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## A fuzzy picture

Students should focus on cable issue

When students
decide about adding
cable to the residence decide abour adding
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board opinion their control too remote to give the matter a fair viewing. Watching UNC basketball games on ESN or the latest movie on
HBO sounds appealing until the $\$ 30$ per though the hookup would include the more valuable services of video, data and telephone lines, the housing department and the Residence Hall Association need to
take a closer look at housing's budget take a closer look at housing's budget
before these additional costs are channeled to the students' room rent.
to the students' $\begin{aligned} & \text { room rent. } \\ & \text { Due to utility rate increases, the housing }\end{aligned}$. department plans to increase room rent by up to 8100 next semester, which is almost
a 14 percent hike from this year. That a makes the $\$ 30$ per semester for cable diffticult to digest, especially considering that
the cost will remain fixed for 10 years, the cost wini remain fixed for sy years,
until the University owns the system. As cable is haraly a necessity, and as al resia bit to ask. Before residents yote on such a proposal, they should have the chance to request that the housing department try to
RHA does not assist in the housing budget process. Although the housing department presents the association with
the finished product, the cost categories the finished product, the cost categories
are vague and too high in certain areas, are vague and too high in certain areas,
according to RHA President Liz Jackson. While drastic cuts probably are not necessary - certainly much of the money is

## Informed decisions

Students' futures depend on their votes Campus elections are next week. Will you
vote? Do you know who's running? Do you
even care?
even cudent apathy toward elections is nothing new wat UNC. Two years ago, students voted on
a referendum to implement a telephone registration system like the one now wsed at N.C. State University. II sounded like a great ideano more paper pareregistration, no more waiting
in long drop-ad lines Woolen Gym. This referendum passed witha majority of votes, but
it really failed. According to our student
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 tions attract more stu- The dent interest, the num-
ber of voters in next weer'selectionsshould
meet the minimum meet the minimum
requirement. But with lack of concem toward
elections, voter turnout

## patriotic responsibility

eck of concem toward to vote.
will probably be low.
There smore tothis issuethan your patriotic responsibiility to vote; your future depends on
the outcome of these elections. Consider the quality of your moming newspaper, the efficiency of ticket distributions, residence hall
rents and how your student fees are spent. rents and how your student fees are spent.
Campus elections affect all students' day-today lives, andecechchlass has signifificantreasons ${ }^{\text {for voting. }} \quad$ Fresmen: You did not get the chance to vote for campus leaders who were here when
you came to UNC. As Jeffrey Beall pointed out earcilier this year. you were on alallowed tov vote
for the Sudent Recreation Center either. But now you can vote for who and what will affect both your class and students who will follow
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bers who allocate yourstudent fees, Residence Hall Association or prsidentent rees. ridescidence hall
goverment, Carolina Athletic Association goverment, Caroina Athietic Association
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 doard. While tis gives the page less variety
and maksit muct graer than usual thesc an
be among the most imporant of al editorial pages. TTursday, the DTH Hediterial board will
endorse candidates for Residence Hall Association president and Carolina Athletic Asso-
ciation president ciation president, and
dorse candidides for student body president

evaluating such costs as salaries might
make a difference. At this point, there are few checks on the department's budget, and students need proof that housing oper ates as frugally as the rest of the University before agreeing
nancial burden.
If cost questions can be resolved, the extras that would come with the cable lines could be an important addition to UNC
Aside from access to movies and MASH reruns, the hookup procedure will also include video, data and telephone lines, services students will need in future years stalled, students with computers can tie
sie into the University's computer system. Because this is a growing trend at college ing the lines now before the prices become exorbitant.
The issues behind the cable hookup involve much more than whether students
want ESPN. The financial burden for the next 10 years should be weighed against the benefits of data lines in the residence halls. The housing department needs to
review and possibly revamp parts of its budget toensure that what students already paid does not go to waste. If rent does
increase as dramatically as predicted, students may decide to look off campus for living arrangements - a concern the forum this Thursday will addresss students questions before they vote on Feb. 20.
Students need to tune into the issues before turning out to vote.
 outcome of the elections sffrecty you as much as
any other group on this campus Junirs: of course youp get to vote for the
referendums and positions listed above, but referen ums and positions listed above, but
senior class offficers elections should be an added incentive for you to vote. Yes, they do
serve primarily as und-raisers for the class and serve primarily as fund-raisers for the class and
the University, but they are also the same folks who secure a graduation speaker, senior discounts with area merchants and senior blocks at
games and concerts games and oconcerts. Sent think that voting doesn't
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months. Wrong. Senore to this iors have seenitall: the
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increases in tuition, increases in tuition,
student fees and housstudent fees and hous-
ing costs. Your senio-
ity may save the elections because you can anppreciate the ine impor-
tance of strong student leaders in the battle for tance of strong stu
students rights.
G Graduate and professional students: your diverse group comprises a needy and surpriss
ingly large percentageo f the student body. For
your interests obe beddesed your interests to be addressed, your voice must be heard. Teaching assistant salaries and train-
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sues related on oyur group may be ighored if
you do not stand up and fight for them. That fights stars with voting.
But you car't cast a ballot for another week.
Until then, find other ways to get involved in Unil then, find other ways to get involved in
the elections. Try to attend at least one election forum this week. If you can't, at leastread upon
what happens in the forums. Talk to the candi what happens in the forums. Talk to the candi-
dates. Press them on the issues that concerm you. Carefully read endorsements and candidates' platforms. It's more than your duty, it's
your future. - Julie Gammill

