administration. I have more experience than any other candidate in each of these areas. As executive assistant to Mike Vandenberg, the No. 2 position in the executive branch, I worked on the selection and coordination of the cabinet chairpersons and Chancellor's committee members, and I advised the student body president in the executive meetings where all policy decisions are made before presenting them at the cabinet meeting.

This top level experience would enable me to step in and put together an administration quickly and effectively.

I have served on the Finance Committee of the CGC. This past year has shown the need for responsible leadership there, and my experience would enable me to set a strong example, as only two current members of the CGC are running for re-election.

Finally, I have served as the student member of the Faculty Council, representing the students to the faculty and administration.

To be effective, a president needs experience in every one of these areas.

## What is your major strength and weakness?

My strength is that I am offering concrete solutions to problems that need to be addressed and that I have the experience in every area of Student Government to make these solutions work for all of us.

My weakness is that because I have dealt so extensively with the administration, some students fear that I would be a president for the administration. However, all of the programs I am proposing are directly for the students, and in order for them to work we need the cooperation of the administration.

Jon Reckford is a junior English and political science major from Chapel Hill.

## Endorsement policy

Editors of *The Daily Tar Heel* interviewed each of the candidates running for student body president, *DTH* editor, Residence Hall Association president and Carolina Athletic Association president. All editors listed on the staff masthead were

eligible to vote in each race to determine the *DTH* endorsements. A majority vote determined each endorsement.

On Friday, the *DTH* endorsed Padraic Baxter for CAA president and Henry Miles for RHA president.

## Letters?

*The Daily Tar Heel* welcomes letters to the editor and contributions of columns for the editorial page.

Such contributions should be typed, triple-spaced, on a 60-space line, and are subject to editing.

Column writers should include their majors and hometowns; each letter should include the writer's name, address and telephone number.