

# Student body president's race

## Berger: 'Renewing UNC's progressive tradition'

By DOUG BERGER

Consider the following problems confronting our campus:

•The percentage of blacks in the freshman class has decreased from 14.3 percent to 10.1 percent in four years.

•This year's goal of hiring women in higher administrative positions is zero.

•There are currently only two dorms on North Campus — Ruffin and Grimes — that are accessible to mobility-impaired students.

•The University continues to invest in companies operating in South Africa despite a student referendum demanding the University to withdraw such funds.

•Forty percent of the funding for Chapel Hill's bus system comes from federal funds. If Congress accepts a recent Executive Branch proposal to cut these funds, the town will be forced either to curtail bus services, raise the fares or raise property taxes to make up for the lost revenue.

•The University plans to initiate a \$100 mandatory meal plan in the fall.

Tomorrow students will decide whether they want to follow the path that I have offered as a candidate — a path that leads the student body toward renewing UNC's commitment to its progressive tradition in solving the types of problems outlined above. Thus far, the Black Student Movement, the Association for Women Students, the Carolina Gay Association, the Carolina Indian Circle, the Black American Law Student Association and the Minority Caucus of Public Health have joined the "coalition of conscience" through their endorsements of my campaign.

Frank Porter Graham, former pres-



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ident of the University, once described our university as the "outpost of liberty for all the frontiers of mankind," and it is this role that I seek to lead the student body to play at the campus, state and national level. We must remember that UNC was an integral part of the efforts to secure civil rights for minorities and we were also at the forefront of statewide opposition to United States involvement in Vietnam.

It is imperative that we renew our commitment to civil rights at home and abroad. We must tap the intellectual and creative resources of this student body to stop the mandatory meal plan, increase recruitment of minorities at UNC and sever all ties between the University and the government of South Africa. Please elect me as your leader so we may move toward achievement of these goals.

## Ives: 'Student Government should stay on campus'

By BRAD IVES

I feel there are three different approaches in this year's race: the conviction that the student body president should use his position to express his personal opinions on state, national and international politics, the opinion that the internal structure of Student Government should be emphasized, and my approach.

I strongly feel that Student Government should stay on campus. Political activism is an important part of college life, but it does not belong in Student Government, an organization that by definition represents all students. Furthermore, this type of activity is in violation of the Student Constitution.

Nor do I like the idea that reforming the structure of Student Government should be the primary goal of an administration. A student government concerned about its internal structure will not be aware of the issues that are important to students.

There are many problems on campus that Student Government can and should address: the food service, academic advising, student-faculty relations, registration and drop/add, student fees, building maintenance, grounds and library hours, among many others. We can do something about the mandatory meal plan — I do not feel that we are fated to live with it. Academic advising needs improvement; I would press the UNC administration to notify us of academic requirements, procedures and deadlines through mailings. I also have plans to improve the relations between students and faculty through a "Lunch With Your Professor" program. As president, I would encourage the implementation



Brad Ives

of the administration's plans to modernize the registration and drop/add process. I think that students should be aware of proposed fee increases before they go to the Board of Trustees. I see the need for renovation work in many of our classroom buildings and dormitories. The appearance and safety of our campus will be improved by more trash cans and better lighting on campus walkways. We also need an undergraduate library that is open 24 hours a day. All of these are definitely things that we need and that I can accomplish as student body president.

The choice is yours: a president that thinks the focus should be on El Salvador, one that thinks the focus should be on Suite C, or a president that thinks the focus should be on improving the quality of life at UNC.

## Mills: 'SBP should be more than a bureaucratic playground'

By FETZER MILLS

Any community with over 20,000 people should have responsible leaders working for the community. The people who have been in Suite C have too often been out of touch with the student body, and may have even forgotten that they too were students. I am a student, and I want to be an effective student body president.

There are many needs that have not been identified or properly addressed by student government. For example, this University does not have facilities to treat students suffering from alcohol-related problems. A drug and alcohol rehabilitation center is a must.

