

Election Forum

For Residence Hall Association president

Liz Jackson

RHA is an important position, and I am the best candidate for the job.

I am running for RHA president because I like living in a dorm and I enjoy being able to have an impact on the place and the people that make up my home. More simply, I want to help people like where they live. I have the experience necessary to do the job. I have demonstrated the hard work and dedication that are essential for such a role, and I have workable and sensible solutions to the problems that face dorm residents.

I have been involved in dorm government at every level. I served as a floor president as a sophomore and am now governor of Morrison and a member of the RHA governing board. This experience and the results produced in these positions have shown that I am an effective, well-respected leader who has the qualities and abilities that are essential for a successful RHA president. If you have any doubts about my abilities or effectiveness, ask your area governor what they think of me. They have seen me work.

The variety of RHA's functions range from working for dorm residents on projects such as maintaining North Campus' Circus Room; to assuring that you have hot water for your shower each morning; to buying vacuum cleaners and pool tables; to attempting to prevent unwarranted room rent increases; to social and cultural programming such as semi-

formals and talent nights. These are concrete things that I will promote to make our homes just a little nicer.

The two central features of my platform are *service* and *representation*.

Service: Dorm residents need access to more computers. RHA must push for a fully staffed South Campus computer lab to be open when students return in August with the same capabilities as the labs on main campus. Once the South Campus lab is complete, I will work to get more computers in North Campus dorms since there are not enough there currently.

South Campus Outreach is currently ineffective as a division of student government's executive branch. I want to make South Campus Outreach a new part of RHA so that it will be able to serve its intended function of trying to assure that the special needs of South Campus residents are met. I want RHA to work with SAFE Escort to provide increased safety and protection for residents who return home to their dorms from campus after dark.

Representation: My solution to assure representation for resident students in terms of parking is for the RHA president to appoint one of the student members to the Traffic and Parking Advisory Committee.

A newly established RHA appointee to the Building and Grounds Advisory Committee would be able

to watch for proposals such as the Alumni Center, to ensure that decisions regarding our "neighborhood" will be made with dorm residents' input. This position also allows us to do such things as preserve the tradition and heritage of Old East and Old West following their upcoming renovations.

RHA needs to work more closely with the BSM in order to meet the specific needs of all black students who live in dorms. I plan to meet routinely with the BSM president to assure that this voice is heard in the dorms.

RHA must work with the Department of Housing on policy and budget decisions to let them know student opinions and concerns and to increase their accountability. A very active and powerful student voice is essential in providing residents with a home that they can be proud of.

I am committed to implementing active solutions that can meet dorm residents' needs now. I am not a political science major, and I don't need this position to get into law school. I am doing this because I care about dorms and I want to make them better. As RHA president, I will offer the best in leadership, experience and dedication.

Liz Jackson is a junior biology major from Atlanta.

David Smith

I believe that RHA has reached a crossroads in its pursuit of good representation for resident students. I have been at all levels of dorm government, from floor senator to area governor, and have perceived what RHA should be from that experience. I also have experience with parking and how student government operates to deal with administrative actions that are unfair to students. From this experience, I have evaluated new plans of action.

My first goal is a better system of representation for residents by RHA, through recognition of four main areas of concern for resident students. The first, parking, is slowly becoming a much greater problem in the eyes of the resident student. I find it unfair that faculty and staff are allowed to park outside their homes as well as mine. I would like to have an executive assistant for parking who would serve as the RHA representative on the Traffic and Parking Advisory Committee, as well as the RHA liaison for the student government parking and transportation committee. My second area of concern is food services, with an executive assistant for food services, who would give RHA an active voice on the Food Services Advisory Committee.

Another area is campus improvements. I have seen the physical improvements that have resulted from the actions of South Campus Outreach. But unfortunately, I think

this committee has promoted sectionalism within the campus. I propose the creation of a Campus Outreach Committee, chaired by an RHA executive assistant and boarded by a representative from each area. It would be supported by working groups from across campus that would look for physical improvements to improve resident life, such as the resurfacing of Cobb tennis and basketball courts, improved lighting around the forest side of Fetzer Gym and the possible location of a bank machine on South Campus.

