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Music man

Dan Dunnagan picking out a tune in the solitude of an empty Forest Theatre Sunday afternoon. The freshman English major from Greens-

boro has been playing for three or four years. Sporadic rain showers didn't dampen his spirits to get outside.

DTH/Dan Charlson

Candidates eyeing ARA

By KAREN YOUNGBLOOD
Staff Writer

Last year, the mandatory meal plan got plenty of attention in the student body president race and in the media. But the hype died down, and the plan stayed. This year, the meal plan has again become a campaign issue, with the different candidates proposing different solutions.

David Brady said he did not think students would want to see ARA return. "I would get another food service on campus," he said. "I spent last month going around campus asking students about it, and 95 percent do not enjoy ARA at all. There is a possibility that ARA will return, and I'd like to fight that return."

Brady said one way to prevent ARA from renewing its contract was to inform students, parents and alumni about the mandatory meal plan to get support from outside the campus.

In the meantime, a meal plan co-op can be created to help students who do not want to eat at Lenoir, Brady said. "If students can't afford to pay their money, there's plenty of students who want to pay more," he said. "We would link those names up."

Brady said he would send letters to incoming freshmen to encourage them to buy their meal plans from other students rather than ARA.

"I would get the names through . . . (the Residence Hall Association), send the information to Student Government, and we'd send a letter out before the semester ended," he said.

Bryan Hassel said the best way to deal with the meal plan issue was to

let students know about the contract renewal.

"I will make the contract process as public as possible, as I plan to keep the students informed," he said. "I will work with the members on the Food Service Advisory Committee to make sure they have the students' interests in mind."

Hassel said he thought ARA should not be allowed to renew its contract.

"My implication is that ARA needs to go," he said. "They have no confidence among the students, and they have ignored student input. They're supposed to have a bi-annual survey, and they haven't done that. A food service that's responsive to the FSAC, especially students, and is open to student participation in the management — that's a good way to improve student confidence."

Hassel said he was not sure a meal plan co-op would work, since he thought ARA could stop meal plan transfers if it wanted.

Billy Warden said he proposed putting a Fountain of Youth in the Pit for the students who ate at Lenoir.

"I'm going to get a stomach pump in the Pit so you can eat as much as you want and then go pump your stomach," he said. "We'd disguise it as the Fountain of Youth, and everyone would play in it."

Warden said he thought ARA workers needed to take more pride in their appearance.

"We can get the ARA guys to dress up like Liberace because Liberace is a

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Grads apathetic of CGC

By KIM WEAVER
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Of nine graduate districts, only one graduate candidate is running for representative to the Campus Governing Council.

But according to Brad Torgan, president of the Graduate and Professional Student Federation, this is not an unusual occurrence.

"The vast majority of graduate students see very little use for the CGC," Torgan said. "Unless there's a real big burning issue that the CGC will affect, there will be little response."

Torgan said the issue concerning ARA and the mandatory meal plan, for example, was not a burning issue for graduate students.

Other issues, such as housing, which are dominant in undergraduate campaigns, don't concern graduate students. Only 400 of 7,000 graduate students live on campus, he said.

Torgan said graduate students were very busy academically, and many have familial responsibilities or commute to campus. Their priorities are very different from those of undergraduate students, he said.

"(Graduate students) don't have the interest," he said. "They don't see what the CGC and the student body president do as making a great impact on their daily lives, and for the most part, graduate students aren't out to pad their resume."

Graduate student districts were redrawn this year from 10 to nine districts to allow for better representation, said Jimmy Greene, CGC acting speaker. So, the quota of graduate students per representative has been reduced from 800 to 740, he said.

Bruce Lillie, chairman of the elections board, said he did not feel the redistricting would greatly affect voter turnout or the CGC representation.

Although the redistricting "streamlined" the election process, Lillie said, traditionally very few graduate candidates vie for positions on the council.

"They are here pushing a higher education or degree," he said. "I just don't think they have as much time."

Lillie said he felt graduate students' apathy was not due to lack of publicity on the part of the CGC, because publicity for all the campaigns has been increased this year.

