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Frye for CAA president

The race for Carolina Athletic Association president has produced many appealing promises. From MTV to basketball games in Carmichael Gym, the candidates seem to be receiving less attention than their grand visions. Separating reality from the ridiculous, however, the editorial board unanimously endorses Lisa Frye for CAA president.

Steering the CAA requires a variety of talents, and Frye is best prepared to meet all the demands of the office. Fund raising is one of the CAA's most ignored yet critical functions, and Frye has raised more than \$8,000 for Carolina Fever. She also has ample experience in programming for homecoming and Blue Blitz, showcase events for the CAA. To put that experience to work, Frye has promised to spend her summers and her breaks in Chapel Hill to serve student needs.

Frye's ideas are realistic, if not grandiose. To increase attendance at non-revenue athletic events, she proposes choosing two or three games for each sport and heavily publicizing them. This is a feasible solution to the lack of support for these teams. And communicating with the Black Student Movement to ensure that all students feel comfortable at homecoming and other CAA activities is a necessary step, one that Frye has already taken. Also, maintaining the ticket distribution policy with only minor adjustments, thus avoiding even more confusion and frustration for students, is a logical approach to a complicated issue.

Frye, however, would bring more than practicality to the office of CAA president. Her level-headedness and organizational abilities give her a style well suited to leading an organization as large as the CAA. Most importantly, her maturity makes her the best candidate for communicating with the

Jackson for RHA president

At first glance, the two candidates for Residence Hall Association president seem quite similar; their experience is almost identical, their views on dorm life do not differ significantly and their knowledge of issues facing RHA is comparable. It's clear that both David Smith and Liz Jackson have put in the time and effort necessary to be viable candidates. The differences in their leadership styles, however, are considerable, and Jackson, with her solid grasp of the organization's problems and her practical approach to dealing with them, is our unanimous choice.

Jackson's support from within the RHA governing board is testament to her ability to deal with people; the award she won for being the most outstanding sophomore in dorm government is testament to her ability to accomplish her goals.

She has created a simple but strong platform, and she plans to work for more access to computers in dorms, better representation on resident student parking issues, more cooperation with SAFE Escort, improved communication with black student leaders and more effective efforts to meet the needs of South Campus residents. Although Smith's platform includes similar proposals, he envisions a greatly expanded RHA and plans to establish new committees and to create new networks to promote student self-governance.

Smith's desire to extend the role of dorm government to encompass all areas of campus life is an admirable one, but the time is not right for such broad ambitions. In 1988, relations between the Department of University

administration — a hurdle that must be overcome by any student who hopes to get better seats at basketball games or to improve the quality of student life.

Of the other two candidates, Suzie Saldi must be given credit for exhibiting many of the qualities which make Frye such an excellent candidate. Saldi's experience with the CAA is extensive, as is her work and research on homecoming and other issues. Her obvious devotion to homecoming, however, does not satisfy all the duties of the office, and she lacks Frye's serious approach to dealing with the athletic department. Even if she loses the race, Saldi wants to continue planning homecoming, and the CAA should be thrilled to have such an enthusiastic coordinator.

Both Frye and Saldi, however, are far superior to D'Arruda, who is long on pet projects and very short on competence. He has no experience within the CAA, and displays frighteningly little understanding of how to make his ideas a reality. One example of his ignorance is his suggestion to allow alcohol at non-revenue sports games to increase attendance, an innovation which would violate NCAA regulations. His solution to maintaining continuity is simply to allow current CAA President Carol Geer to appoint his staff for him. This admission of utter ineptitude is typical of D'Arruda's candidacy. Electing him CAA president would ruin four years of progress for the organization and leave the athletic department free to do as it pleases.

Lisa Frye's ability to work with students and administrators alike would prevent such chaos and continue the strides taken by the CAA in the past. The other candidates might promise the spectacular, but Frye promises to be an effective leader and student representative.

Housing and RHA steadily deteriorated, and 1989 must be a year for rebuilding trust, for stable leadership, for concrete goals. Smith's dreams of a unified student government may be attainable in the future, but not now. After such a disappointing year, RHA needs to look within and solve its own problems before branching out in new directions.

And Jackson, unlike Smith, has resisted the urge to form committees to find answers for everything. When she proposes "active solutions," she means active. Student committees often do little more than meet and write up reports of discussions, without coming up with any real solutions or even identifying any real problems. Often valuable time is wasted at pointless meetings. Smith intends to push for the institutionalization of the Student Advisory Council, a group of student office-holders, as a chancellor's advisory committee. The notion, while it may sound reasonable at first, is not. Student leaders are too swamped with the business of running their individual campus groups to act as a separate advisory board.