## views with present or past office-holders. We


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## Demp Bradford

As a candidate for Carolina Athletic Asso-
ciation (CAA) president, I have triee majar
objectives in my platform. These objectives ciation (CAA) president, I have three major
objectives in my plaform. These objectives
are a new ticket distribution policy, increased support of non-revenue sports and increased
student knowledge concerning the Student If I am elected I would like to establish a ticket distribution policy which reflects the
wishes of the student body. In doing this, I will orm a ticket distribution committee consist-
ing of one student from each residence area
and two off-campus students and two off-campus students. This committee
will discuss the current policy and the views of the studensts of this policy and will alsololok at
policies from other universities. The next process would be to take the ideas in which the
committee feels best suit the wishes of the
tudents and are feasible and students and are feasible and present them to
the studdnts in forums. The consensus ideas of the students will be used to form the new
policy. The students will be notified of the
policy answer any questions in which they may have
Once the policy is set, there will be no chang.


Straightforward, seasoned, sound leader-
ship: these are the strengths Ihave as candidate
for president. Straightotrwart in in my goals, my
methods and in voicing student opinion to the administration, seasoned by a year of experi-
ence in ticket matters, Homecoming planning ence inticket matters, Homecoming planning
and dealing with the Athletic Deparment and offering sound leadership by combining knowl-
edge and experience in athletics with an eagerness to continually try innovative ideas and to
actively solicit student opinion. In the past year I have served as its presi-
dent. the CAA has made important strides in
improving athletic services to the improving athletic services to the students.
Carolina Fever has had a positive, noticeable
impact on new student seating arrangement in the Smith
Center, along with the new stand-up-and-cheer attitudere of the students, has cereatinly contrib-
uted to the remarkable change in the atmos uted to the remarkable change in the atmos-
phere in the arena this season. More people
participated participated in the expanded homecoming
events this year than ever before. Yet there is
still still much left to be done, and that is why the
CAA needs creative, vigorous leadership now more than ever. I am ready to meet that chal-
lenge by making effective. necessary changes and by focusing most heavily on the following
areas.
A More Diverse Homecoming: While the
CAA has expanded Homecoming enormously in the past two years, we need to offer more
events which will appeal to students of all

races and back. sound. $I$ will meet with repre-
sentatives of sudent organizations (as well as
 schedule - and to divide up the sponsorship ful, homecoming ween should be planned and sponsored by all sorts of groups and organiza-
tions, not just the CAA. For example, I will investigate working with orher student groups
and with the Union osponsor "R and with the Union to sponsor "Rampage Union
Blast," an all-night party in the Union including events like a marathon dance competition
in raceat Hall. alll-night bowling and movies
and a DJ in the Cabaret. and a DJ in the Cabarat.
I will also advocate ex
 by using the Franklin Street Extravaganza to
raise money for a needy cause within the University, such as the library fund. Using that
event to give something back to the University would be a worthwhile project and might
motivate faculty and alumni volved in at least ond alumnit to get more in-
A Responsive TicketPolicy: : Nometickeming. A Responsive Ticket Policy: Noticket policy
is perfect, but students should demand that a policy respond most effectively to their needs.
Iwill start-and in fact, have already begun l will start - and in fact, have already begun-
a tradition of polling students at one of the last a tradition of poling students at one of the last
ticket distributions on how satisfied they are
with the policy and what changes they suggest. The CAA will adjust the policy according to sessions to educate students about any changes in the policy. The CAA will also make the
printed policy more visible at registration and
in publications in the fall.
An Expanded Carolina Fever: Now that the An Expanded Carolina Fever: Now that the
Fever has made an impact on specific noi-
evenue sports, I will work to make Fever: revenue sports, I will work to make Fever a evermanent fixture at all sorts of non-revenue
events Ill also work with the leaders of
Fever and the enon-pen Fever and the non-revenue coaches to organize special events for the teams. Just as we sponsor pep rallies, make balloon arches and put out
pom-poss for footbal and basketball games,
wecandos similarevent fornon I have only discussed a few of the areas in are, of course, other crucial needs which the
CAA CAA president must meet as well, like organ-
izing fundraising projects which will enable izing fundraising projects which will enable
the CAA toimprove it programming and services, ensuring that CAA events are publicized
widely especially to the graduate and profes-
sional student population sional student population and continuing to
hold open sessions for students, faculty and staff concerming the design and planning of the
Student Recreation Center I Student Recreation Center. I am prepared to
meet those challenges. After a year of listening meet those challenges. After a year of listening
to student needs, and working with our staff to meet those needs, I have learned - mostly by
trial and error - how the CAA must be order to server - and represent the student body
well. Now I need your rove ence to work. So when you pick up that experi-
on Feb. 20, vote for straightor sound leadership of the CAA. Vote Lisa Frye. Lisa Frye is a junior history major from

