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## Interviews with presidential candidates:

### Hall says he's running on issues

By Les Bowen

Jeff Hall, a 19 year old rising junior Political Science major from Charlotte, says he is running for Student Body President "on issues, not record."

Hall, who has served in the Student Legislature for two years, said, "People don't give a damn what I've done; they want to know what I'll do."

This is what Hall says he'll do:

"I'll make myself accessible. Half the people don't even know who the President is. I'm outgoing enough to change that."

Hall proposes an "executive budget cut" of student government salaries. "I'd like to see an across the board cut, including the president's salary," he said. "This money should be used by the students for clubs and organizations...Committee chairmen, for example, are tremendously overpaid."

"Last year about ten clubs got the short end of the deal," (were not appropriated enough money) Hall said. "The most publicized one was the Black Gospel Choir, but smaller ones, like Circle K, suffered too."

In addition to cutting executive

salaries, Hall says he would, with the Legislature's help, initiate "zero-based" budgeting. "The clubs shouldn't be able to say 'we got \$2,000 last year, so we want that plus so much more this year.' They should have to justify the money they need."

Hall says he would try to initiate more "weekend activity," particularly entertainment. "I've lived in the dorms since I've been here," he said. "I would like to see a committee formed, or work with the dorm councils."

Hall who says he is "moderate

liberal," said the Student Body President "can initiate the action," but "nothing will be accomplished without cooperation. I think its important that the university president represent the university, and work with people, like news media and visitors...I'd like to see

### Idol stresses accessibility, input

By Brad Rich

"A major objective of mine as the President of the Student Body is to instill the feeling in each student body member that Chase Idol, as President, is accessible to each individual student, and can respond to his/her needs."

Chase Idol, a senior accounting major on the five year plan, is running for the office of Student Body President basically on a platform of openness. He said, "I feel a need for someone in the office of President who will be in contact with a wide range of students on a regular basis, not just people in legislature or any other group. I hear a

lot of people crying about student apathy, but student government isn't everybody's bag. Legislature should go out of its way to contact students, and find out their opinions."

Idol said in the past he thinks the office has been mainly viewed as one of decision-making, whereby the President chose between different sides of an issue, then translated the choice to the Administration. If elected, he pledged to "Open up the doors of the President to the students." He wants them to come to him for input, and he wants to give them help and guidance.

Idol sees student fees as one of the

main issues of the campaign. "In the past there has been a lot of mishandling of student fees...I think the process should remain in the hands of the students, but there needs to be a tight system of accountability, I believe my background in accounting will be a great benefit to myself and to the students in this area."

Idol re-emphasized his desire for the process to remain in the hands of the students, saying, "The administration doesn't want the job...they don't have the time and don't want the responsibility...it should definitely remain under student control."

On the issue of parking, Idol favors

### LeMoynes wants greater interaction, exposure

By Steve Bass

"Essentially I believe the job of student body president boils down to this. When people hear the name UNCC, they equate it with basketball, which is good," said Joe Le Moyne junior business major who is running for student body president. "However, there is something in addition to basketball. The potential at this school is enormous. Take the projection of growth at this university into the mid-1980's. The projections show a university the size of Chapel Hill today. The potential in such student body is enormous."

Le Moyne served in the Marine Corps before coming to UNCC, and is presently involved in the Corps Platoon Leadership Corps program. Le Moyne lists among his qualification for the office as "Serving two terms as president of Chi Phi fraternity and serving as President of the Inter-fraternity council. I'm Greek, and I expect most of my support to come from the Greek community. However, I'm not running merely for the Greeks. I'm also a commuter and a UNCC student. I look at my Greek experience as an education for me to serve as student body president. You can get this experience in the legislature or in other ways. I enjoy the Greek life, and it was the way I chose to get experience for the job."

Le Moyne lists his goals as president as, "1. Greater interaction between the community and UNCC, and 2. Greater exposure for the University and its Students. "Back in November I started going over ideas to use, should I be elected. I worked with Bill Veeder, President of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce. He was very excited about my ideas. The Chamber of Commerce has a number of action councils for sports, business and other concerns. I'd like to take students from the university, and place them on the action councils. This way we would have direct input into city-wide decisions, and advance knowledge on important decisions. The

City Council also has a Youth Advisory Board, which in the past has been largely composed of high school students. I've been talking to Betty Chafin, and she believes that it could be used for college

students as well."

Le Moyne said that he believes the students should have greater involvement with the community at large. "For instance, last semester, as an advanced

business major, I acted as a small business consultant. I can't say what the business I helped was, but I know that my partner and I helped the business to improve, and that it served as tremendous experience

### Lerner would be 'a representative'

By Brad Rich

After three years at UNCC, Doug Lerner's name is probably known to most UNCC students, but he hopes to make it even more familiar. Lerner, a junior, is running for Student Body President in next week's Spring Elections.

Lerner said he feels in the past Student Body Presidents have interpreted their position as one of "running the Student Body Government," but he thinks it is more. "I think the President should serve as a representative to the administration and to the public in general," he said. "Also, he should work on proposals to the Student Association, and should try to smooth out differences between the organizations."

Lerner feels he is qualified for the job. "I have three years of experience, I have established working relationships with the administration and the public and I have definite ideas."

One of Lerner's proposals is to make the system of allocating money to clubs and organizations more equitable and efficient. He said many clubs have money left in their budgets at the end of the year, one year totalling as much as \$10,000. To correct this, Lerner would institute a program of budget examinations, including a change to incremental budgeting and a switch to semesterly, rather than yearly, allocations. "After all," he said, "We're not a savings bank."

Lerner also wants to "once and for all" put an end to the "parking

hostilities." He favors working through the Chancellor's Parking Committee "if it is comprised of enough students." (Currently there are only two students on the committee.) Personally, Lerner

favors the recommendation of the Chancellor's Parking Committee Subcommittee to issue general parking decals. "This would essentially make it a first-come first-serve situation," (except

### Owen: 'I am capable'

By Brad Rich

"I think I am capable of handling the job. Also, I've seen that relationships between the administration and students, faculty and students and students and students are presently at a low ebb. I think I can improve these relationships." Mike Owen, a junior history major, cites these as his reasons for running for President of the UNCC student body. "I have a good relationship with the Dean of Students," he said. "I know Dennis Rash... he has helped me in the past. I have as good a relationship with him as any of the other candidates."

Owen also said he thinks the student body President must work closely with Phillip Hildreth, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. He said many academic issues are not known; for example, the fact the Physical Education Department is having to cut back on activity programs such as badminton and weight lifting in favor of programs like golf. "Programs like this (golf) are more elementary," Owen said. He said when a shortage of money arises, the BCA and physical education programs are always the ones that suffer, instead of the more

"technical" departments.

Owen feels he has the experience necessary for the job. He said he has been involved both directly and indirectly in campus life since he arrived at UNCC, including such things as University Senate, Legislature, and being Assistant Attorney General and Chief Justice of the Moore Hall Court. "I think I know as well as anyone else exactly what is going

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