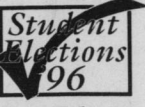


CAA, RHA and GPSF Candidate Profiles



On-campus residents will choose an RHA president, graduate students will elect a GPSF president and the student body will vote for a CAA president Feb. 13.

Advisory Board Would Increase Input ■ Students Should Be Aware, Involved

Seth Nore, a junior business administration major from Charlotte, says the next Carolina Athletic Association president should serve students through communication, action and accountability. Nore said his campaign goals did not focus on specific promises, but instead on collaboration among students, CAA cabinet members, faculty and administrators. "The CAA will not dictate what goes on but will facilitate what goes on," said Nore, CAA co-chairman for athletic enhancement. "The CAA should not be the only organization directing events like Homecoming week and ticket distribution because there are many other student organizations that should have direct input."

Nore said communication was fundamental to success, and he said he would explore any means of getting the word out. "Better publicity of events, especially ticket distribution, will let people know what's going on. The CAA is not a closed organization. Every student is a member and should understand what's going on."

Nore plans to create a CAA advisory board of students, faculty and staff to devise a more effective ticket distribution plan. Faculty and staff input, especially from Smith Center officials, is essential to set parameters that will let students know which ticket distribution options are feasible, he said. "We would hold round-table discussions to get the opinion of leaders from organizations to say what people want," he said. "Through those discus-

Seth Nore
Candidate for Carolina Athletic Association President



sions, which would be open to campus, the CAA could consider the feasibility of all options and try to devise a plan that works."

The advisory board will also help make decisions about Homecoming week activities and the queen selection process. Nore said he held no definitive stance on the service project requirement for the Homecoming queen because it was an issue to be decided through students and the advisory board. "I don't have the ball, end-all solution to make everyone happy," Nore said. "I want to get the views of other people and listen to what the advisory board has to say before I decide on a single opinion."

Nore said he planned to increase campus awareness and support of nonrevenue Olympic sports by consulting with the sports marketing department on an Olympic sport promotion project.

"We'll look at the possibility of increasing local company involvement with Olympic sports to increase promotions and get more attendance at those sports," he said. Nore said a collaborative effort among students in the various CAA activities and programs was necessary to raise campus spirit. "Students don't realize that their input is valuable," he said. "Increasing campus spirit is inherent in increasing student involvement with the CAA."

Nore has served as a C-TOPS orientation leader, a co-orientation leader in fall orientation at Morrison Residence Hall and was a residence hall floor senator. He also serves in the leadership development office as a delegates program facilitator, has served in the emerging leaders program and is a peer leadership consultant.

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Ian Walsh, a junior business major from Charlotte, said the key to an effective Carolina Athletic Association presidency was more student awareness and involvement. The CAA treasurer said student opinion was key in decisions about issues such as ticket distribution and Homecoming week. Distribution should be focused around student schedules, he said. "I want to rework ticket distribution to eliminate the class-skipping aspect. I don't think students should have to sacrifice academics to get tickets. I've worked with the athletic department in looking into feasible options for students wanting to camp out."

Walsh said he planned to continue the basketball Superfan blocks and to expand the Blue Blitz program, initiated by the CAA to increase support of nonrevenue Olympic sports on campus. "I want to make the Blue Blitz program all-encompassing, so everyone on campus will see, hear and know about it. I'd like to get more publicity and include club-level sports."

Student input should weigh heavily in decisions made about Homecoming week, especially the queen selection process, Walsh said. He said the CAA would draft a preliminary queen-selection policy over the summer and get feedback from students and campus group representatives. "I don't just want to work their ideas into an existing policy, but rather present a rough draft to them to see what they think, since these organizations do sponsor the Homecoming queen candidates," he said.

Ian Walsh
Candidate for Carolina Athletic Association President



"Requiring the queen to do a service project is a good idea because she should represent the University, and the best way to do so is through community service," Walsh said. "However, the CAA cabinet, studentbody, organization representatives and other outside opinion is fundamental to any decision made regarding this issue."

Walsh said he planned to get student input through surveys, publicity and forums. He also plans to expand the CAA home page he created on the World Wide Web. The page contained a Homecoming week schedule, a description of the ticket distribution policy and information on varsity teams. "I'd like to include the most up-to-date information of the most recent sporting events, as well as a page for each varsity team which would include schedules, photos and background team information."

Walsh also proposed possibilities for

new Homecoming week activities, including a keynote speaker and a comedy concert. He also said he would try to work with the National Panhellenic Council to expand the Homecoming week stepshow. "I've gained a lot of working relationships with different members of student government on all levels, as well as University administrators," he said. "My sense of how the different aspects of the CAA operate and the contacts I've developed will help CAA policies be consistent and well-publicized."

