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The Daily Tar Heel

92nd year of editorial freedom

For CAA, Pavao

There are two candidates this year for president of the Carolina Athletic Association, which means two people are calling for better ticket distribution and a better Homecoming — if there were 15 candidates there would be 15 calling for the same thing. These two campaign cries have become synonymous with the CAA race, and thus the trick for candidates is to have the best and most realistic proposals for achieving these goals. This year that candidate is Mark Pavao, and he deserves the Feb. 5 vote.

Pavao has done his homework on the eternal make-Homecoming-more-exciting issue and has come up with some ideas that sound like real possibilities, rather than just promises. He wants a traditional Homecoming Queen and a Mr. UNC, two separate contests limited to the corresponding sex in each category, and he wants to get students more involved in the selection of the winner by holding a preliminary event in Great Hall.

Seven campus celebrities would pick four semi-finalists to go on to the campuswide election. To keep students involved in the weeding-out process, crowd reaction at Great Hall would be worth two votes. The winner would get a spring semester scholarship to motivate some real competition, and thus some real contestants.

Gene Krcelic, the other candidate, has some similar ideas on Homecoming, like eliminating joke candidates, but they lack the specificity of Pavao's, especially on the subject of drumming up alumni support for Homecoming. Here Pavao wants to bring a popular celebrity, such

as Andy Griffith, to give a speech (i.e., his famous football game description) and be Grand Marshal in the parade. Pavao has talked about this with the Rams Club, which has agreed to pay Griffith's expenses if Pavao gets him. Maybe we can finally see some alumni get excited about something other than good seats.

The other major reason we favor Pavao over Krcelic concerns everybody's favorite — ticket distribution. Pavao wants to distribute student seats randomly in the lower section of the Student Activities Center and give out upper-section seats on a first-come-first-serve basis. That allows students not willing to campout for three months the chance to get good seats; it also means Joe Blow won't be able to walk in and get the last ticket and still have better seats than somebody who has been waiting a lot longer. We're wary of Krcelic's plan for sign-up sheets in the Pit, where 350 people (seven sheets) would be picked to receive behind-the-bench seats each week. Despite Krcelic's assurances, his plan cannot guarantee that every student would get to sit in the best seats at least once.

Also, Pavao's idea of allowing students to get two tickets with proper IDs and athletic passes would be a welcome change if he could get it implemented.

Both candidates are calling for better communication between the students and CAA, a worthy goal but one rarely realized. And both candidates carry the experience and apparent desire to get the job done. But Pavao stands out as the one with the better plan and that's why the *DTH* endorses him.

For RHA, Deimler

Attribute it to dissatisfaction with the present operations, increased student interest in housing, a void in campuswide activities or something else entirely, but the race for Residence Hall Association president sports the largest field of candidates in years. All stress increased social interaction between North and South campus — thanks in part to an additional \$20,000 in RHA's coffers — but we feel that Mike Deimler has the best ideas for implementing this and other changes in an organization in need of restructuring.

Deimler has sound proposals which, if enacted, would likely improve RHA's efficiency as an information and entertainment tool for students on campus. He advocates eliminating the programming board (described by one board member as "the biggest waste of time all week") and consolidating its responsibilities with the governing board. Lieutenant governors, who make up the programming board, would thereby be freed to concentrate on their respective areas, where most of their work is done anyway. The governing board would subsequently divide its time between policy making and programming. It makes sense.

Deimler seems well prepared, too, to face the creative challenge of implementing programs on South Campus, an area

lacking in activity compared with its neighbor to the north. Co-founder and co-chairman of the popular Rockin' Autumn fall concert, Deimler's programming talents were recognized last spring with the Chancellor's award for the most creative and effective officer in the freshman and sophomore classes.

Deimler's opponents are not without merit. Shannon Friend, executive assistant to RHA President Mark Stafford, would bring experience to the position, but her proposals lack focus — most notably her promise to provide all-campus programming every month, rather than the twice-a-year norm. Tim Cobb, a victim of the housing squeeze on Olde Campus, has strong interests — perhaps the strongest of all candidates — in linking North and South campus socially, but is otherwise outclassed by the caliber of his competition.

