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## Election confusion Honor code rules get stuck in gray area

A violation by one of Jonathan Martin's campaign workers last week brought an important question to light: How clear are the campus election rules and are students fully aware of them? The rules set by the Elections Board are good, as far as they go. But the Elections Board's sanction of Kyle Herod, a member of Martin's campaign staff, indicates that the present policy should be more explicit.

### board opinion

Last Wednesday, the board found Herod "guilty by association" in a campaign violation and ordered Martin to remove him from the campaign. Because Herod failed to stop a friend from tearing down another candidate's poster in Spencer Residence Hall, the board said Herod was a passive participant in the incident. Another witness, Gretchen Diffendal, STOW area governor and a candidate for Residence Hall Association president, was not implicated because she confronted the student and replaced the poster. The friend who removed the poster awaits an honor court hearing.

In this case, the Elections Board's ruling should be applauded, although a few questions remain about whether Herod actually saw the violation occur. As area governor of Granville Towers and as a campaign worker, Herod clearly understood more about election rules than the average student. Ignorance of the policy cannot be used as an excuse here. Herod surely knew that because the election rules state that campaign material is the personal property of the candidate, taking down campaign posters, or moving, covering,

defacing or changing them in any way is a campus code violation. Just like reporting a cheater to a professor, Herod had the responsibility to confront his friend and correct the situation. Beyond the rules is common courtesy; messing with someone else's things is just not nice. Out of respect for the other candidates, Herod should not have tolerated such an action.

But what if this had happened to an average student? Many students, especially dorm residents, know that tearing down posters violates the campus code. But how many students know that witnessing an election rules violation and doing nothing about it could also break the code? Although it is implied, the Elections Board's rules do not state "passive participation" as a violation. It's unrealistic to assume that most students know to report or confront a violator. By next year, the Elections Board should specify exactly what constitutes a violation and what a bystander's responsibilities are.

The Elections Board should also work on better publicizing election rules to all students before the campaign season starts. This year, the board did offer to make election laws presentations on request at candidate campaign meetings. Perhaps distributing information next year in residence halls and taking out ads in campus newspapers would help spread the word. Obviously the Elections Board members want to see clean campaigns, and they have made an effort to educate candidates and to enforce the rules. But clearer, better publicized rules could prevent many borderline violations in the future.

## Risky business Colombia trip shows poor judgment

Tomorrow President Bush will embark on his much-awaited and ill-advised excursion to Colombia, the site of a conference between the leaders of the world's largest suppliers and users of cocaine. While Bush's attempt to establish a more positive relationship with Latin America is admirable, the extreme security risk of even a brief presidential visit to Colombia makes most people wonder just what our chief executive is thinking. Despite the objections of most of his senior advisers, Bush said his desire to show solidarity with Colombian President Virgilio Barco far outweighs the risks involved. But the president's symbolic gesture primarily indicates poor judgment.

The scheduled meeting between Bush and the presidents of Colombia, Bolivia and Peru will last barely six hours, during which time the leaders will discuss efforts to combat drug production and export. But most U.S. officials agree that the conference will be nothing more than a photo session with few, if any, actual results. Such a meeting in another environment concerning another world problem might be different, but personally taking his next battle in the "war on drugs" to the heart of the problem will require costly security measures far beyond those used for Bush's ordinary travels. And the potential for even greater cost surely exists.

The armed guerrilla forces and drug cartels in Colombia could certainly profit from any harm done to Bush, a world leader who professes the severity of the drug problem and his own determination to fight it. Although Bush aides insist that the potential for attempts on the president's life is not as great as first believed, even the most confident public official or citizen cannot predict the acts of greedy, desperate drug lords.

Security measures for the conference include a fighter plane escort of Air Force One, plans to foil possible anti-aircraft assaults on the plane, a U.S. warship positioned off the

Colombian coast, thousands of Colombian troops and a bomb-detecting robot. The meeting itself will also be held in a fort located on a secluded peninsula.