Besides working with the CAA, Walsh is a campus tour guide and tour guide advisory board member. He is also in charge of the greeter program at the admissions office and is a member of the Kenan-Flagler Symposium Publicity Committee in the Business School.

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RHA Must Return to Basic Mission

Matt Leggett, a junior philosophy major from Greenville, said he would like the Residence Hall Association to concentrate on its three basic areas: addressing campus residents' concerns, providing housing programming and enhancing the quality of on-campus living. "I want to improve on those three areas especially," Leggett said. "People aren't happy," he added. "We (RHA) should make hall representatives feel more important. That's how things get done."

Leggett said problems with staff had put a delay on some of the association's programs. "I'd like to do more of things like Springfest and speakers but less of things that don't pan out," Leggett said.

More publicity was needed to get some programs off the ground, he said. For example, the Battle of the Bands suffered last year because of lack of publicity. "Even with a lot of support for it, it failed because of publicity," Leggett said. "You can have a great program, but if nobody comes it doesn't work."

He said RHA had trouble getting word of some events around campus because of staff upheavals, and he would like to streamline the organization to get things accomplished faster.

The publicity officer resigned in the middle of the year this year, and RHA has been unable to circulate its newsletters

Matthew Leggett
Candidate for Residence Hall Association President



regularly, he said. The organization planned to send one letter a month, but only one was distributed at the beginning of the fall semester. "If people don't know who to talk to, they can't get things done," he said. Leggett said he thought the association could accomplish more things if RHA concentrated on spreading ideas through word of mouth or through the campus calendar in The Daily Tar Heel.

Current RHA President Jessica Godwin, who was elected last February, came into office with the idea of spreading RHA's name around with several programs, and Leggett said she had accomplished a great deal. "One of my strengths is to take others' ideas and expand on them," Leggett said. The RHA survey that the association circulated this year was an idea Leggett

said he would like to see continued, in order to find out what campus residents want. Leggett said that as governor of the Spencer Triad and Old Well Residence Hall area, he has had experience trying to get presidents of residence halls to cooperate with RHA.

He worked as a secretary and treasurer in Old West Residence Hall and as the intramural sport manager for the Spencer Triad Residence Area. "I have experience in putting things together and getting (residence hall) governors to work together," Leggett said. Leggett is also active in the Men's Glee Club, intramural sports and Chimera, the science fiction and fantasy writing club. He has been a volunteer for PlayMakers Repertory Company.

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Events Should Involve Whole Campus

Latoya Porterfield, a sophomore psychology major from Fayetteville, said she would like to improve the visibility of the Residence Hall Association if on-campus residents elected her as RHA president on Feb. 13. "On campus people always ask me what RHA is," she said. Porterfield said she would like to include more campuswide activities like Springfest, Battle of the Bands and exam breaks. Porterfield, who currently serves as the area governor of Hinton James Residence Hall, said that she was proud of the work the residence staff had done there under her leadership. "I feel like we've done a good job of getting student input," Porterfield said. "I feel like we had a strong government (at Hinton James)."

However, Porterfield said she would like to have suggestion boxes in all the residence halls because they are more convenient for students. Residents would be able to make positive or negative comments dealing with the various residence halls without going through the hassle of finding someone to talk to. The governor of each residence hall could check the boxes periodically and carry the students' recommendations to RHA meetings. The association has tried to make residence hall living better for students,

Latoya Porterfield
Candidate for Residence Hall Association President



Porterfield said. She said she felt that getting student input was crucial to achieving that goal. "If we see people want more enhancements or study rooms or whatever, the housing governors would bring it to RHA and we would take it to Dr. (Wayne) Kuncel (director of housing and education)," Porterfield said. Residence area governors could also be more accessible to on-campus students, Porterfield said. She said she would like the governors to ask the students in their residence halls how things were going and whether there were any improvements that needed to be made. "Once we do that, people know who to go to when they have a problem," Porterfield said. Porterfield also believes RHA should

work closely with resident assistants. "A lot of the (resident assistants) are not as closely tied to RHA as they could be," she said. "We do a lot of the same things," she said. "We'll do more if we work together than if we work separately." Working at the housing area office for three semesters and at the Student Union Help Desk for two semesters has given Porterfield a lot of experience helping people, she said. Her experience in RHA had been good overall, she said. But with the help of others, it could be improved. "We've had our flaws, but I think RHA has come a long way," she said. "We've still done a lot of good things and we can't let the bad things outweigh the good."

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Tuition Remission, Residency Policy Top Priorities

Katherine Kraft, a fourth-year graduate student pursuing a doctorate degree in toxicology, said it was time for the Graduate and Professional Student Federation to address issues important to out-of-state students and to increase graduate student involvement on campus. Kraft is from Augusta, Ga., and attended both North Georgia College and Augusta College. "As an out-of-state student, tuition remissions and residency issues are very important to me," she said. "As graduate students, we move our whole lives here to Carolina." "The number of remissions available on this campus are falling quickly, and residency is nearly impossible to establish," she said. "There are creative ways around the remission issue, such as maybe exchanging remissions for service."