Deimler's foresight in anticipating campus problems — such as implementing non-alcoholic activities when the inevitable happens, and the drinking age becomes 21 — is perhaps the qualification that makes him most worthy of our endorsement. Communication lapses between RHA and students, as evidenced by this year's referendum and housing flip-flops, should become a thing of the past as well. Deimler is worthy of your vote Feb. 5.

reviled creatures.

What the department got was a group of roaches resistant to the two major groups of chemicals used to fight the repulsive roaches. The bugs weren't even fazed by long-term exposure to industrial-strength diazinon, the active ingredient in most roach sprays.

Apparently the scientists didn't think the bugs were quite disgusting and resilient enough. They've now bred the bugs so they're unharmed by a third major group of poisons and have cut by half the time it takes the roaches to breed.

Now you're thinking, "Let the gross things escape and we'll have a good plot for a B-grade horror movie." But Phillip Koehler, an entomologist involved in the project, said extreme care to ensure the roaches don't get free (that's what they say in all the movies). Even if they do get away, Koehler insists, they're so inbred they couldn't survive in the real world because they lack the basic skills roaches need to survive.

So where did they find these super roaches in the first place? They were infesting the halls of Congress. It certainly makes sense. If the bugs can stand the rhetoric of Tip O'Neill and Ted Kennedy, a little Raid isn't going to hurt them.

And that's the bottom line.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Parker owes no apologies; actions were sound

To the editor:

I write in reply to Sabine French ("Say you're sorry, Paul," Jan. 30) and those who have criticized Paul Parker's actions Monday at the James forum. French and other critics are making wrongful accusations based on ignorance and their own prejudgments.

The Wallace poster, which French is talking about, first came to my attention Monday evening at about 9 p.m. Shortly thereafter I showed it to Parker and former Student Body President Kevin Monroe. We discussed the issue, and how best to handle it and release the poster, and then conferred with *DTH* Editor Jeff Hiday. Our personal emotions were very high, because we were outraged at the personal slander against Patricia Wallace and the damage such a poster could do to the racial rela-

tions on this campus.

After more than an hour of discussion among the four of us, we realized that the first thing to do was to confront Wallace with the poster, so at least she would not be caught unaware later on. Knowing that the James forum was still in progress, we decided to go to James, meet with Wallace privately, and then make the poster's existence known to the public and the other eight candidates (none of whom were directly connected to the issue) at the same time, and also to secure the candidates' assistance in getting to the root of the problem.

This was not a rash decision, although it was indeed made in an emotionally charged atmosphere. Viewing the decision with the luxury of both hindsight and the knowledge that we have now, perhaps — perhaps — the decision was not the

best to be made. But I will not accept that it was a bad decision, and I defy anyone to find three clearer heads than Parker, Monroe and Hiday.

Parker entered the James forum accompanied by Monroe, Hiday and myself. Given our positions, it is quite evident that we were not "a group of excited supporters of one of the candidates." The plan of action was thrown a bit askew by the fact that the forum ended before we had anticipated. Yet Paul did first meet with Wallace privately, and then handled the situation as best he could under the circumstances.

Wallace and the Black Student

Movement are the only parties directly affected by the poster; each was presented with the situation as carefully as possible. There was no reason to meet with the candidates privately before going public.

The allegations against Parker of immature judgement, sensationalism and irresponsibility are utterly baseless; the statement that his actions were "obnoxious" is bewildering. Parker owes an apology to no one. Perhaps French and others owe apologies to Parker, for they are shouting when they don't know a damned thing of what they're shouting about.

Edwin L. Fountain
Elections Board Chairman

For president, Holley

To the editor:

More than 2000 years ago, Aristotle said, "They should rule who are able to rule best." Although campus elections might not seem important, the need to elect qualified officials is essential. The person we elect as student body president will not only represent our campus at all levels, but will also make daily decisions that affect students. Because of his qualifications for office, one candidate stands apart from the rest: Reggie Holley.