Smith's proposals demonstrate considerable research and insight into the interaction between students and administrators. He may be better suited to a position as a liaison between RHA and student government, and it would certainly be a loss to RHA if he loses the race for president and does not serve the organization in some capacity.

Liz Jackson, however, has the down-to-earth approach that RHA needs to regain respect and to become once again an important force in student government.

A visit to the Big Apple of discord

David: We ate so many different things, each with their own cultural stamp of uniqueness. Liisa: You can get anything from a vending machine in the big city.

Liisa: I was scared flying might make me a little sick, but once we got off the ground I felt quite relaxed. David: They were still mopping up the deck when we left.

David: We saw a lot of neat museums over the weekend. Liisa: . . . from the outside. They all looked the same to me.

Liisa: There are so many bargains in New York! I got stuff for practically nothing. David: She was excited that no one claimed the comb she found.

David: Without boasting, I feel like a big traveler now. Liisa: He says the same thing about going to South Campus.

Liisa: I made sure we saw the "Real" New York. I didn't want to waste time in the usual tourist traps. David: Liisa was upset that the Statue of Liberty didn't have a gift shop.

Rowell/Ogburn

Pardon Us

David: Every day is like a holiday in the Big Apple. Liisa: The bums outside our room never stopped drinking.

Liisa: Bars are a lot different in New York, but it's interesting to meet a vast variety of personality types. David: I was less comfortable in bars. A leather salesman named Ramone kept buying me drinks.

David: I felt really good about my interview! I just know I'll get a great job there. Liisa: The gypsy Mama Tellalla said Dave's left palm indicated it (for 10 bucks). For 25 more she said his future could look even brighter.

Liisa: We saw a lot of big name movie stars and important Hollywood people. David: The guy in Dunkin' Donuts looked a little like Gary Coleman.

David: There's something really exciting about a Sunday drive in New York. Liisa: If four hours on a subway through Harlem appeals to you.

Liisa: I think it's best to let people know up front you're from out of town. New

Yorkers are more than glad to meet newcomers. David: The cab to the bus station cost \$240.

David: I got some great decor from New York to bring back to my room. Liisa: Dave stole a beer clock from Cheech's bar and fish grill.

Liisa: We indulged in a lot of the arts on Saturday. David: I didn't know a goalie could sustain that many blows to the head.

David: It was an experience to interact with ethnic groups I don't usually get a chance to meet. Liisa: Dave got mugged in Chinatown.

Liisa: The highlight for me was being able to give to those who are less fortunate. David: They put a tracer on her credit cards, but all that cash has probably been spent.

David: After such a fun-filled time in the big city, I have to say that I love New York. Liisa: He also loves Fayetteville, so what does that tell us?

David Rowell is a senior RTVMP major from Fayetteville, and Liisa Ogburn is a senior interdisciplinary studies major from Charlotte.

Election Forum

Letters of support for SBP

Brien Lewis

To the editor:
This University stands at a critical point — a point at which students' needs and concerns must be heard. In a general election such as this one in which many ideas and goals are similar, it is essential for the voter to respond responsibly by taking the election process one step further: to find significant distinguishing characteristics among the candidates.

After much time and thought, I have come to the conclusion that Brien Lewis stands out above the other candidates for several reasons. Most important is his commitment to providing each student with the ultimate college experience. Brien feels that while this University currently offers a wealth of opportunities to many students, numerous others are not benefiting from the system because of a lack of overall quality.

It is through his visionary thinking and concrete ideas that Brien plans to implement his "quality" programming: quality of life, education and leadership. Brien has addressed numerous student and University concerns such as parking, food service and security. However, Brien sees financial aid improvements as a major priority; it is, of course, impossible to be a part of the full college experience without the necessary finances.

My motivation for writing, however, is not his concrete ideas or even his earnest desire to enhance University life. It is because Brien exudes that rare quality of selfless, unconditional and unyielding commitment to life and to people. It is this that makes Brien Lewis the most qualified person for student body president.

PHILIP FLOYD
Junior
Spanish/French

To the editor:
In his quest for student body

Trey Loughran

To the editor:

Student Government can at times be an apathetic and distant organization. This potential problem, however, can be avoided, if Trey Loughran is elected as our representative. Trey began his involvement with student government as a freshman, making him the only freshman to serve as executive assistant in the 1986 Hassel administration. Having worked with Trey, I witnessed his dedication to students, as demonstrated by his efforts to update the reserve reading file in the library. Since then, Trey has continued his commitment to students through his work with the attorney general's staff and serving as a presidential aide to the incumbent student body president.

