

# The scoop on the man in Suite C

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Welcome to Campus Spotlight. Beginning this week we'll be bringing you inside information on some of the famous, intriguing, enigmatic or just downright eccentric people on campus that you've always wanted to get to know. A new one every week. So enjoy it.

And who better to start off this auspicious column than Kevin Martin, our newly-elected student body president?

"I was the typical freshman," Martin said in a recent interview. "My freshman year passed very uneventfully, and it wasn't until I was a sophomore that I began to become more active in campus activities."

Martin says that because his high school was so small, he was a little overwhelmed when he arrived at UNC.

"Carolina seemed really big to me, and I spent my first year here just getting used to my new surroundings," he says. But during his sophomore year, he became active in campus organizations, pledging Sigma Nu fraternity and



joining Student Government.

Martin does spend some time studying, however, since he's a political science major who hopes to go to graduate school. But that's not what he likes to do best — he says his favorite pastime is sleeping. "I have such a small amount of free time that I have to use it wisely." But he does admit to sneaking off to the Waffle House in Durham when he has the time.

Martin also likes sports. "I like playing basketball at the fraternity house," he says.

When it comes to meeting new people, Martin says he is often shy, although he tries not to let it

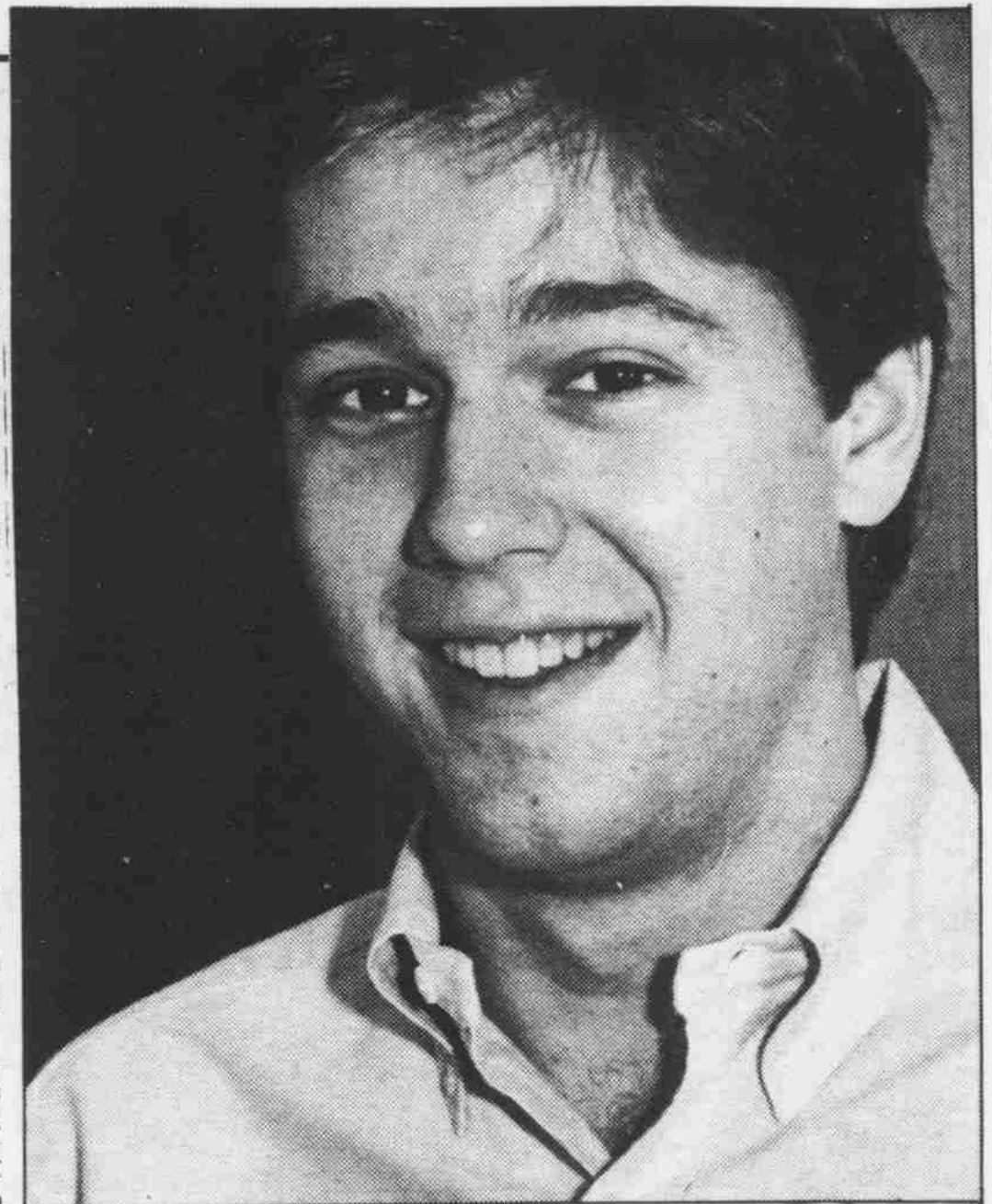
show. "I enjoy one-on-one conversations better than large groups," he says. "I guess that maybe I am a little too serious at times as well."