"We are stepping up our publicity . . . (but) we can't feasibly aim at just graduate students," he said.

Torgan said voter turnout was relatively high last year largely because of the attempt of SBP candidate Doug Berger, then a graduate student, to encourage greater graduate student participation.

This year, only one SBP candidate, David Brady, has spoken before the GPSF senate, he said. This must indicate how the other candidates feel about graduate students, he said.

"I would be surprised (this year) if there is greater than a five to seven percent turnout to the polls period, for any race," he said.

In addition to the CGC race, graduate students apparently show little interest in running for GPSF president. Co-candidates Jeff Smiley and Linda Wastila are running unopposed this year. Torgan said he didn't remember a year where there was more than one candidate vying for the position.

Torgan said he was surprised that Steve Griffin, the graduate CGC candidate for District 5, was running this year. Griffin was removed from the CGC last fall because of failure to attend CGC meetings.

If a representative misses two consecutive meetings, Greene said, he must go in front of the ethics committee to explain his absences.

Griffin, who was elected in March 1985, said that he attended all the meetings until May but that he had not attended a meeting since September. Griffin was removed from the CGC Nov. 6.

Griffin said he was told that he would be contacted in the fall and informed about when the meetings began again, but he was never contacted.

"I didn't even know I had been removed (from the council)," he said.

He said that he was supposed to have been contacted informally, then formally, of his removal from the council but that he was never contacted by a CGC representative.

Griffin said, however, that although he was aware of the attendance law, he did not try to contact the CGC about when the meetings began.

"It's not the kind of thing as a graduate student that's foremost on your mind," he said. "We're in school all year long, so it doesn't always occur to us that things will be starting anew."

If re-elected, Griffin said he would try to make his attendance as regular as it was during the first half of his term.

Elections viewed as lacking

By JEAN LUTES
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As the polls open today for this year's general elections, many students say they are unenthused and uninformed about the candidates and issues.

About 5,000 students are expected to vote today, said Elections Board Chairman Bruce Lillie. Turnout has remained about the same for the past three years, with about 5,400 students voting.

"I think student interest is about the same this year," Lillie said.

Many students said they thought most people didn't take elections seriously. They said they didn't know much about the candidates or how student government affected them.

"They (students) don't know the candidates well enough or what the positions entail," said Kevin Rourke, a senior from Cary. "Students don't see themselves getting anything out of . . . (Student Government)."

Paul Guly, a sophomore from Salisbury, said: "Students don't care that much about Student Government. They don't have time to look at all the issues."

Guly said he didn't intend to vote because he didn't have time and because Student Government didn't "do things I care about."

Hearing about specific actions taken by Student Government throughout the year would make students more aware of what Student Government stands for, Rourke said.

"You never hear about Student Government unless there's a crisis or during elections," he said.

Lillie agreed, saying if students had more information about how Student Government worked, they would become more involved in elections.

"We need a coordinated effort on campus about elections, a real drive by all organizations to give elections the importance they deserve," he said.

Forums are an important source of information for students who bothered to attend, Lillie said, though "they can get tedious at times."

Student Body President Patricia Wallace agreed. "I'm a strong believer in forums," she said. "Those that attend are usually the most interested students, and they guide others in their voting."

"A lot of decisions are based on word of mouth," she said. "A few people inform the rest of the students."

Lillie said getting dorm and area governments more

involved in forums would make them more effective. "Now they just see forums as something they have to do," he said.

"The more dorm and area governments explain Student Government to students, the better things will be," he said.

Iana Lewin, a freshman from Atlanta, agreed. "I thought all the candidates were the same until I went to the forums," she said.

"If people would go, they would know the differences between candidates," she said. "Some of them have very different ideas."

Wallace said students who did vote were informed about Student Government and what it did. "The majority of those who vote have generally kept up with the issues and policies," she said.

About 3,000 of those who vote each year live on campus, Lillie said. "On-campus students feel more affected by Student Government, and polling places are much nearer to where they live."

"Off-campus students find it harder to vote," he said. "Students living off campus have to make more of an effort to find out about the campaigns," he said.