Such excessive preparation for a brief and potentially unproductive conference, coupled with the potential of personal harm to the president, should convince most people that the visit simply is not worth the effort and risk. Some critics of Bush's decision might assess the move as another attempt to shake the "wimp" image of the 1988 campaign, but the invasion of Panama seems to have accomplished that. On the contrary, one reason Bush insists on going personally to Colombia is to resolve the differences with Latin America only complicated by the recent invasion. While his heart is in the right

place, any mishap during this week's conference could earn Bush a new image — one of stupidity.

The president's daring initiative in the seemingly stagnant war on drugs demonstrates he refuses to back down, but he should also realize that the war would fare better if he remained alive. In addition, members of both political parties most certainly worry about Bush's successor in the event of a tragedy, and this is a legitimate concern — one that most people never thought they would actually have to face. The conference also places the lives of Colombian soldiers and hundreds of secret service agents in potential jeopardy, all for the sake of a six-hour meeting which will accomplish next to nothing.

Because it will soon be too late for the president to reverse his decision, the nation can only hope that nothing goes wrong. Perhaps in the future President Bush will weigh more carefully the potential for good and the potential for disaster in his actions; tomorrow he can decide if his symbolic show was worth it in the end. — James Burroughs

## Campus Election Platforms '90



### Smith/Carrigan Senior Class

After all they go through, college seniors deserve to have a special year. Rather than assume that senior priority on several issues will be granted in 1991, we propose to ensure these privileges in the new telephone drop/add system and to establish such on the issue of parking. However, ensuring senior priority is merely a part of the overall plan, due to the fact that a senior year that is to be exciting, innovative and successful has to take into account many other aspects. We of course plan to continue that great institution of Senior Night Out and to even expand it to include several other bars. In the fall, another idea is to have a senior tailgate party, and definitely several opportunities to travel with planned senior road trips to away games. There will be a proposal for a senior spring break excursion as well as a senior spring semi-formal. All of these activities and many more can unify our class not to mention provide many lasting memories of the year.

On another note, there will be a proposal for a week during the year set aside to prepare

seniors for the real world. During this week, there will be resume, interview and investment workshops and a day to allow for seniors to meet established alumni in the area, thereby continuing the Alumni Outreach Program. There will be a proposal for distribution of career-based materials throughout the year all in an effort to prepare every senior for life after graduation.

Finally, after all that this great university and community has done for us, the Class of 1991 would use the opportunity to repay it and to leave an impression. In addition to the senior gift, which will be the gift of choice of the entire class, there are several ways for us to contribute to the University and community.

One such way involves providing students from the class of 1991 a chance to adopt a local senior citizen: a program that we call Seniors for Seniors. Other definite proposals center around the Chapel Hill Ronald McDonald house and in alleviating the rising percentage of the homeless of the area.

We have outlined our proposals, but more importantly we have left plenty of space for the ideas of every senior. We do not propose to stand out far in front of the class, blindly leading the group down a given path chosen by a few. Rather, we will act as representatives of the entire class, open to ideas and advice at any time. Every effort will be made to keep all lines of communication open throughout the year by continuing the senior newsletter and distributing it on a prompt and regular basis. Publicity will be increased in order that everyone will know what is happening and questionnaires will be distributed, asking for each senior's input. After all, this is our class. When we strive for both unity and enjoyment among ourselves and for support of the University and the community, everyone will be able to look upon the class of 1991 as an unforgettable team.

Scott Smith, a history major from Fremont, and Alisa Carrigan, a pharmacy major from Mooresville, are running for president and vice president.

### Holthausen/Brown Senior Class

**Do you know:**  
— That you have to apply for graduation?  
— Where the career planning and placement center is located?  
— That you should have your resume ready by the time you return to school because one-third of all business interviews are in September, October and November?  
— And finally, where is the graduate placement center located?

The last question is a trick question. There is no graduate placement center ... yet.

We have a three-tiered platform, the 3 C's: Cultural, Collegiate and Career.