This experience, however, means little to the person who is unfamiliar with the way Carolina bureaucracy can limit students' choice. Trey's experience will allow him to work through the system in order to implement the changes which he has proposed and to provide students with more options.

Kevin Sisson

To the editor:

On Feb. 21, the students of UNC will have the opportunity to elect a new student body president. We have the chance to choose a leader that will represent and speak for all students. That leader is Kevin Sisson.

For too long now, students have had little or no input on administrative decisions that affect them. With the University administration becoming increasingly isolated from student opinion the need for a strong student leader is absolutely essential. Kevin Sisson will interact with all students, getting their feedback on the pressing issues and present your opinions and concerns in a forceful, effective manner. Kevin Sisson is a man of action, not a creator of committees.

Kevin Sisson has put forth specific solutions to old and new problems which face us. His support for a multicultural center to represent a wide range of backgrounds and cultures is a thoughtful and innovative proposal. This multicultural center idea demonstrates Kevin's positive vision for the

Trey will be able to work on implementation immediately after he takes office because he is already familiar with student government.

Finally, sincere leadership will allow students to strengthen their voice with the administration. Trey will be a forceful advocate of student concerns on the Board of Trustees, as he has been on the town council. Furthermore, Trey's open-mindedness will offer each individual — whether an ethnic or racial minority or a foreign student — an opportunity for expression because he will listen and he will work to effect positive change. With Trey as SBP action will originate from the student body, and change will follow from student activism. Therefore, our first step in working toward change is to vote for Trey Loughran as student body president.

FIFI KASHANI-SABET
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International studies/French

To the editor:
At a time when campus apathy is the ruling sentiment, and where knowledge and

genuine concern about student issues takes a back seat to popularity and opaque verbosity, electing a campus leader may seem an absurd venture. Yet these very facts substantiate the need to appoint a student body president who will speak to apathy and ignorance from the lucid perspective of one who is truly committed to student issues.

I feel that Trey Loughran should be our next student body president. If experience in student government were to be the sole qualifying factor, Trey has it: he has worked with the executive branch extensively, playing a major role in creating parking and food service proposals. For the past year, he has been the student liaison with the Chapel Hill Town Council, serving as the sole voice of the students. Trey combines over two years of working with student government with a strong personal commitment.

As a black student at UNC, it has been my experience that the role of a student body president was one of polite detachment concerning issues that affect blacks on this cam-

pus. The SBP was rarely seen or heard from in the black community. Trey is the antithesis of the status quo concerning the needs of black students. He has not merely studied issues like establishing a BCC and improving minority recruitment and retention as a means to a desired end. By participating in BCC planning committee and Race Relations Week meetings, and getting to know black students, Trey has proven himself to be the singularly credible SBP candidate.

As president, Trey Loughran will be an accessible advocate of student needs. He knows the students, the administrators and the issues and has the character and commitment to implement his ideas. On Feb. 21, I urge you to destroy the unsavory traditions of apathy and sterile leadership at UNC by casting your vote for the SBP candidate most concerned about your needs: Trey Loughran.

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audience at hand changes. I have witnessed during the forums of this election, the blatant changes in promises and attitude exhibited by other candidates as they try to please all groups all the time.

This is impossible, and that is why it is so easy and refreshing to identify with Kevin Sisson. In particular, his position on CGLA funding and the Black Cultural Center come to mind. The CGLA is funded with our dollars, regardless of our opinion. Electing a candidate who stands against CGLA funding will make a statement to student congress that defunding should be properly addressed.

In reference to a Black Cultural Center, Kevin Sisson offers an alternative amazingly more beneficial to the majority of students, without endangering the full inclusion of black students. A multi-cultural center could help bring people together on campus, and through Kevin's plan the racial gap could disappear.

I have been involved in student government and many campus organizations, and among the campus leaders I have dealt with in nearly three years, Kevin Sisson is one of the few I have found both inspiring and uniquely competent in all his endeavors. On Feb. 21, you may choose the perennial candidate; you may usher in a candidate on the wings of his mentor; or you may look through the homogeneity of the election and choose the candidate you identify with, the candidate who is uniquely in tune with the majority of students. Choose Kevin Sisson as our next student body president.

NAT SHAW
Junior
Business

Rod Bell

Rod Bell, a candidate for student body president, did not submit any letters of endorsement as of Wednesday afternoon. Hence, he has none appearing on this page.

The Daily Tar Heel editorial board — the editor, two associate editors and four editorial writers — consulted current student office-holders about the nature of their positions and interviewed each candidate. After open debate, the board members voted; majority ruled.