But Mary Colbert, a sophomore from Morehead City who lives off campus, said she didn't feel left out of elections. "Any campus function that goes on I can attend if I want to," she said.

People working in Student Government need to get more involved with students, Colbert said. "There's no outreach. . . . There's so much going on in their offices that they can't pay attention to the students."

Several students cited Billy Warden's candidacy for SBP as an example of not taking elections seriously. "It's hard to take an election with Billy Warden seriously," Lewin said.

Yet Warden's message of "fun" seems to appeal to some. "I want to vote for Billy Warden," said Sean Kurds, a freshman from Raleigh. "I want a plaid campus. Everybody else is too boring."

Lillie said the Elections Board should have a bigger budget for publicity to inform students more effectively.

"Students who take the time and stand in line to vote are expressing the desire to make a difference in Student Government," he said. "In the future, we need to give them more information to give more students the feeling that they can make a difference and that they can affect Student Government."

'DTH' hopefuls stress broader news

By RANDY FARMER
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Expanded state and national news and dealings with the University administration have surfaced as issues in the Daily Tar Heel editor's race.

Jim Zook said his paper would not succumb to any group outside the DTH in dealing with the administration. "The decision to run a story will come strictly within the paper," he said.

"If I feel that the administration is not acting in the best interest of the students, then we'll let them know about it," he said.

Jim Greenhill, a co-editor candidate with Cathy Cowan, said that he was skeptical of the administration but that he believed stories about the administration should be balanced. "Students and the DTH should develop constructive criticism of the administration," Greenhill said. "The DTH should be fair to all parties involved — administrators and students alike."

Guy Lucas said he distrusted the UNC administration. If the administration asked the paper not to print a story

that a student group wanted published, he probably would side with the student group, Lucas said.

"I would rather air on the side of disclosure, keeping in mind libel," Lucas said. "The administrator would probably be trying to protect his job."

The three candidates all said in their platforms that they would expand state and national news if elected but that the focus of the paper would remain on the University. The DTH installed an Associated Press wire machine last week, giving it more access to state and national news.

Cowan said: "The DTH is a University paper, so it will remain that way. But state and national news needs to be more of a priority than it has been."

The paper would contain a balance of campus, local, state, national and international news, she said. Greenhill said expanding state and national news meant giving it more exposure but not necessarily more space. Moving state and national briefs from the second to front page is one way of doing that, he said.

Lucas said he would expand state and national coverage because students needed more than the briefs on page two. ". . . (The University desk) is relied on way too much," he said.

He said that he would keep the paper's University focus but that he would replace some of the space-filling University stories with more state and national news.

Zook said that the focus of the paper would remain on the University and that he would make page two of the paper the focus of state and national news.

"The DTH would not try to be the students' only source for news because of space limitations," Zook said. "But because students' schedules are so busy, I think the DTH has the responsibility to keep the students informed on the top stories of the day outside of Chapel Hill."

Each candidate also has specific changes they would like to make in the DTH.

Lucas said he would revitalize the front page quote. But he said he did

not see any problems in the basic format of the DTH.

"I'm not calling for wholesale change because I don't think they're needed," Lucas said. He said that he would like to "fine tune" the paper and that he was open to any suggestions for changing it.

Zook said he wanted to hold monthly brainstorming sessions between the DTH desk editors and some of the Journalism School faculty to get professional insight into the paper. Zook said the dean of the School of Journalism was favorable to the idea and that such sessions had been used before.

Zook said he also would have a weekly arts and entertainment section, which would be in tabloid form and inserted in Thursday's paper.

The tabloid could be financed several ways, he said. Money could be solicited from faculty or alumni. Also, each page could have a sponsor to pay for the printing cost.

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Polling sites

Site	District
Union	All
Y-Court	All
Davis Library	All
Hamilton	1,2,4, 16-23
Craige	1-8, 12
Law School	1
Medical School	5,6,7
Rosenau	5,6,7
Spencer	9
Mclver	9
Parker	10
Whitehead	10
Ruffin	11
Cobb	11
Everett	11
Ehringhaus	12
Connor	13
Granville	14,23
Morrison	15
Hinton James	15

Voters quickly forget what a man says — Richard M. Nixon