

Student Congress Candidates

William Hatchett

William Hatchett, a sophomore biology major, is from Yanceyville.

Hatchett is running for Student Congress because he feels that there is a need for more unity between South Campus residents and representatives in order to have a more unified and effective voice in Student Government issues affecting their district.

By working closer with the other South Campus representatives,



Hatchett feels that some of the benefits of living closer to campus facilities can be brought to South Campus. This includes having copier machines in the dormitories and a book depository at Chase Hall.

Hatchett said he would also work towards improved South Campus security, more allocated parking spaces for students, more stable hours for Chase Cafeteria, and continuing the South Campus Forum. He also said that he would work toward getting office hours for representatives on South Campus so when a student has a problem, "they know where to find you."

Matt Slotkin

Matt Slotkin, a junior political science and international studies major, is from Charlotte.

"I'm particularly disturbed about the apathy in District 17 and the feeling that Student Congress has no redeeming value," Slotkin said. "I have a broad range of interests within the political spectrum and I think it's crucial that Student Congress is depoliticized."



There is too much strife between the right and the left and there should be more about the student and his concerns."

Slotkin said he would initiate a questionnaire to get a feel for student opinion and utilize their input. He said he wants to emphasize campus issues and communication with his constituency through two newsletters each semester. Slotkin also said he would examine the funding of certain groups to determine "whether they are aptly publicizing issues of their particular group with the funds."

Randy McBride

Randy McBride, a junior from Winston Salem, is a biology and chemistry major.

McBride said as an off-campus student he is concerned with improving the bus system by working with Chapel Hill's Transportation Office to get runs scheduled later at night and to get more lighting at bus stops for security reasons. He said off-



campus students need more parking spaces on campus and this could be accomplished by "converting some of the lots back to off-campus parking (only) so people who live in dorms would not be able to park in those lots."

McBride said another concern is the amount of money Student Congress disperses. "There are certain groups on campus who are being funded yet not meeting the needs of the students," he said. "I think that \$200,000 is a lot of money so there needs to be a tighter control on the budget process."

Tab Hunter

Tab Hunter did not come by to be interviewed during the scheduled time.

Brien Lewis

Brien Lewis, a freshman political science major, is from Toronto, Canada.

Lewis is running to emphasize what representative means, he said. He said if elected he would listen to the people in his district. "I'm someone who will listen to everyone and what they have to say," he said.

South Campus has unique problems to deal with, he said. Lewis would like to expand the shuttle system so that South Campus



residents have more mobility, he said. He would also like to increase security on South Campus and have a student patrol implemented.

Lewis wants to make sure that South Campus residents benefit from the proposed parking ramp to be built, he said. "I want to make sure it's not just used for Smith Center activities," he said. "I realize that they have parking problems, but so do students."

A Student Government branch should be set up on South Campus, he said. "That way students wouldn't have to come all the way into campus just to ask a question," he said.

District 18

Off camps (two seats)

Gene Davis

Gene Davis did not come by for his interview.

George Goodwin

George Wayne Goodwin, a sophomore from Hamlet, is a political science and history major.

Goodwin says he wants to increase representation for off-campus students and make them aware that the Student Congress is



not only for the on-campus student. "I wish to give an ear and a voice for off-campus residents," Goodwin says.

Goodwin said his platform stresses three points: information distribution, accessibility, and constituent satisfaction. "I propose to send out a newsletter on a bi-monthly or monthly basis giving my opinion and getting constituents' opinions on the issues at hand."

David McNeill

David McNeill, a senior social studies education major, is from Seagrove.

McNeill said his primary concern would be to educate and inform students about campus issues enough for them to become involved. Too many simply are not well-informed on the issues that effect them, he said. If elected, he



said he would get involved in campus policies.

The biggest problem on campus is student apathy, McNeill said, and if elected, he would work to stimulate students. Now, many students will complain, and few will take action.

McNeill targeted the drop-add system, student parking, and ticket distribution as areas that needed to be worked on. By taking action in those areas — those which most affect students — students will become more involved, he said.

Jim Wooten

Jim Wooten, a senior political science major, is from Lexington.

Allocation of money is the most important responsibility of student congress, he said. "I want to see the allocation be more representative of what the students want," he said. For example, he said, the Carolina Gay and Lesbian Association should be completely defunded because a vast majority of students are against funding it.



There are other groups which should be partially defunded because they're getting more than they should, he said. The decision on which groups would be defunded should be made by the congress, he said, but students should decide how much they want to pay in student fees.

Students who live off-campus should be given more access to on-campus parking, he said. "It's a lot easier for those who live on-campus to get around without parking," he said. He would also like to see more measures taken to ensure security. Among these measures should be a campus patrol, he said.

District 17

Off campus (two seats)

Mitch Johnston

Mitch Johnston, a junior speech communication major, is from Davidson.

Unity is the focus of Johnston's campaign. Because the district is so geographically spread out, Johnston feels that it is the Student Congress representative's job to promote unity within the district, and to search out residents in order to get input on



issues affecting the district.

"Student input is valuable enough to physically go out and get it," Johnston said. "I'll invite calls, set up meetings and do anything to get people involved."

Johnston said Student Congress should be more interested in campus issues and should not concentrate on national issues. Area concerns for the district include increased security in the area due to the amount of vandalism on weekends, and that is something he plans to work on.

District 19

Off campus (two seats)

Guy Lucas

Guy Lucas, a senior journalism major, is from Greensboro.

Lucas said it was important to have people in Student Congress who are not going to vote only according to political ideology. The congress needs people who vote for the students, he said, adding that he would do that.