**Cultural:** Senior class events in the past have appealed to only a fraction of the class. We plan to continue popular events such as Seniors Night Out while combining other activities that we know will draw a greater diversity of seniors. To accomplish this we will establish the Senior Class Cultural Event, which will include a senior class block at a Black Greek stepshow or a discussion after a racially relevant film, such as Spike Lee's "Do the Right Thing."

**Collegiate:** Every year a number of seniors

are not allowed to graduate on time because they failed to enroll in the required courses. In most majors, seniors will have certain required courses that will only be offered one out of the two semesters.

Should that course be missed, that senior will not be allowed to graduate on time. To combat this, we will send to every rising senior a copy of their major's requirements this summer. The letter will encourage students to check with their advisers in order to assure that they are on the correct path to graduation.

According to Judy Hallman, manager of information services to the Academic Computing Services, we can create a senior class calendar within the INFO system. The INFO system has 13 terminals around campus and can also be accessed from any on-line terminal, such as those in Hinton James. The calendar would consist of three divisions: cultural, collegiate and career. At the touch of a button students could access information vital to them without having to trek to campus every time. Finally, we are working on obtaining a small section in the DTH which would contain similar information as found on the INFO system.

**Career:** Career is what you plan to do after graduation. Basically you have two choices, find a job or continue with graduate school. Should you choose the real world, the best place to go is the Career Planning and Placement Center. We have talked to the director, Marcia Harris, and decided that a center info packet would be sent out to each rising senior this summer. The packet would contain information about preparing job resumes, interview techniques and list some of the other services the center provides.

Sixty-five percent of last year's senior class said they would continue with graduate education within the next five years. Currently there exists a lot of confusion among students about where to go to obtain graduate school information. We will end all the confusion by creating a Graduate School Placement Office which will help senior as well as alumni get into the most desirable graduate school for their situation.

Pete Holthausen, an international studies major from Raleigh, and Chris Brown, an advertising major from Winston-Salem, are running for president and vice president.

## CAA Endorsement Letters '90



To the editor:  
As a member of Carolina Fever, I know just how important a good CAA president is to Carolina athletics. Demp Bradford is the best candidate for that position.

Demp is already very involved in Carolina athletics. A sports management major, he is a member of the Carolina Marching and Pep Bands and frequently attends non-revenue events. He keeps up with all of the UNC teams, not just football and basketball. He is a true Carolina athletics enthusiast.

He has several good ideas for athletic events for next year and has already begun work on some of them. For example, in an attempt to improve the ticket distribution policy, he has not only written to other universities for their policies, but he has also talked to students standing in line for tickets, asking for their ideas.

Demp's biggest goal is to get UNC students more involved with non-revenue events. He wants to see an increase in student attendance and support at these games.

### Demp Bradford

He plans to get more media coverage of these events and meet with the individual coaches for ideas. He also wants to put together a non-revenue support committee consisting of coaches, Fever members, players and interested students.

Demp is a very open-minded, responsible and outgoing person. He has many ideas for Homecoming 1990, informing students about the Student Recreation Center and making football and basketball even more exciting. However, he is always open to suggestions and criticisms. If he is elected, students will quickly learn, as I have, what a dependable and hardworking person he is.

JENNIFER LAYTON  
Junior  
English

To the editor:  
Spring semester is an important time for our campus. It's that time

when we choose our leaders for the next year. The positions to be filled are very important, because from these positions many decisions concerning students and our representation with University officials will be made. The people must have more than their resumes in mind; they must continually be thinking about the students and how to best represent us.

One area where we need a strong representative is president of the Carolina Athletic Association. We all know how important athletics are at UNC and how frustrating waiting in line for tickets can be. Ticket distribution is one concern of the CAA, not to mention Carolina Fever, homecoming and other spirit activities. The person who is president of the CAA must be someone totally dedicated to Carolina and to keeping students a part of Carolina athletics.

I can not think of anyone who is better suited for this job than Demp Bradford. He has more Carolina pride and spirit than anyone I know.