Finally, I would like to see the creation of an RHA Security and Safety Committee. One should not have to be unsafe walking to and from one's home. The committee, chaired by an executive assistant for safety and security and boarded in a plan similar to the Campus Outreach Committee, would investigate campus police's efficiency; propose ways that SAFE Escort could be more effective; offer the resources of RHA to the Student Patrol; and improve publicity for security and safety services.

I also would like to change RHA's reactive government with the Department of University Housing. Dr. Kuncel, director of University housing, and I have discussed new ways of communication, with more frequent meetings and more active involvement in housing decisions.

I have also investigated the installation of cable in dorm lounges. The

Physical Plant and University housing assured me that cable will be in dorms by fall 1990. I am in favor of this proposal, but I am concerned about who will pay for the system. Housing told me it will cost \$271,000 to bring the system to campus dorms, and they propose to pay for the laying of the cable with their surplus fund of nearly \$3 million, then making a permanent room rent increase to replenish the fund. I will not allow this action.

I also would like to see the institutionalization of the Student Advisory Council as a chancellor's advisory committee. This council would consist of student office-holders and would help us return to strong and well-coordinated student government. Perhaps the problems between student government and the University could be prevented if they would recognize our right to self-governance and representation on student issues.

My goals are not unrealistic. I have laid out a structure for the expansion of RHA. I have recognized how to achieve these goals and have investigated resident student issues. I would like to see the University allow us to be what we were elected to be, the representatives of our particular constituencies. I would like to see RHA known for what it can do for the resident student.

David Smith is a junior political science major from Banner Elk.

For Carolina Athletic Association president

Robert D'Arruda

The tenure of Carol Geer has certainly stimulated the Carolina Athletic Association and for the most part has been extremely successful. If elected, I'll do my best to continue this tradition. The CAA has settled many problems, but there are many more that need to be addressed. These issues that I will give top priority to are all devised and designed to be helpful to students.

Fewer basketball distribution dates — This past year, there were 10 distribution dates, in which students usually received one or two tickets each time. I will cut that down to five or six distribution dates of at least two tickets every time. This will save many students hours of waiting in line down at the Smith Center. Also, the CAA will be consistent in the ticket policy for the entire year. Students won't be slapped with mid-year changes.

No basketball distribution dates on

Lisa Frye

A ample experience, workable goals and an understanding of current student needs — these are my strengths as a candidate for president of the Carolina Athletic Association. My platform is straightforward; its focus is building and expanding on the recent success of the CAA, while keeping an ear open to changing student needs.

Experience is obviously a quality the next CAA president must have. Yet the most important issue is not simply how long a candidate has worked with the CAA, but what that candidate has actually accomplished for the organization. My experience comes from serving as fund-raising director of Carolina Fever this year and working with the organization last year. This year, I organized raising over \$8,000 for the CAA. I have also worked extensively with homecoming and Blue Blitz, so I have a clear understanding of the extensive planning which must go into these events.

The CAA has been notably successful over the past few years, and

Suzie Saldi

The presidency of the Carolina Athletic Association is not a simple task and cannot be performed by just anyone. It requires experience, dedication and innovation as well as a great knowledge of all aspects of the CAA. I have those qualities.

Having been in the CAA since my freshman year and serving on the homecoming committee, as publicity and fund-raising director of Carolina Fever, and as CAA administrator/secretary and cabinet member, my experience and dedication to the organization far exceed any others. Because I have been involved in every aspect and committee of the CAA, I feel that I can best represent the student body.

Many people think that the CAA is just tickets and homecoming, but we are a lot more: intramurals, non-revenue sports, club sports and any athletic concern you might have. I'd like to let people know what we do and when. The distribution of a monthly sports calendar or better coverage in the DTH would let people

game days — No distribution days will be held when UNC plays away on Sunday. Also, on Super Bowl Sunday there will be no distribution of tickets.

