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Editorials

Vote for sports club referendum

Interscholastic competition by UNC teams is not limited to varsity squads. The club sports program offers a viable alternative to those capable athletes looking for team competition who can't keep pace with the Kenny Smiths and Mark Mayes of the world.

Unlike the healthier budgets for varsity athletics, club sports teams do well to maintain "a level of subsistence," as Sports Club Council President Scott Martin so aptly put it. When \$17,000 is distributed among 26 teams for a year's operating cost, more revenue must be obtained.

The council is turning to the student body through a referendum that seeks a \$1 per semester increase in Student Activities Fees. It's an increase the students should grant when they go to the polls Tuesday.

Martin and his colleagues have carefully assessed the council's needs and know how the \$40,000-plus in newfound revenues will be spent. About 60 percent of the increase will go to hire a full-time club sports director, whose duties will include coordination of facility use, tournament organization and serving as a conduit to the administration. This director will not serve over the students

but for the students, exemplified by the fact that students would maintain control over the council's budgetary decisions.

The remaining 40 percent would go to programming expenses, such as equipment and increased publicity. This increase will essentially double the council's existing programming budget of \$17,000. The 26 club teams applied for a total of \$32,000 this year. This referendum would make up that \$15,000 difference.

The Sports Club Council is not an organization trying to mooch off the student body. Club members pay dues ranging from \$3 for squash to \$40 for ice hockey. Past fund raising efforts by several club teams have been successful, such as the crew team's ability to raise more than \$10,000 to buy two new shells. However, if the club doesn't have the money to sponsor tournaments or travel to competitions, what good do the shells do sitting in storage?

This is not some whimsically organized proposal. Martin and his fellow club athletes have prepared a solid, specific plan to improve a burgeoning group. Vote for the referendum.

Yes — set date. No — his/her

There will be two constitutional referendums before the student body on election day, aside from the more prominent matter of the Sports Club Council. Neither of the proposals represents an earthshaking question, but one of the two is worthy of passage. As for the other, it would have been better had the bill never seen the light of day.

The first referendum has to do with special elections which are held to fill vacant Student Congress seats. Currently, the Constitution requires the student body president to order such elections 15 to 30 days from the date of the vacancy.

The amendment proposes the holding of special elections on the third Tuesday after the seat becomes vacant, as long as the vacancy occurred more than 45 days before a regular election. It thus has the virtue of removing the uncertainty of election scheduling and of liberating the president from an unneeded responsibility. The amendment represents a practical solution to a real problem, and should be passed.

The same, however, cannot be said about the second referendum. A vote for this amendment will change the Constitution so that both male and female pronouns will be used, in place

of merely the masculine. In other words, every reference to "his" will become "his/her," and every reference to "he" will become "he/she," and so on.

It should be noted that the act to authorize this amendment passed 17-2 in the Student Congress. The reasons for such a landslide should be obvious. It is the rare legislator willing to vote against a bill which purports to be a symbol of a more equal educational community.

But the "nay" vote was, and is, the correct response to this bafflingly inane amendment. The changes it proposes are clearly cosmetic, and represent no fundamental attitudinal shift. Indeed, all the revisions will do is further confuse an already turgid document, making it less readable and further unwrapped in bureaucratese.

Practical problems aside, it is not even clear that the idea behind the amendment is a good one. The generic "he," along with its masculine pronoun compatriots, is no longer understood as referring just to men. To regard it as a symbol of a male-dominated society is no longer a valid point of view, and the amendment should be rejected.

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Tar Heel Forum

CAA candidates speak their piece

Suzanne Lowe

The Carolina Athletic Association is your direct connection to the Athletic Department and serves to keep you informed of all the athletic opportunities open to you at Carolina as well as address any concerns you may have with the facilities, the distribution of tickets and the attendance at athletic events. The CAA has increasingly become more of a "student organization" and I intend to continue along the present, progressive path.

I have been involved with the CAA for three years and have a genuine interest representing the students on all athletic issues. One of my goals is to develop a monthly bulletin which will represent the non-profit, club and intramural sports programs with registration deadlines, meeting times, event schedules and other pertinent information to keep students informed of opportunities. Other issues, such as increasing student hours in the weight rooms, on the courts and in the swimming facilities are concerns on which I intend to focus. I strongly encourage students to support the referendum for the allocation of funds to the Sports Club Council, as it is essential to the stability of all athletic organizations.

Because I don't believe that a few letters to the editor represent the opinions of the entire student body, my primary concern with the ticket policy would be to actively solicit ideas and information from all concerned students. I intend to publish a survey in the DTH which would give the CAA a more thorough idea of students' primary concerns and enable us to develop the best possible alternative. One of the most promising changes made this year was the use of block seating at basketball games. This offers convenience and helps to increase enthusiasm in the stands — factors which I consider high priorities in the evaluation of any policy alternative.

