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## Editorials

### Brady for SBP — with reserve

Both candidates on today's ballot for student body president have considerable strengths and weaknesses. This campaign has been so overshadowed by controversy that debate on the specifics of the candidates' platforms and abilities has been sparse.

After lengthy debate, *The Daily Tar Heel's* endorsement board has voted by a 3-2 margin to support David Brady — support ridden with reservations.

When hashing out the pros and cons of the two, the board summarized the race as pitting an experienced but overconfident candidate with besmudged credibility against an articulate idealist who has offered attractive overall themes but few specifics during the campaign. In the end, experience won a narrow victory.

Brady's term as chairman of the Campus Governing Council's Finance Committee began with observers wondering about the capabilities of a freshman in handling the infamous budget process. Little more was heard about the process in the *DTH* because it was one of the smoothest in recent memory.

Hassel's experience in campus activities is broad, including involvement in Students for a Student Voice, the Campus Awareness Network and participation in the reinstatement of George Gamble. However, when questioned on how he would organize his administration, Hassel lacked the in-depth knowledge expected from a student body president. This ignorance of Suite C's infrastructure is a flaw in the Hassel plan.

It appears Brady wisely used his term on the CGC in formulating realistic, tangible ideas that will appeal to the

### Jones for RHA president

A crucial aspect in the race for Residence Hall Association president is how the winner will work with the University administration, particularly the Department of Housing. Will the new president be naive, or will he responsibly react to the decisions of Director Wayne Kuncel? He must recognize the realities of the job and never forget why he is in office — to serve the students. Ray Jones possesses the willingness and savvy to constructively work with administrators throughout the University.

Following this train of thought, the endorsement panel of *The Daily Tar Heel* has voted 4-1 to support Ray Jones for president of the Residence Hall Association.

Jones rests his candidacy on the belief that RHA's major role is to fight for what students need and want to enjoy dormitory life. As president of Avery dormitory, he demonstrated a rapport with the residents. But he also showed the resolve and initiative to act on his ideas.

The other candidate, H.F. Watts, has shown he has more experience in RHA than Jones, but that experience may not be an asset. RHA has become stagnant and its current president, Tim Cobb, is

average student — initiating long-range plans for a South Campus parking deck, forming a meal plan co-op, devising a minimum-use textbook policy. Brady's campaign pamphlet does have one glaring omission — his ideas on a Black Cultural Center.

Hassel's basic theme of empowerment is admirable, but it is a refrain of themes that students have heard in elections past, one that neglects the needs of the average student. The main points advocated in Hassel's campaign statement that appeared in the *DTH* two weeks ago stresses intangibles — "a Student Government that will be truly responsive to your concerns, a major reorganization of Student Government, a new type of leadership to Student Government." Hassel's platform offers solutions to improving Student Government; Brady's gives ways to improve student life.

The most positive analysis of the T-shirt scandal for Brady is to say he has faced adversity and persevered. In the eyes of the endorsement board (and apparently those of the Supreme Court), Brady's evasive testimony during the trial raised many questions. Student perceptions of Brady's "willful blindness" and "flagrant disregard of both the spirit and the letter of the campaign spending laws" has certainly weakened his ability to elicit participation from the student body. Any weakening of his ability to generate support will be tested today.

Brady and Hassel both have the potential to be fine student body presidents. But today, Brady has the approach and experience that will best help Student Government meet its challenges.

involved in the seamy politics of endorsing a candidate in the middle of a runoff election, without a majority vote and without properly screening and interviewing the candidates. Watts has tried to separate himself from this bland RHA, which he ironically has been so much a part of in recent years. The fact remains that he voted to endorse himself.

Jones' lack of experience with RHA, then, could be in his favor. He promises to bring some much-needed fresh insight to RHA and is committed to his beliefs, two traits that can only benefit on-campus students.

No one can dispute Watts' diligence in investigating the history of dorm enhancement funds, a focal point in his campaign. The referendum students approved two weeks ago, which he co-wrote, will put the enhancement funds back in student hands — where it belongs.

The overriding concerns facing the next RHA president will include working to solve the parking shortage, settling the fate of Old East dormitory and helping residence areas use their enhancement funds. Ray Jones' sensible and down-to-earth approach to these problems makes him our choice for RHA president.

## Making cases for the final four



For SBP, Brady

To the editor:  
 During the past week and a half, David Brady has been under extreme pressure concerning the T-shirt controversy. Some parties have persistently tried to eliminate David from the student body president election despite the fact that he has been cleared again and again. Under similar circumstances many other candidates would have lost their composure, become vindictive and possibly given up their campaign altogether, yet Brady did just the opposite. He held on to his integrity, remained level-headed because he knew in the end he would be absolved. We need a student body president who can react positively to such difficult times.

David can act with such "grace under pressure" because he has the experience and wisdom of many years working in student government. From his beginning as Morrison Campus Governing Council representative to his Finance Committee chairmanship, where he had the responsibility of allocating hundreds of thousands of dollars, David has shown his abilities to be a responsible representative of students.