The \$100 mandatory meal plan is an insult and a threat to students' rights. Paul Parker tells students there is nothing that can be done to stop the plan. That is simply untrue. There are numerous options Paul has not pursued. The meal plan can be stopped.

Davis Library is one of the premier research centers in the Southeast. Our current UNC administration wants to close its doors long before study hours are over. Closing the doors of Davis at midnight is like buying a \$40,000 Ferrari and driving it 20 mph. I will make longer library hours a top priority of my administration.

These are but a few of the vital issues my administration will address. It is time to put the emphasis on students in student government. The office of



Fetzer Mills

student body president should be more than a bureaucratic playground. Student government budgets thousands of dollars of our money and is the official student voice in all University administrative matters. We should not consider student body president an unimportant office. I realize its importance and will make it work for you.

## Dickson: 'Directed towards serving you'

By DAVID DICKSON

The responsibilities of the student body president go far beyond confronting the issues that have been addressed by the candidates in this election. However, experience has been a big issue.

In this election there are two candidates with absolutely no experience in Student Government, two candidates with very little experience, and four candidates whose only experience has been in the Legislative Branch. It is not enough to be able to say, "I've read the Constitution and talked to the president. I know the duties of the office." In this election, as in anything, experience is the best teacher. I am the only candidate who has had any experience working in the executive branch of Student Government. My two years as Chairman of the Chancellor's and Vice-Chancellor's Committees have allowed me the opportunity to directly observe the president's duties along with the positive and negative aspects of Suite C, and what I would do differently as president.

I plan to form the Governing Bodies United that would coordinate the presidents of all the major representative organizations on campus on a regular basis to unite relations between all students. The GBU would be instrumental in repealing the \$100 meal plan. My administration would focus on campus issues instead of those that do not deal with UNC students, and appointments to Student Government positions would be based on individual qualifications instead of by fraternity or sorority. My administration would be



David Dickson

directed toward serving you. Running for student body president is a great challenge for me. It is certainly not one that I take lightly. As in all elections, you, the voter will determine the winner. I have made every attempt possible to meet each student at UNC, whether going door-to-door, stopping at bus stops, apartments, or stopping by for a hall meeting. I apologize if in these three weeks of campaigning I did not make your acquaintance. It is time for a new "breath of fresh air," but "fresh air" with experience. Thanks for your consideration and support in this election! Let's make UNC the best it can be. Please vote David Dickson for student body president — innovation with experience.

## Lloyd: 'I will fight for the students'

By MAX LLOYD

During the preceding year, Student Government was used as a tool to express the viewpoints of certain individuals. These views may or may not have been in line with student opinion, but the fact remains that the resources of student government were not used as well as they should have been. The problems of the campus were not dealt with.

As student body president, I will veto any legislation that does not deal directly with the students. There are problems that need to be solved. I will work to solve these problems. I will fight for the students.

The food service at this campus must improve. The mandatory meal plan needs to be defeated. Competition needs to be brought in and the cafeterias operated by ARA Food Services need to be switched to "all-you-can-eat" like ARA operates at UNC-Greensboro.

Parking decks must be built in the future and students must have input on these decisions. Bus service must be increased. Dormitory residents should be able to park near their dorms.

Students should get their money's worth out of Student Government. The Chapel Thrill concert should be restarted. On-campus security should be improved. And the library should be open all night. These are the issues my



Max Lloyd

administration will deal with. Your student body president should not be a 'yes man' for the UNC administration. Your student body president should not let his own political views cloud his work. Your student body president should make sure that students get their say in the decision-making process. I have the experience, the ideas and the willingness to fight that you need in a student body president.

## Marshall: 'It is your Student Government'

By DIRK MARSHALL

If you didn't know anything about geography, the laws of gravity and Christopher Columbus, you might believe me when I tell you the Earth is flat.

If you didn't know anything about Student Government, its already bloated bureaucracy and its past record, you might believe other student body president candidates when they make their campaign promises.

I, Dirk Marshall, hope you don't believe them. I hope you haven't listened.