TONYA LYDA  
Sophomore  
Education

To the editor:  
Lisa Frye's tenure as Carolina Athletic Association president this past year has positively touched many aspects of student life at Chapel Hill. Her accomplishments should encourage you to re-elect her for a second term. Lisa's more visible achievements include her push to expand Homecoming activities, her work for the student voice that voted for the Student Recreation Center and her response to student input to modify ticket distribution policies.

Lisa's and the CAA's well-publicized work is significant and worthy; however, it is Lisa's rare leadership qualities that enable her to understand how the CAA functions and then to make it work for the students. Lisa is a model campus leader. She has concern for student opinion, building and improving on what is established as well as introducing new and innovative ideas and projects. Her ability to inspire the CAA staff to greater achievement is directly responsible for the expansion of Homecoming emphasizing the participation of students, faculty,

### Lisa Frye

staff and the community. She is sensitive to student opinion and is not content to let it drift to her office in the Union funneled through her friends or staff. She actively seeks input from students in ticket lines to get advice on facilitating distribution. She listens to all opinions and treats them as valid and worthy of investigation.

Lisa has spent this past year very much aware that she is the students' elected representative and that this position brings with it a great deal of responsibility. Her demonstrated responsiveness to student voice indicates her desire to remain responsible to those who elected her. Lisa Frye has excelled as a representative of all students and deserves the opportunity to serve again.

BRONWEN GRIFFITH  
Senior  
Art history

To the editor:  
The person you choose for CAA president on Feb. 20 will have the responsibility of handling many difficult issues that will concern all aspects of athletics at UNC. Lisa Frye should be that person.

Based on my work with Lisa on both CAA activities and the Honor Court, I have witnessed many times how her sense of fairness and uncommon insight has provided solutions to otherwise unsolvable problems. She always has the needs of each student in mind with every decision she makes, and her genuine concern for the individual is equally matched by her dedication to hard work.

I have noticed many times the effective way that she brings together faculty, administration and student efforts for the improvement of the university community.

In December '89 she obtained over 200 additional lower-level seats strictly for students at the Smith Center. To make Home-

I have known Demp for two years and participated in the band with him. Over the two years he has worked very hard, helping out whenever he is needed, whether it is painting banners for football games, helping out in the band office, attending all types of athletic events or talking to students to see how they feel about different campus issues.

The CAA also has close ties with the band because they support many of the same events and have to work together often during games and Homecoming to keep everyone in the spirit. Having a CAA president who is also a member of the band can only be a plus for the successful organization of future events and cooperation between the band and Carolina Fever to become more involved and to promote school spirit. Vote for a candidate who is totally dedicated to the students and to Carolina pride — Demp Bradford.

coming '89 a reality, Lisa and the CAA staff worked diligently making arrangements with the town council, Franklin Street merchants, the administration and student groups. Plans for Rampage '90 are already in the works with expanded activities involving many more groups and organizations.

Lisa has actively sought students' suggestion and criticism to help her form more responsive and complete policies. Her ability to voice student concerns to UNC administrators is one of the crucial factors in her success.

Since last summer, Lisa has worked closely with students, administrators and architects to create the rec center. With her skilled guidance and leadership, what was once only a concept is today becoming a reality.

For the continued success of these programs and the promise of innovative ones for the coming year, I cannot recommend any one more highly than Lisa Frye.

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## Editor's note: Campaign/editorial pages

This is the time of year when designing the editorial page gets incredibly difficult. Because campus elections are important, we want to show our support by printing platforms and letters of endorsement. But because we try not to exercise our normal right to edit material for space, making everything fit well on the page rarely works.

That's been the case for the last two days, especially because

there are six teams running for senior class president and vice president. There was simply no way to run all six platforms on one page, so we're running the last two today. No editorial comment was meant by this; we simply ran out of space.

This will also be true for letters of endorsement for student body president and senior class president, which will be printed printed over two days. Again, no editorial comment is intended.