

# Courtney, Miskavage bid for senior offices

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Don Courtney, a junior chemistry major from Greensboro, and Jane Miskavage, an advertising major from West Newbury, Mass., have announced their candidacy for senior class president and vice-president.

Courtney said his platform would be around the three things he felt seniors cared about most: graduating, finding a job and having fun during their last semester.

He said he and Miskavage would work closely with administrators in the registrar's office to ensure that seniors received priority in obtaining the perspective courses they needed to graduate.

"If we can't get anything through Hanes (Hall), we will go to the departments and see if the professors will open up more classes," Courtney said.

If elected, Courtney said he planned to work with the Career Planning and Placement Center concerning job

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placement services for seniors.

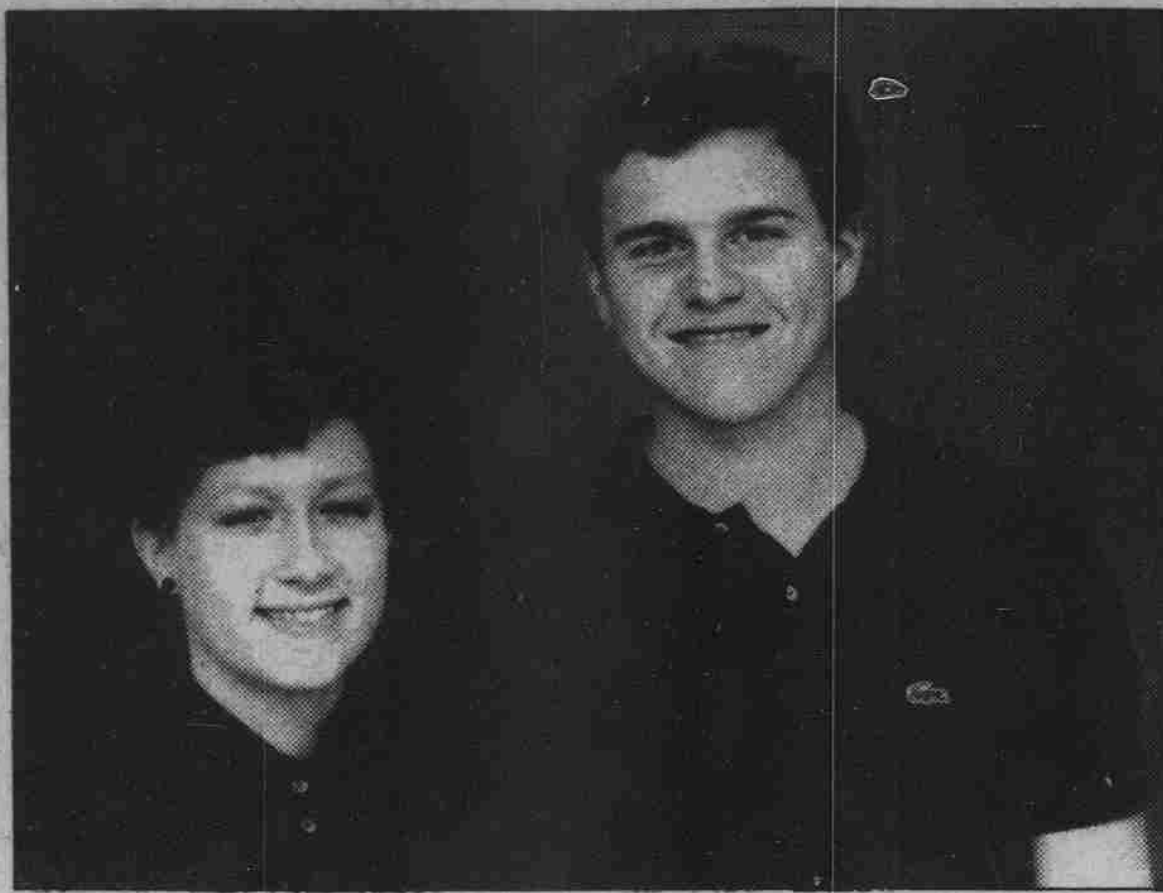
Miskavage said she would work to have a senior section in the Dean E. Smith Student Activities Center for the last home basketball game and to continue having a senior section in Kenan Stadium.

Concerning the class trip, Courtney and Miskavage said they planned to poll seniors about where they wanted to go. "We'd like to find a low-cost senior trip, possibly a cruise — if not by ourselves with another college," Miskavage said.

Miskavage also said she wanted to see the continuation of the Rams Club one-year senior membership.

Courtney said he wanted to see the cracked bell in the Bell Tower replaced as part of the senior class gift.

He said he was seeking election because he wanted to work for seniors because he cared about what happened



Jane Miskavage and Don Courtney

to them.

Miskavage said she wanted to serve as vice-president to repay the University for all it had given her.

Courtney served on the Springfest committee and is presently working on

the band staff as editor of *Half-Times*, the band newsletter. He has been a band member for the past three years.

Miskavage has been a band member for three years and this year was a squad leader.

# Cool air, rent hike in the cards for Cobb

By JOY THOMPSON  
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Students will have the option of living in two air-conditioned dormitories next fall — the new Katherine K. Carmichael dorm and Cobb.

The housing department will permanently install 191 air conditioners in Cobb after dorms close in May, causing a \$35 rent increase for Cobb residents in addition to next year's estimated six percent rent hike, Housing Director Wayne T. Kuncel said Tuesday.