David Brady is a candidate for the students. He knows what the students need: better food services, tighter security, more parking spaces — realistic goals that directly affect the students of this campus. Student concerns have been and always will be top priorities for David and he will be persistent in presenting them on campus.

David Brady is a fresh alternative for the student body. For the past 10 years, most of the student body presidents have lived off campus and have come from one particular group. How can the president of the student body that lives off campus know the immediate concerns of the students better than one who lives on campus? David lives on campus now and plans to live on campus next year. Furthermore, David is coming in with no presidential tradition behind him to restrict or influence his idea and plans. He is coming in with a greater spectrum of the student body that would be more representative of the students.

Because David will have such a close touch with the students he can deal with issues before they develop into campuswide problems. Unlike student body presidents before him, David Brady goes directly to the students and the sources of the problems. "Going door to door" and taking a personal interest in each student is proof that David Brady is genuinely concerned with student needs.

David has the experience, the motivation, the leadership abilities, the close contact with the

students and the realistic goals to make an excellent student body president. David Brady can make the difference between a student government without the students and one with the students. David Brady is working for you.

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For RHA, Watts

To the editor:  
 This year's race for RHA president provides an important crossroads for RHA, yet it appears that much of the significance of this race has been glossed over by both *The Daily Tar Heel* and the voter. One candidate represents experienced, realistic, strong and energetic leadership. This candidate is H.F. Watts, and he stands head and shoulders above his competition. My support of H.F. Watts stems from more than my disappointment with Ray Jones; more importantly, my support of Watts comes from what he is, what he represents and his ideas.

Watts has the required experience to make a good RHA president: Teague Hall representative, Scott College social lt. governor, governor of Scott College, member of RHA Governing Board and inaugural member of the RHA Finance Committee, twice Scott College Orientation area coordinator and a member of the Orientation Commission. Watts' experience is not only impressive, it is also meaningful. His experience will give him the capability to effectively lead RHA in the right direction. Watts knows his constituency on both the area and University level. Put simply, Watts knows RHA, and if elected, he could immediately begin to implement his ideas. Such is not the case with his opponent.

Watts is conscientious enough to avoid the rhetorical promises that sound good to both the press and to voters. His integrity may have cost him the election. Watts' opponent, on the other hand, makes promises that he knows he cannot keep. Of all people, Jones knows that parking is under the jurisdiction of the Student Body President. Yet, time and time again Jones has made promises that are literally impossible for him to keep. Perhaps worse than the misrepresentation of facts is the way Jones has stolen ideas from Watts and presented those ideas to voters as his own. The idea of inter-area mixers is already instituted in RHA, and it was Watts, not Jones, who first suggested a large all-campus party before the drinking age changes. In this community,

## Letters to the editor

Jones' activity is not only plagiaristic, it is despicable. Another major asset that Watts carries with him is those of us who endorse him. He has been endorsed by Jack Zemp, governor of Hinton James; Courtney Saunders, governor of Granville Towers; Allen Gleitz, governor of STOW; Jeff Ward, governor of Henderson Residence College and Jimmy Greene, former Campus Governing Council speaker.

Ultimately, the choice of RHA president, and thus the future of RHA, lies with the voter. However, as current RHA president, here is my advice: if you want experienced and realistic leadership, vote H.F. Watts; if you want strong and practical leadership, again vote H.F. Watts; lastly, if you want leadership that will not make impossible promises but will effectively work for all residents, then I encourage you to vote H.F. Watts for RHA president.

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For RHA, Jones

To the editor:  
 In his campaign for RHA president, something Ray Jones often said was, "Ask the people of Avery what kind of president I have been for them." They know his strengths and weaknesses and his abilities as a leader in dorm government. Last Tuesday in Scott College, where Ray lives and where H.F. Watts is governor, residents made their choice for the better leader. They overwhelmingly chose Ray, and I encourage the rest of the campus to make the same choice.

Ray's ideas are concrete and sensible; his leadership is progressive and responsive.

Tough issues confront RHA this year, issues which place major responsibilities upon the RHA president in protecting the interests of residents. For example, this month the Board of Trustees will consider a further reduction in the number of student parking spaces. In the same meeting they could decide to raise the mandatory meal plan minimum. Ray has dealt with the administration and the trustees extensively in performing his duties in Avery government and in directing the Student Government Committee on Parking. He knows what it takes to make progress with the administration, and he knows what it takes to make the student voice heard. Why trust such important student concerns to someone else who is simply not capable?

The RHA presidency requires a person with solutions and

leadership who commands the respect of administrators. As a Resident Assistant for two years, I have seen University Housing inside and out. The only way to reverse the Housing policy that results in no trash cans and high room rents is to elect a leader with the determination and the willingness to stand up for students in the face of Housing, a leader who will work to make dorm governments strong again. It means getting concerned about our own student affairs; it means electing Ray Jones. Vote Ray Jones for RHA president. Again...