But that doesn't mean he never does anything spontaneously. The craziest thing Martin says he's done is heading to Myrtle Beach with his best friend on the 4th of July two years ago — without even thinking about getting a place to stay.

"We couldn't find a place when we got there so we just lived in my car," he said, "and woke up every morning at sunrise."

Martin doesn't have any favorite classes, but he named professors Jurg Steiner (political science) and Art Benavie (economics) as his favorite professors "because they both take an active initiative in working with students. A good professor can make any class interesting."

The title "student body president" may conjure up images of a superman-type individual, but Martin says he's a typical student who wants to make a positive impact on the campus and people around him.



Student Body President Kevin Martin DTH/Matthew Plyler

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## Need to get away? Roadtrip to Carowinds

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You've seen them. All those Disney World, Busch Gardens and even Opreyland commercials. You know: "Europe in your own backyard," "Wish upon a star," and all that. So you think to yourself, it's too far, it's too expensive or (God forbid) it's just kid's stuff.

Hold on a minute! Before you spend another weekend in Chapel Hill, doing homework and contemplating your navel, consider that you're only two and a half hours away from our own amusement park — Carowinds. It's not far, it's not expensive and it's definitely not for kids only.

If you have spring fever and need to get away from your studies for a day or two, give it a shot. Just south of Charlotte, Carowinds offers a full day of sights and sounds and smells for only \$15.95. What could be better than a day of sensory overload to make you forget that final exams are quickly approaching?

Whether it's your first visit or your 10th, there is certainly something for everyone. Plenty of rides, as always, plus shows and concerts at the Paladium provide more than enough to please any taste. The concerts, which cost \$3 to \$5, will begin in May.

At Carowinds, the question is never what to do, but what to do first. Obviously, you have to check out the rides. Carowinds offers many roller coasters — Thunder Road, White Lightning and The Carolina Cyclone. It takes a brave soul to venture onto these rides. If you don't have such a highly developed sense of adven-



ture or a strong stomach, there are some rides like the Scooby Doo Roller Coaster and the carousel that might be a better choice.

Carowinds boasts two new attractions this season. The first is White Water Falls. This ride takes 20 passengers in a boat up a 45-foot lift on water. When the boat reaches the top, it makes a U-turn and plunges into a lake at the bottom. The impact creates a wall of water that soaks everyone, including observers.

The other new attraction is called Cinema 180-Degree Theatre, an action adventure movie shown on a round screen. The movie, called "Impact," surrounds the observers, making them feel a part of the action.

With all of this fun only a short drive away, what other excuse does one need for putting off that philosophy paper until Sunday night? Even if you want to stay overnight, it's still a reasonable proposition. Comfort Inn beside the park offers double rooms starting at \$40.95. The price of food in the park is comparable to that of Lenoir Hall. You can get a hot dog and soda for around \$3.

Get away from your studies for a day and spend only about \$20? It's a dream within reach — Carowinds is a day of fun at a reasonable price.