Holley has continually stressed being responsive to students' needs. His present SBP platform also shows his awareness of the concerns of students. 1) Holley says no to further fee increases. He feels "enough is enough" until Student Government becomes more productive. 2) Holley wants textbook prices reduced and has proposed solutions. 3) Holley is opposed to the mandatory meal plan and is deter-

mined to work toward its removal. It is clear that Holley is working to keep our costs as students down.

Holley's experience clearly distinguishes him from the other candidates. He has represented Olde Campus and Cobb excellently for two years on the Campus Governing Council, and this past year was elected Speaker, CGC's highest office. Speaker. Holley's other involvements include: Chairman, Rules and Judiciary Committee and Student Legal Services; Member, Union Board of Directors and STV Advisory Board.

Holley's concern and experience make him the perfect choice for the highest elected campus official. Speak to him, find out where he stands, and then make a clear statement on your ballot for better Student Government — "Reggie Holley for student body president!"
Margaret Stewart, Jim Slaughter
Chapel Hill

For president, Marshall

To the editor:

This year candidates are telling us what they will do to end the mandatory meal plan. A couple have mentioned boycotts, which will still give ARA Food Services its money but deny the students a chance to get anything for their money. A couple are talking of legal action; they aren't talking about how to pay for legal costs. Others are just praying that the University will negotiate, when the University officials have indicated they have no intention of doing so.

Dirk Marshall is not promising what he can't deliver. But he does promise that students will be informed next year when negotia-

tions begin. He is promising an active search for alternatives to ARA, to the meal plan. Only Marshall seems to understand that the key is not devising a plan that only students support. The key is devising a plan that the University will support. He has seen the failure of Student Government to affect University policy in the past and he is concentrating in this campaign on how he will be an effective student body president.

Don't vote for candidates who make promises they can't deliver. Vote for the realistic candidate: Dirk Marshall.

Steven Schieffelin
Ehringhaus

For president, Wallace

To the editor:

I support Patricia Wallace for student body president because I know that she cares, for this campus and for this university. This dedi-

cation, along with innovative ideas, makes her the clear choice.

Rebecca Radish
Chapel Hill

Letters?

Letters and editorial columns should be triple-spaced and typed on a 60-character line. Deadline is 2 p.m. the working day before publication.

'DTH' editor's race

Brackett: 'I know what I need to know to run the paper'

By ED BRACKETT

I don't like a lot of things. Chief among these is the idea of endorsements. To get one, you have to prostitute yourself to some degree; that is, you must stand before a certain group, make your pitch and get them to buy your stock of goods.

I prefer being myself, telling it like it is. This is how it is: I'm Ed Brackett, a junior journalism major from Hendersonville, and I'm running for *Daily Tar Heel* editor. I've got journalism experience, but I don't care about that — I'd run even if I had none at all.

The point is, I know what I need to know to run the paper. What I don't know I tried to find out, but my efforts met with some resistance, much to my dismay — though, in truth, I expected such resistance.

The ideas I've formulated for the paper are realistic and concrete. The changes I advocate are mostly minor — i.e., I don't plan to fire anyone, layout will remain basically the same and the paper's hierarchy, structurally speaking, will be changed minutely at best.

Here follows a quick rundown of my ideas, in case you're interested:

Front page: More national news; better, more interesting, less awkward headlines. No more "Dog bites UNC student." And is minority faculty hiring up or down? Get it straight in the headline. Jesse Jackson also spoke "today," not "tomorrow." The daily quotes at the bottom should be compressed into a box and used only when space allows.

Inside pages: Give Campus Calendar a more appealing format — e.g., place it in a box with rounded corners with the words "Campus Calendar" in 36-pt., Roman boldface italics. The same goes for the sports section's Scoreboard. Arts writers: loosen up, you're not writing for *The Spectator*.

Back page: Because no paper possesses The Truth, I will spare you the sanctimony of such editorials as, "Get a grip, Ann," and the frequent "masterpieces" about N.C. State. A bi-weekly humor column placed in a box and set in unjustified type would improve the page considerably.

I have other opinions on the paper as well, but I've run out of space. Don't forget to vote on Feb. 5.



Ed Brackett

Rickert, Schmidt: 'Bring the paper back to the students'

By ARNE RICKERT and DAVE SCHMIDT

As candidates for *Daily Tar Heel* co-editors, we've wanted to bring the paper back to the students — but not without improving its writing and its coverage.