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For SBP, Hassel

To the editor:  
 Students should elect student body presidents who will represent their best interests. While many of those interests are the same from year to year, there are major issues that change as frequently as Suite C administrations. Consequently, the office demands a leader with the abilities to handle these issues. Bryan Hassel is that candidate.

The student body president at UNC is repeatedly sought out to give his or her opinion on differing concerns. Invariably, he will find himself balancing his attention between campus issues and those local and national affairs that directly influence the campus. Students often do not realize the impact of the consolidated college student voice in the nation. Bryan Hassel is the person to fill and perform these needs.

I know fully the duties of the student body president by having served in that office, 1983-84. I feel confident both candidates for this office could perform adequately. However, Bryan Hassel has the foresight, leadership abilities, and ideas characteristic of the type student body president the campus needs at this time.

When voting today, please keep in mind the importance of the divergent roles the student body president must perform — trustee, spokesperson, administrator and advocate of student interests. Keep in mind those matters which we as students must address which are relevant to this campus and the UNC system. Remember also that we as students have a responsibility to exert our influence in shaping our environment. Speaking as someone who knows the office, Bryan Hassel will serve us well as student body president and in the many accompanying roles. Now is the time to elect a person with Bryan's qualifications.

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## U.S. must own up to responsibilities in South Africa as violence mounts

Note: Tonight is the fourth of the eight-part Great Decisions foreign policy lecture series, sponsored by the Office of International Programs. The Rev. Mbitalepula Chabaku, a black South African minister in exile, will address the topic "South Africa: Is peaceful change still possible?" in the Hanes Art Building auditorium.

As if February and the flu season weren't depressing enough, I'd like to consider the chances for peaceful change in South Africa and the role that the United States has been playing there. I warn you that neither of them appear very uplifting.

Recent events in South Africa have demonstrated the moral bankruptcy of the minority whites' doctrine of apartheid, which mandates racial discrimination as a fundamental principle of society. The majority blacks are denied the right to vote, the right to choose where to live, and even the right to citizenship in their own country. Particularly painful are the economic and human tolls of apartheid on the majority, who may lose as many as one in four of their children to malnutrition and disease before their first birthday.

The non-whites have been striving peacefully to change this racist society for nearly eight

### Marshall Mills Guest columnist

decades, but frustrating rejection by the white authorities has increasingly channeled this desire for progress into violence. Police massacres of blacks at demonstrations, often peaceful ones (many victims are shot in the back), have been recurring since 1960 and have culminated during the past 16 months in a low-level race war that has claimed nearly 800 lives. Matters have gotten significantly worse since President Botha declared a state of emergency last July. Images from South Africa of burning cars, stone-hurling youths and trigger-happy policemen were common on American television until the South African government banned cameras from riot-torn areas.

So what does this have to do with America? The United States is closely involved with South Africa both economically and diplomatically. In fact, most black Africans perceive that the United States is supporting South Africa because of the

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Reagan administration's policy of "constructive engagement," which involves cooperation with the government, diplomatic opposition to international punishment of South Africa and full economic cooperation. Despite recent retreats due to domestic opposition, U.S. policy still fails to pressure South Africa or curtail either our contact with the repugnant system or U.S. corporations' profits from the oppressive economy.

Yet many Americans are upset with the stain of the U.S.'s apparent support for apartheid. Proposals have circulated in Congress for harsh economic sanctions against South Africa and support for the focus of change there. The stain even extends here, Carolina Blue Heaven, as our Endowment Fund's investments include corporations extracting profits from the racist

oppression in South Africa. In yet another example of the University's disdain for student input, four years of student protests and referendums in favor of divestment from these corporations have met with rejections and smokescreens. In a move typical of the American establishment's reaction to South Africa, the University has made the cosmetic change of investing only in corporations adhering to the Sullivan Principles, which merely call for the unverified "equal treatment" of the highly unequally treated blacks and whites. Hardly justice. These same corporations, many in key industries such as automobiles and computers, pay taxes and provide American technology to the racist government's machine of oppression (e.g., American computers enable the police to keep track of pass law violators). Hardly constructive.

Meanwhile, the racial violence is mounting. Prophets of nonviolent change, such as Bishop Desmond Tutu, preach on, but the sermons are being increasingly drowned out by police guns answering rioters' rocks. Black youths have been heard to ask, "How many bullets can they have?" Recently, an unarmed crowd overcame two white policemen at great loss to themselves. If the prospects for peaceful change are not to die in these hate-filled massacres, then a substantial alternative to violent change must be offered.

One essential ingredient of a peaceful alternative is forceful action by the United States and other Western countries. The current reaction of the American establishment, from the White House to South Building, is disturbing in its cooperation with racist South Africa. What's behind the complacency? The profit motive? Fear of change? Ideological similarities? If 800 dead are not enough, the price paid for this complacency can only increase. South Africa is changing, one way or another. Let's hope that the prospect for peaceful change has not yet been the high price paid for our complacency.

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