CAA hotline — Many students never know when or where non-revenue sports teams play. To correct this problem, I will set up a 933 number on campus. By calling this number, students will receive all the previous day's sports scores, and the next two days' schedule for all UNC sports action.

Special projects — I will add a three-point shootout to next year's dunk contest. In addition, I will try to arrange for a "Carolina's Legends" game during halftime of one of our basketball games next season. I will also push for obtaining at least two gates of entry for students in the Smith Center, instead of having to go way back "into the jungle" to enter Gate D.

Bleacher seats — I will do everything in my power to try to get students as many lower-level seats as possible. Bleacher seats could generate up to 600 more lower-level seats. If the athletic department won't give us more seats, or doesn't install bleacher seats, I will push for some type of student boycott of a TV game.

Work on weight room improvements, now — Sure, the new wellness center would be great, but unless you're a freshman it probably won't do you any good. Thus, I'll push for more weight room and Nautilus hours in Woolen Gym, and hopefully obtain a few student hours in the Kenan Fieldhouse. More aerobic hours will be arranged.

Homecoming — Continue to make homecoming as successful as it has been in the past. Work with the Chapel Hill police to try to move the homecoming parade to Saturday afternoon, and push for a night

football game on homecoming. **Night football games** — We have six home football games next season. Plus we spent a lot of money on the new lights, so why not use them? Night games would definitely generate a lot of excitement.

New ideas — Try to arrange for one non-ACC basketball game to be played in Carmichael, in a students-only situation. I think this would be a "fun" game for every student and help alleviate current strains with the athletic department.

I want to make the CAA a place where all students will feel free to participate. If anyone has an idea, it will be heard by me. I will make all channels of communication open and they will stay open. After all, the CAA is your voice on all athletic issues.

Robert D'Arruda is a junior geography major from Fayetteville.

I want to build on that success with creative yet feasible goals of my own. These goals focus on improvement in three main areas: non-revenue sports, ticket distribution and seating in the Dean Dome.

Currently, attendance at most non-revenue sporting events is far too low. I want to encourage more support for these teams by asking the team captains which games — two or three per season — they would like for us to target. We would then heavily publicize these events and ensure that a large number of Carolina Fever members are there. I also want to distribute schedules of all non-revenue home events in our dorms, dining halls and libraries once a semester — that way students would always have at their fingertips exactly when and where these events are held.

Ticket distribution, especially that for basketball games, will always be a complicated, controversial issue at this school. I believe our biggest problem in this area is that in order to try different methods of distribution, we have had to make constant

changes in the way tickets are given out. Students are simply tired of adjusting to a different distribution policy every year. For this reason, my goal is to make small refinements in our current policy and then stick with it, rather than initiating another drastic change back to random distribution.

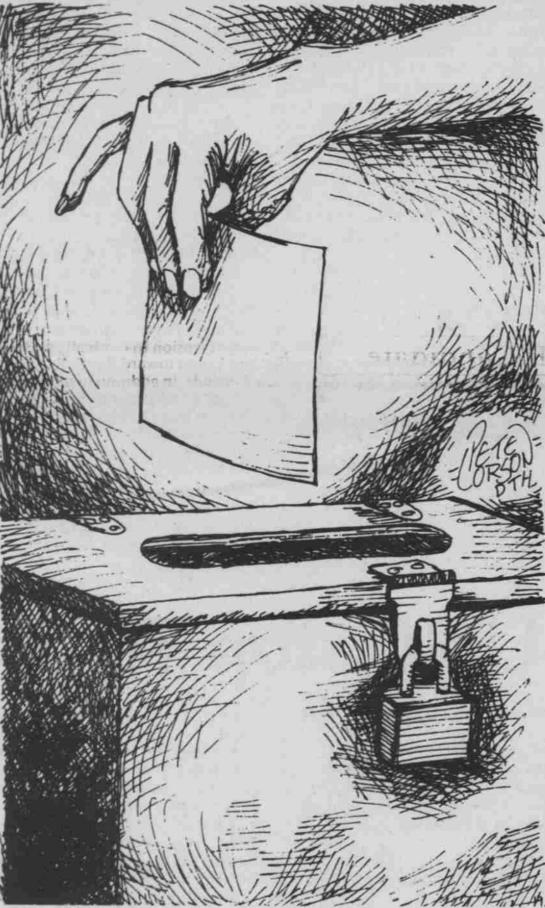
Finally, the issue which interests most students: seating in the Dean Dome. The bleachers which the athletic department has offered to put in our lower-level student seats would definitely be a positive step toward better student seating. As president, I would avidly pursue this idea, keep students informed of when the bleachers should be completed and continue to push for better seating even after the bleachers are installed.