Another important issue is the enhancement of crowd involvement at all Carolina sports events. This year the CAA developed the "Carolina Fever Committee," the group which successfully organized a pep rally for the Georgia Tech football game. I feel that holding a pep rally every Friday night before a home football game would be certain to increase crowd participation in Kenan Stadium. Adding spirit incentives such as free pom-poms, and continuing the banner contests are other effective roles for this committee to develop. But the focus should not be only on football. The group should move their support toward all athletic events by sponsoring contests and offering prize incentives to attract fans to a variety of athletic programs.

As co-chairman of the Homecoming committee, I have seen outstanding progress in this event. I believe the best way to improve Rampage is to develop more diverse activities involving a greater percentage of the student body. The utilization of corporate involvement would enable us to bring in major acts — comedians and musicians — and to create benefit concerts. The money that companies could contribute would not only provide large prizes for the float competition, but would enhance the halftime show as well. Homecoming is a tradition that reflects highly upon our university, and the continuation of this event is another high priority in my campaign.

I have numerous ideas to offer the CAA, and the experience and enthusiasm to make them work. The CAA is YOUR voice on all athletic issues, and I will make your opinions count!

Carol Geer

The previous Carolina Athletic Association administration was successful, and, if elected, I hope mine will be just as effective. I have been successful with my work as chairman of the Special Projects Committee of the CAA over the past year. This committee has established the Intramurals Advisory Board, which represents students' concerns to the IM department; this remedies a previous problem where students were unable to voice their suggestions and complaints. Also, I initiated the development of the UNC Fitness Trail, which may be built as early as this summer.

The CAA has solved many problems; however, I realize that there are more issues which need to be addressed. These include more time for students in the weight room, more use of the Nautilus equipment and the establishment of regular and accessible hours at the Koury Natatorium.

Kelly Clark

Before last April, the Residence Hall Association was basically a programming club — one that found itself being pushed around too easily by the Department of University Housing. Beginning last spring, the Residence Hall Association became separate from the Department of University Housing, lost its image as a programming club and began to fulfill its true purpose and potential.

What has developed is an independence and direction that not only best serves the interests of the residents of UNC's dorms, but also holds the University Housing accountable. Whether it means making sure lounge TVs work, making sure there is hot

I recognize ticket distribution could be improved and tailored to reflect students' needs; to this end, I will listen to student suggestions. One possibility which I will explore is distributing on Sunday afternoons with eight ticket windows open.

Students need to be aware of the full realm of athletic opportunities as soon as they arrive at UNC. Through distributing a complete UNC Sports Perspective, which will be distributed to all freshmen at orientation and made available to all students, I hope to enhance athletic involvement as well as tap many unrealized sporting opportunities. Publishing a monthly calendar of all important athletic dates, we could reach the entire student body with a lot of essential athletic information.

I realize that student input and involvement are themes of all the candidates, and I have specific answers to these problems. I plan on improving and enhancing student involvement in Homecoming through moving the parade from Friday to Thursday. This would allow for more bands to participate and would leave Friday night open for an all-campus pep rally. Also, by working with dorm governments, sororities, fraternities and the senior class, I think I have found a possible solution to build more support for non-revenue sports. For example, a dorm government could sponsor a party, such as a "Pin the Iowa Wrestlers Party," with the purpose of encouraging more students to attend the sporting event. This would provide the students with a channel for their "partying energy," and at the same time create a sense of camaraderie and enthusiasm for non-revenue sports.

I think all the candidates will agree that the function of the CAA is to represent the students on all athletic issues. Because this is our purpose, I am uniquely qualified. As chairman of the Special Projects Committee, I've been the one fielding and responding to these issues over the past year. I am familiar with the problems and understand what they entail.

CAA is the liaison between the athletic department and the student body. Through my work on the Fitness Trail and with the Intramurals Advisory Board, I have worked with a lot of students and with the administration. The ability to communicate with the students and administration is very important in this position. I am experienced in this area, and I think I could provide a smooth and effective transition from what is now a progressive CAA to one equally as concerned with helping students resolve all their athletic concerns.

Randy Diggs

After working on the Carolina Athletic Association publicity committee for the past year, I became aware of several areas needing improvement. Because the other candidates have each been on the cabinet for at least a year, I feel they have had their chance to make these improvements and have not done so. It is for this reason I am running for CAA president. I feel I can start anew, make some changes in the cabinet and, most importantly, make students aware that CAA is there to solve their athletic concerns. I feel the present cabinet has concentrated too much on ticket distribution and Homecoming, while other CAA responsibilities suffered.

Issues to address:
 ■ Rams' Club lunches — These occur monthly, involving the Rams' Club vice-president, and are open to any interested students. It's a free meal, usually at the Rat. CAA should better publicize this event.

■ Monthly calendar of athletic events — CAA currently publishes a yearly newspaper in the fall. Most students never see this, and it is mostly outdated information on varsity athletics. I propose to eliminate this newspaper and publish a monthly calendar of athletic events funded by coupons from local businesses.