Kraft said as GPSF president she would lobby for more lenient out-of-state policies. "It seems the government would want to encourage people to come here and stay," she said. "This area is developing quickly, and the state really needs to keep its (professional) personnel." Graduate students often feel unrepre-

sented, Kraft said. She said she planned to make GPSF more visible and to encourage graduate students to become involved. "There is an unfortunate apathy toward GPSF, largely because of its structure," she said. "One of the first things I want to do is form an advisory council to the (GPSF) president comprised of representatives from the graduate organizations in the individual schools," she said. "If these people feel like they have a voice, perhaps they will encourage others to participate." Kraft also plans to make changes within the GPSF congress, she said. "I would like to expand the responsibilities of the GPSF senators," she said. She said she thought the senators should be required to serve on committees across campus, increasing overall graduate student representation in University decision-making groups. Kraft said GPSF must take responsibility for increasing student awareness about graduate issues. "Information is key to all of this," she said. "I would like to see a feature column about graduate issues in all the local newspapers, if possible."

Katherine Kraft
Candidate for Graduate and Professional Student Federation President



GPSF will benefit from increased interaction with the undergraduate student government, Kraft said. She said she would consider it her responsibility to get the attention of undergraduate student leaders regarding graduate issues. "The student body president and Student Congress can be two very strong allies, and I have every intention of seeking their support," she said. "I very much hope we have a student body president who has a solid concern for graduate issues," she said. "If not, he or she will get very sick of me by the end of the year."

The president of GPSF should have past experience in student government, Kraft said. This year, Kraft serves as Student Body President Calvin Cunningham's appointee to the Transportation and Parking Advisory Committee. She was in charge of distributing hardship parking permits. "I wrote the legislation to establish hardship parking criteria," she said. "We're working to find a fair way to distribute parking across campus."

Kraft also briefly worked with the Chancellor's Task Force on Women's Issues and has been an alternate GPSF senator.

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LANNON

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Lannon works with White to restore and preserve the safety of the community. He said that because of the continued presence of police officers in the Carr Court area through the community policing program, the drug problem had been greatly reduced. "We catch (the dealers) off guard," he said. "They don't even know when we'll be out here."

Lannon said he tried to be more than just a law enforcement official to people in the area. "Instead of being just a police officer out here arresting people or citing them for a traffic violation, we try interacting with

these people," Lannon said. Though he has been involved solely in the Carr Court area for a little over a year, Lannon has lived in North Carolina for 10 years and worked with the Carboro Police Department for nine years. Before making the move to Carboro, he worked briefly as a police officer in Warrenton. Lannon, who comes from a family of law enforcement officials, is originally from Rhode Island. He and his wife, Debra, have been married for 15 years and have two children, Pete Jr., 14, and Jessica, 10. Jones described Lannon as resourceful and dedicated. "He really puts his heart and soul into his work and the people can really see that."

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Campus Calendar

FRIDAY

10 a.m. 1995 YACKETY YACK can be picked up in The Pit. Also now accepting applications for editor. Applications can be picked up in Suite 106 of the Union and are due Feb. 9. For more information, call 962-3912.

1 p.m. DIVERSE CAREERS FORUM with Robert McMahan (Adjunct Assistant Professor, UNC-CH); CEO, McMahan Electro-Optics in Room 277, Phillips Hall.

3 p.m. INMEMORY OF DR. STONE: Anyone interested in working on a program to educate the campus about the life of Sonja Haynes Stone and to celebrate the achievements of African-American women should meet in the Campus Y basement. If you have questions, call 962-2333.

4 p.m. PEGGY PHELAN: The Inaugural Series of the University Program in cultural studies colloquium "Performing Unmarked" will be presented in the second floor meeting room of the Ackland Art Museum.

4:45 p.m. NC HILLEL invites everyone to join us as we go to UNC-G for Shabbat dinner and services. RSVP required to Hillel at 942-4057.

6:30 p.m. CUAB Film Committee presents first showing of "Copycat" in Union Auditorium.

Black History Month Spotlight

George Horton

Because of his proximity to the campus of UNC and the accessibility of books, George Horton became adept at writing poetry commissioned by numerous undergraduates. Despite trying to raise enough money so that he could buy his freedom by selling his verse, Horton did not receive freedom until the abolition of slavery. His poems entitled "The Art of a Poet" and "Slavery" reflect his plea for freedom with sincerity and a certain sense of despair.

For the Record

The Thursday story "Diverse Viewpoints Must Be Included," should have said Ladell Robbins was from Goldsboro. It also should have stated his term as Black Student Movement president will end in two weeks. The Daily Tar Heel regrets the errors.

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