Those are my main goals. I also plan to address the concerns of minority students; I want to continue working with the Black Greek Council on events like the step show, and I want to continually consult with BSM leaders to ensure that the activities we sponsor are of interest

to blacks as well as whites. I want to expand on this year's immensely successful homecoming in many ways as well. I would like to involve more student groups in the Franklin Street party we held this year, asking them to run their own game booths and possibly donating all the proceeds from the evening to a worthy charity or group, such as the Campus Y.

I hope you will ask yourself these questions about the CAA candidates before you vote on February 21: Which candidate has the knowledge and composure to deal effectively with the athletic department on my behalf? Which one will actually be able to keep the promises he or she is making to me now? Which one has a realistic grasp of what students want and need today? And which candidate has the stamina for the hectic, demanding schedule of the CAA president? I am that candidate.

Lisa Frye is a sophomore history major from Conover.



For DTH editor

Sharon Keschull

Because The Daily Tar Heel is already a major college newspaper, with the third-largest budget among college papers nationwide, the next editor of the DTH needs to continue to move the paper forward. As Daily Tar Heel editor, I want to continue much of what current editor Jean Lutes has done to expand the staff and give readers solid news coverage of University, city, and state and national issues.

I believe that the paper will be able to run at least two sections within a few years. To move toward that, I want to print more "theme" pages, which have no ads and look like the front pages of sections. I will re-establish a business news editor and print two pages of business news per week, a features page once or twice a week and continue Monday's double-editorial and Sports Monday pages. Without sacrificing student-written articles, I also want to use more Associated Press material, mainly through a daily "sports briefs" box and business news briefs.

I want to emphasize our coverage of the academic side of UNC, which we can do by increasing our faculty contacts to cover various departments in-depth. The state and national desk will run a weekly column concerning news

at universities around the country, and the city desk will continue to expand — considering that we have a bigger circulation than the Chapel Hill Newspaper, we have a responsibility to cover city issues. I'll also combine our arts and features desks to emphasize arts coverage of Chapel Hill, Raleigh and Durham.

Some of my other plans for the paper will matter only indirectly to readers but can improve our reporting. It's hard to get faculty — the people who read the DTH the least — to trust individual reporters, because we come and go through UNC so quickly. That means we have to get faculty to trust the paper as a whole. Under Jean Lutes, the DTH has begun to make accuracy checks, in which we ask sources to evaluate articles to which they contributed. I want to continue those and offer more writers' workshops to educate the staff and improve their writing. I'll also make the managing editor a second "editor in chief" who can concentrate on expanding the staff and keeping the office running smoothly.

Sharon Keschull is a junior journalism and religious studies major from Raleigh.

deserves the best seats; but I also feel that someone who cannot camp out because they have to work or play a varsity sport and attend practice isn't any less spirited than those who do camp out.

The drive, initiative and ideas I have are just a few of what a CAA president should have. As a first-semester junior, I have had the experience and will have another two-year future in the CAA. With that experience behind me and the future in front of me, it will be possible to carry out any long-term plans and create a more stable and consistent relationship with the students. The big ideas have been started and the little ideas will get done. It takes a well-rounded person to be able to carry out the functions of a CAA president. Based on my experience, dedication and innovation, I believe that I should be that person.

Suzie Saldi is a junior political science and French major from Philadelphia.