■ Publicity for non-revenue sports — We have national soccer and lacrosse champions here as well as national contenders in field hockey, basketball and other sports. Virginia has set an attendance record for women's basketball and Duke is also trying to set a record this year. Why can't we do that here at Carolina? Publicity can influence more students to go to these and future games. Also, free trips have been given away at volleyball matches. The students need to know of these specials.

■ Homecoming — To generate more spirit among students, implement a competition among dorms, sororities, fraternities and other campus organizations. This competition includes points for float participation, noise in block seating at the

Homecoming game and events won at a type of field day competition. The overall winner would be crowned with a Spirit Award at the Homecoming game and rewarded with block seating for future football and basketball games.

■ Have the Homecoming pep rally much later on Friday night (around 10 p.m.) so more students will get involved, followed by an all-campus party.

■ Establish a theme to go along with Rampage so students can identify better with the spirit of Homecoming (i.e. Rampage '87: Back on top in the ACC).

■ Tickets — CAA must continue to publicize the ticket policy throughout the season, be consistent in its implementation and let students know about proposed changes before it is too late for input.

■ Special projects — Continue to improve hours in the weight room (look into getting a new weight facility), swim hours in Koury Natatorium and basketball hours in Woolen.

These are just a few things CAA can do for you, the students. I ask that you consider allowing me the opportunity to put CAA back into the eyes of the students, and to put CAA's emphasis on students' needs and not the needs or desires of the CAA cabinet.

Denny Worley

The most important elements I could bring to the office of Carolina Athletic Association president are the desire for more University-community involvement and the knowledge I have gained as a three-year member. I was a member of the student ticket committee, Parents' Football Day coordinator, Executive Cabinet member and this year, vice president in charge of tickets. Therefore, I have had experience with one of the two most-debated topics of this election, the other being Homecoming. There are also other issues I would like to address:

■ Tickets — In the last year I was instrumental in creation of the current policy. I also pursued the implementation of basketball block seating. Ken Brown (director of tickets), the Smith Center officials and I feel that the current system is fair and equally accessible to all. I would, however, be open to suggestions.

■ Homecoming — The key to success in this area is student participation. I would like to cooperate with the Carolina Union Activities Board, RHA, BSM, Alumni Association, the Educational Foundation and other campus organizations to schedule events which coincide with the week of Homecoming. I would like to see a parade with more bands and more floats. To encourage more float competition, I would work to offer larger prizes, more recognition and card section block seating for the next home game for winners. I would also begin work now with Smith Center officials to schedule a "Homecoming Concert." I would involve the town by organizing downtown bar specials and sales with businesses. I would also like to show video-taped interviews of the Homecoming queen candidates in the Union and downtown bars during the week prior to the voting and publish a Homecoming program to contain business ads, profiles of the queen candidates and an event schedule.

■ Publications — I would like to publish a booklet at the beginning of the year containing Sports Club information, Intramural information and facilities hours. This would be complemented by a bi-monthly calendar of events and distribution dates in the DTH.

■ Continuing programs — I would like to see the "Lunch with the Rams' Club" program grow and involve more students. I would also continue free Rams' Club memberships for seniors and support the continued growth of the IM Advisory Board that was created this year. I would like to see Parents' Football Day evolve into a larger event by encouraging campus groups, including the Greek system, to plan their parents' day at the same time.

■ New ideas — I would like to arrange with Chapel Hill Transit for the U Bus to run earlier on basketball distribution mornings, as the first bus is currently at 7:18 a.m. and distribution begins at 6:30 a.m. I also would try for more busses on the basketball shuttle route.

I would also expand the Carolina Fever Committee to organize Friday night football pep rallies before each home game. I would also like for this group to organize trips to away games to support the team.

Through these activities, I plan to get the students more involved and the CAA more visible on campus.

RHA solo candidate offers ideas

water in the highrises or making sure a rent increase is justified, we should continue to be watchful.

RHA needs to be a self-government, doing what the people in the dorms want it to — representing them in the issues that are most important to them. From the results of a student needs assessment conducted by RHA this past semester, we are seeing what those issues are.

Residents want to see well-planned, fun social events as well as challenging academic and cultural programs. They want to interact with the faculty in the dorms. They want furniture in the study lounges.

Other issues that need attention include improving the lottery system of assigning dorm spaces, improving the discipline

procedure for alcohol policy violations and fighting to preserve the rich tradition of Old East and Old West. These are all things that require the close attention of both RHA and University Housing, working together in a professional manner. Only then can the interests of the residents best be served.

RHA is in a state of change; there is no question about that. The idea that dorm government is no longer just an exercise in programming is a refreshing one. Programming is certainly an integral part of dorm government, but it is far from being the only part. The ability of students to have some influence upon the decisions that affect their lives is essential. We must continue to make our voice strong and make our voice heard.