From the time of their writing tests (stories that have been dictated to them), *DTH* reporters get used to accepting what news is given to them. We are dedicated to working with reporters toward insightful stories that challenge sources to confront issues and encourage students to form their own opinions.

As co-editors, we'd be able to ask more from reporters because we could offer them more: more contact, more feedback, more help.

Non-journalism majors also will be welcomed through a revised writing test. Our backgrounds in both journalism and creative writing should attract a wider spectrum of writers, who can develop individual talents within traditional journalistic structures.

The editor's column we've proposed since the

start of the campaign ensures you get explanations of editorial decisions that affected the paper or answers to concerns raised in your letters — every week. We are the bottom line.

Dave confronted editorial writers on their sometimes snide and arrogant tone last semester, and we still consider it part of the wall the *DTH* has built between students.

Arne has been editor of *The Phoenix* since last spring, and Dave worked as a full-time copy editor on a professional paper during the summer. Their experience and ability to go over twice what a news editor already edits once will help to avoid the *DTH*'s mistakes of last semester.

Finally, this newspaper has failed to communicate with much of the campus. We pledge to begin and maintain open dialogue among members of the *DTH*, *Black Ink*, the Campus Gay Association's *Lambda* and the Association of Women Students. We already have the Black Student Movement's endorsement.

Instead of making you come to us with completed surveys, we've offered you ideas of our own. Thanks for considering them.



Dave Schmidt, Arne Rickert

Tonkinson: 'A readership survey . . . an open-door policy'

By STUART TONKINSON

For the past several weeks, I've been campaigning to be *Daily Tar Heel* editor. I've talked to many of the students who read the paper and who are required by the University to pay for part of the cost of producing the student newspaper. Many of those students I've talked to share a common concern.

The *Daily Tar Heel* is out of touch with its student readers.

Students complain that they are not effectively served by the *DTH*. They say that other area newspapers often cover University and state news with greater timeliness, with more accuracy and with more detail than the *DTH*. They say that the *DTH* often treats important issues superficially. They say that often only one side of a story is presented by the *DTH* and that others are ignored.

As *Daily Tar Heel* editor, I would work to eliminate these perceptions. I believe I have the experience, ideas and enthusiasm that are necessary to make the *DTH*, in every sense, a student newspaper — your newspaper.

I've worked on the paper since my freshman year. I've been a copy editor, a staff writer, an assistant University editor and a news editor. I've written columns for the editorial page and top front-page stories. I've written for *The Charlotte Observer* and *The Charlotte News*, receiving experienced guidance. This background will allow me to make those changes that are needed to improve the *DTH*.

I am committed to producing an excellent newspaper. This means that I will accept all responsibility for what appears in the *DTH*. I will not try to avoid that responsibility by sharing it with anyone else.

Essentially, I see the editor as being a representative of the student body. To make sure that the *DTH* meets student desires, I plan to print a readership survey on the editorial page of the *DTH* shortly after the election, asking students what they want in their paper. That open-door policy will continue with monthly meetings around campus in which students can ask *DTH* editors why they made the decisions they did. This way, *DTH* staff members will be kept accountable to the student body.



Stuart Tonkinson

The Bottom Line

Many a marriage was strained recently with the release of the results of Ann Landers' infamous survey, where the majority of the women polled said they would rather be cuddled than . . . well, you get the idea. Now, yet another syndicated columnist has tried his hand at filling up the divorce courts even more. In his desire to give equal time to the men Ann Landers neglected in her poll, Mike Royko posed the question "sex or bowling."

Of the 10,000 plus men who responded to Royko's question, only 22 percent said they'd rather score at the bowling alley with the guys.

Some bugs in the research

The U.S. Department of Agriculture sent the call throughout the land. They wanted to find the Super Roach — the breed that would not be deterred by Raid, Rid-A-Bug or any of mankind's nastiest insect poisons. No, they weren't engaging in a ghoulish hobby or training them for use against the Russians. It turns out that the folks at the Agriculture Department were trying to develop badder pesticides for use on the