The present congress, for example, gave students the impression that it didn't look at what their constituents really wanted, he said. If elected, Lucas said there would be a voice against people who vote according to political ideologies, giving the congress a wider perspective, he said.

Lucas also said he would bring to the congress the experience of someone who had been here for three years, someone who could consider past precedents, he said.

District 20

Off campus (two seats)

Patti Hurst

Patti Hurst, a junior and interdisciplinary major with a concentration in women's study, is from Boone.

"I think it's important to represent the off-campus student who frequently falls through the crack when it comes to representation," she said. "Most people think (only) of stu-



dents as those who live on-campus."

Running unopposed, Hurst wants more accessibility for off-campus students and a stronger voice in campus issues. Hurst said there is a demand for more frequent off-campus bus routes, something she says she plans to work hard for. And she wants fair and equitable appropriation of student activity fees.

Hurst also wants to see more student advocacy of local, national and international issues.

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Polling sites

Site	District
Union	All
Y-court	All
Hamilton	All
Davis	All
Craige	All grads
Law school	Dist. 1
Medical school	Dist. 6
Rosenau	Dists. 5,6,7
Mclver	Dist. 11
Spencer	Dist. 11
Parker	Dist. 14
Carmichael	Dist. 14
Ruffin	Dist. 12
Cobb	Dist. 12
Graham	Dist. 12
Ehringhaus	Dist. 15
Granville West	Dist. 10
Connor	Dist. 13
Morrison	Dist. 16
Hinton James	Dist. 16
Chase	All except Dists. 10, 11, 12, 13, 14
Whitehead	Dist. 14

Forum

unsuccessfully before and if the program would employ only eight students.

Sitton said she was unaware of an earlier program, but said N.C. State University had a successful safety patrol. "I won't argue with any program that keeps eight students in school."

Cooper and Brady were asked if their proposals to cut textbook prices would negatively affect scholarships underwritten by Student Stores.

Cooper said it was true. "I don't know who's getting those scholarships," he added. "There should be clear policies and regulations about who is eligible for those scholarships."

Cooper defended his book-rental program, saying it would offer students more options and save them money.

Brady said it was best that scholarships not be cut, but said the current system was unfair. He gave an example of a professor who made slight changes to his own textbook every year, forcing his students to buy a text they could not sell back.

The candidates were asked how they would make students aware of their actions.

Cooper said he would hold "Presidential Pit Conferences" and have a "Benevolence Corps."

Brady said he would appoint a representative from every residence hall floor to keep him aware of student's concerns.

Bailey said he would have residence hall representatives, hold bi-weekly meetings and hold press conferences where he and University administrators would be put on the "hot spot" by students.

Gunter said he would write a "State of the Campus" column for the Daily Tar Heel periodically.

Sitton said she would also write a column, knock on doors and use the Residence Hall Association to keep students aware.

Hill stressed personal contact with students and taking an interest in their concerns would keep him aware.

Candidates were asked what they would do to help minorities at UNC, particularly blacks and women.

Cooper said his financial aid safeguard program would enable him to work together with North Carolina congressmen to monitor their actions concerning student aid.

Sitton said her Student Congress record showed "a commitment to your concerns." Brady said that he would "do everything I can do to get a Black Cultural Center." Brady said the center was important because it would educate all students, including him.

Bailey said, "Don't get mad, but

Drugs

should have a free choice."

The extremists in this war are the Reagan Administration and the dope peddlers, Leary contends. Politicians fail to realize that a lesser potential for serious abuse lies with drugs than it does for guns or automobiles, so the current "witch-hunt" shows misplaced priorities, he said.

Bensinger points to an Oregon referendum in November asking citizens to decriminalize marijuana possession, which was defeated by an overwhelming 70 percent as evidence that America is fed up with drugs.

"You can't choose which laws you're going to follow and which ones you aren't," he said.

Bensinger, whose firm coordinates "confirmable and verifiable" mandatory random drug testing for its corporate clients, sees the tests as a way to put people back on the right path. He advocates that his clients use the results to force their employees to seek help.

The tests are not unfair or illegal either, Bensinger said. "If the tests are verified by a second test the results are 100 percent," he said.

Leary answers, "The constitution says that the government can't come into your house; how can they intrude on your body?"

Leary called last year's anti-drug movement "hysterical." Only six

I don't think I should provide anything to you just because you're black and a girl." He said Student Government should be dedicated to all students' needs, but not focus on those of any select groups.

Gunter said his record also showed he was committed to minority concerns, and said the key was involving the administration. "We need to get the administration just as enthused as we are."

Hill said he would use specific plans to provide minorities and all students with student aid or alternative income.

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people have been documented to have died from marijuana in the last 2,500 years of its use, he claims.

"Two of those giggled themselves to death; a couple were overweight and ate themselves to death, and the other two... (fornicated) themselves to death."

Bensinger said that the marijuana being smoked today is many times more powerful than it was a few years ago and has recently been documented to cause emphysema and cancer and leave its users more susceptible to illness.

People, especially kids, only have to look around them and see peers who are spaced out, dead or burned out to see the harmful effects of drugs, which is why they are no longer tolerant of a drug culture, Bensinger said.

Both men agree however, that the latest cutback in funds for drug education and rehabilitation shows misplaced priorities by the Reagan Administration.

Leary says it shows that the hysteria was only an election year tool which became an empty promise.

Bensinger said that Reagan is wrong in allocating \$4 billion to protect US embassies against terrorism and only a tenth of that to fight drugs. "What about the terrorism caused by drugs at home — in our parks, schools and on our streets?"