Student Government does not need to grow any larger. It does not need to duplicate services already offered in the Chapel Hill/Carrboro community (i.e., an alcohol and drug abuse program). It does not need to try and take on the University over the meal plan; there's no way we'd win the war. It does not need to add new programs, committees, bureaucracy, etc.

What Student Government does need is to tell students what is happening instead of what happened. It does need to act on student opinion, and not on the opinion of the clique in Suite C. It does need to cut back on time and money spent in worthless programs (i.e., providing services that are better supplied by the community).

Of all the nine candidates, only Marshall is promising to let you in on the issues beforehand. I will go in the



Dirk Marshall

Pit with a mike, broadcast over WXYC and write columns in the student newspapers. I don't want you just to read about last week's controversy or next year's meal plan. I want you to know about them in time to have an impact on them.

My campaign is geared on this one principle: It is your Student Government and these are your issues. The job of the student body president is not to hide them from you or tell you about them later. You need to know about them and have an effect on them. Under my administration, you will.

## Holley: 'I know the problems that concern students'

By REGGIE HOLLEY

The Student Activities Fee, textbook prices, the mandatory meal plan and parking are the most pressing issues confronting you and me as students. How Student Government chooses to resolve these issues will greatly depend on who you elect to be your student body president. I offer sensible solutions and a strong commitment to solving the problems.

**No fee increases.** Students pay \$292 per year in Student Activities Fees. This past year the fees were increased twice. Until Student Government is more productive, there should be no further fee increases.

**Reducing textbook prices.** We should reduce textbook prices and increase the number of used books by requiring professors to order textbooks at least one semester in advance, and requiring professors to use textbooks for at least two semesters.

**No mandatory meal plan.** Because the proposed meal plan applies only to residence hall residents, this small group is being forced to provide a financial base for services the entire community uses. The administration must reverse its decision, and if it will not we will seek legal action to stop the plan.

**Parking priority.** I believe parking spaces around dormitories should be reserved for the people who live there,



Reggie Holley

just as spaces are at apartments. Until an equitable solution can be found, dormitory students should be given priority for dormitory parking.

Having served on the Campus Governing Council for two years, the second as speaker and vice president of the student body, I know how Student Government works. I also know the problems that concern students. I want to commit Student Government to addressing these concerns. Vote for Reggie Holley on Tuesday.

## Wallace: 'Experience, practicality and dedication'

By PATRICIA WALLACE

As a candidate for student body president, I believe Student Government should provide a vehicle for students to express opinions; an organization that should attack campus problems and search for the most practical, realistic solutions.

The proposals that I intend to put into action are the kinds of things that you have indicated you want out of a student body president and from your Student Government. One idea, Drive-a-Drinker, would give students a safe alternative to driving home drunk.

Student Government needs to be a representative collection of people from all facets of campus life. To achieve this, I would solicit recommendations from students, faculty and campus leaders of all persuasions and affiliations to find a heterogeneous group. This would provide Student Government with a better chance for input regarding the needs and concerns of students — not only ones with special interests — but all students.

To provide more efficient allocation of your Student Activities Fees, I would conduct workshops between the Executive Branch and representatives of campus organizations to familiarize organizations with the ins and outs of the CGC's budget process. If we work towards unity and cooperation, all groups can be better off. The Executive Branch would also educate CGC members about the budget process and each organization so that they may better allocate student fees and thus better serve the interests of all students.

It is time to emphasize the student



Patricia Wallace

in Student Union. I do not see the Union as a weakness; however, you know and I know the Union could provide more services for all students. I would like to see the space formerly occupied by the Fast Break converted into something of a coffeehouse where students can display their talents and congregate on an informal basis. I would also like to see the student body president work more closely with the Union Administration and Activities Board when deciding office space allocation (currently this is done by the student body president).

Continue to put my experience, practicality and dedication to work. Together we can, and will, truly make a difference.

### Zero hour

Before heading out to the polls tomorrow, pick up a DTH for the last word on the whats, wherefores and why's of campus electiondom. Don't say we didn't warn you.