The plan to install air conditioning in Cobb is part of an attempt to increase the number of groups who would want to use the residence halls during summer conferences, Kuncel said.

The dorms usually operate at full capacity for nine months and at very low capacity during the summer, he said. Using more of the residence halls during the summer could help offset the housing department's operating costs throughout the year.

"There has been increasing interest and demand from groups who come to this campus over the summer for air conditioned facilities," Kuncel said. For two years these groups have requested housing in Carmichael, he said, and some of the groups are large enough to fill the entire dorm.

Carmichael has 496 air-conditioned spaces, less than the summer demand, he said. In addition, it will not be ready

for use this summer, he said.

Kuncel said University housing officials chose to install the air conditioners in Cobb because of its central location. "Cobb is also the kind of facility people coming to the campus would like to stay in," he said.

Cobb's rent will rise to an estimated \$710 to \$720, with some of the increase caused by the installation cost and increased power usage of the air conditioners, Kuncel said.

Kuncel said he presented the idea to the Cobb dorm council Sunday night, and it received a "generally favorable response." He added that he welcomed additional feedback from students on the idea, and a letter will be sent to Cobb residents explaining the change to take place.

At first, housing officials considered taking the air conditioners out of Cobb after the summer, Kuncel said. But he said they realized that leaving the air conditioners in would eliminate some of the wear and tear that would result from installing and removing them each year.

"I would like to see if... (the University) can have air conditioning in all the dorms," Kuncel said. But he said the University first had to deal with the more pressing need for renovations. He said renovations in all the dorms will not be completed until 1988.

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residences, 1,410 living in Granville Towers and 306 married students living in apartments maintained by the University housing department. The remainder are off-campus students, said Jan Dennis, assistant to the director of housing.

Dennis said future increases of dormitory rent depended on the economy and overall inflation rate. If the rate of inflation stays steady, the rental rates could remain the same for two years, she said.

"I'm not sure what (students') reaction will be (to the increase)," she said. "There are a lot of things to consider. They must determine for themselves what is most cost-efficient."

# Rent increases expected to ease

By ALICIA LASSITER  
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The estimated 6 percent increase in dormitory rent next year is the lowest rate increase in the past three years, said Larry Hicks, University housing business manager.

"We are starting to control the costs," Hicks said. "When you bury yourself in a hole, it takes several years to get out of it."

Expenditure rates and rent increases have stabilized, so increases may be lower in the next few years, he said.

Wayne Kuncel, director of housing, said residence halls were supported entirely by student rent. Dorm rates increase in part because of inflation, he said. Other factors contributing to rent

hikes are salary increases, which are controlled by the state, and utility improvements, such as increased steam and electricity generation.

Rent increases have fluctuated during the past 10 years because housing did not base them on expenditure increases, Hicks said. As a result, the department

## Annual Dorm Increases

Year	Average Rent	Average Expenditures
1977-78	0%	7.8%
1978-79	10.2%	4.7%
1979-80	3.8%	2.6%
1980-81	6.9%	14%
1981-82	9.9%	15.6%
1982-83	6%	13%
1983-84	18%	-13%
1984-85	18%	16.3%
1985-86	10%	—
1986-87	about 6%	about 6%

has compensated with higher increases during the past few years, he said.

The highest rent increases were 18-percent hikes in 1983-84 and 1984-85. Kuncel said the increases were high those years because of the need for general repairs and maintenance on campus and because it was a period of high inflation. Hicks said: "We are starting to get

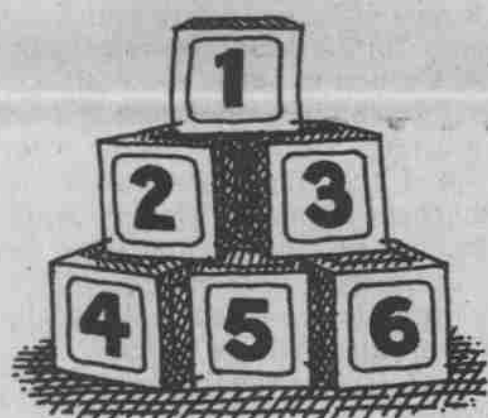
back to an even keel. We are not a profit-making entity. We are there to balance the rates so there is no over-abundance of cash overflow."

Kuncel said the estimated rate increase for next year included the added construction cost of the new Carmichael Dorm.

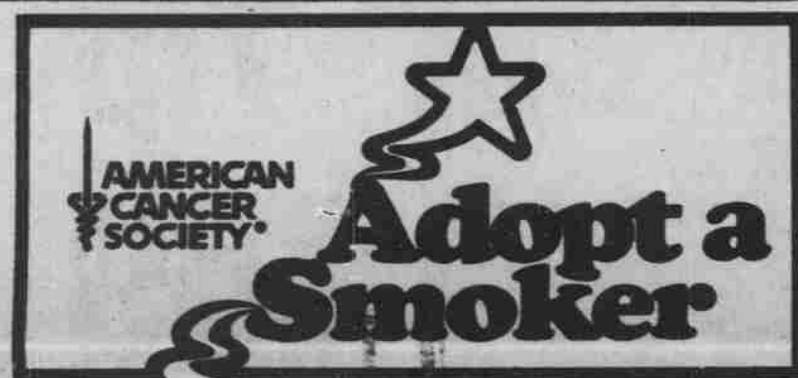
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