



CAA, RHA and GPSF Platforms



Seth Nore for CAA President

As a candidate for this position, I recognize the need to put forth my best effort to ensure that the needs and wants of Carolina's students are being satisfied. Keep in mind that as fee-paying students, you are all members of the CAA. I am dedicated to enabling you to become more active in the organization.

The basis of my platform includes: Communication, Action, and Accountability. Communication

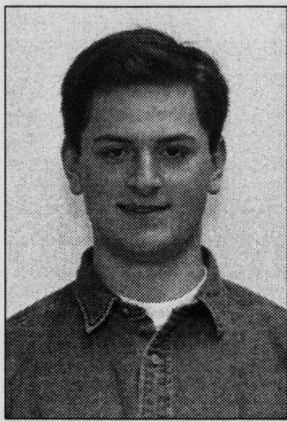
It is the responsibility of the CAA to inform the student body of matters concerning student involvement in athletic endeavors. Listening to the student body and its suggestions, ideas and concerns is equally as important a task for the CAA.

The establishment of a CAA Advisory Board will facilitate the process of communication between the CAA and the student body. In order to maintain a diverse group of opinions, the board will be made up of representatives of various student organizations, selected faculty and staff. The CAA Advisory Board will meet for round table discussions of pertinent issues that are directly affected by the CAA.

Publicity of CAA events will be improved. There is no excuse for not allowing the members of the organization to be informed of events which their fees are paying for. Inexpensive means of better publicity include: flyers for RAs to post for their residents, press releases to The Daily Tar Heel and newspapers and television stations and mass mailings through e-mail.

In order to increase student support for Carolina athletics, the CAA will concentrate a great deal of effort in the promotion of UNC Olympic Sports.

We will be working hand-in-hand with the staff of the UNC sports marketing department to develop a promotion strategy that will be focused at increasing stu-



dent attendance at Olympic Sport events.

The CAA will work hard with the Carolina Union and the athletic department to utilize the Carolina Union and its central location as a means of informing students of UNC Olympic Sports.

The CAA will work cooperatively with the campus community to create a Homecoming Week atmosphere that can be enjoyed by everyone. In order for the celebration of Homecoming Week to be successful, the CAA must collaborate with others to implement homecoming activities.

The Homecoming queen selection process needs to be looked at by asking ourselves what the title represents and how it should be evaluated. Homecoming is a time to celebrate the Carolina spirit. No event should take away from the celebration. The CAA wants to fix this problem, and if that means having others involved in the process, then we will do it. The CAA

does not have to be the only group responsible in the selection process — other leadership development and service-based organizations may have important roles in the process. Through use of the CAA Advisory Board and focus groups, the selection process will be analyzed and improved.

I wish I had the "end-all-be-all" solution to the problems of ticket distribution to men's basketball games. I find it hard to believe that anyone does have this miracle elixir. We need creative solutions that are practical and effective. I have been assured by the athletic department that they will give us their full effort to assist the facilitation of this process.

Superfan blocks will continue to be distributed to loyal Carolina basketball fans who demonstrate true Carolina spirit.

The CAA will attempt to revitalize an old tradition at Carolina basketball games called Ceiling Fans. In the highest reaches of the Smith Center, there will be a block of tickets given to those who literally want to raise spirits to a higher level.

Accountability

Above all else, the CAA will remain accountable to its members.

Focus groups will be used in addition to the CAA Advisory Board to give students a forum in which thoughts can be spoken and listened to.

The CAA will pay full attention to the Student Code and take necessary steps to ensure a smooth year. We will work our very best with other leaders on campus to make sure we are informed. Students should expect nothing less than our best effort, and that is exactly what they will receive. I look forward to hearing from all of you in the near future for ideas, suggestions and criticisms. Remember, you are all members of the CAA — it is your organization. Be a part of it. On Feb. 13 vote Seth Nore for CAA President.

Ian Walsh for CAA President

In the 1993-94 school year the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics awarded UNC the inaugural Sears Directors' Cup honoring the most outstanding overall athletic performance in the nation.

In the 1994-95 school year, UNC finished second in the competition. This one-two finish is symbolic of the tradition of excellence illustrated by our University's athletic program.

We as students are fortunate to have such a great complement to our academic careers.

Students deserve to witness and participate in this program. To ensure that this is possible is the job of the Carolina Athletic Association.

The CAA should inform students of its activities and involve them in them. As president, these would be two of my main objectives.

To produce concrete results, student involvement must be more direct than in the past.

By soliciting representatives of different campus organizations, a great diversity of ideas will be available. These representatives will review actual CAA policies and schedules.

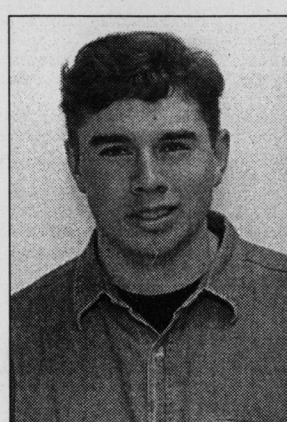
By being able to see exactly what they are talking about, the students can make better suggestions and improvements.

This is also the ground level of my second main objective — informing the students.

No student should ever be in the dark about the distribution schedule or about what events the CAA is sponsoring.

Through increased publicity on a variety of media, the CAA will keep the student body informed of everything in which it is involved.

This includes ads in the DTH, flyers around campus and residence halls, pit



cube painting, banners, the World Wide Web and more.

The organizational representatives will produce better results if they have something tangible to work with, and these are my proposed starting points:

Ticket Distribution: Students should not have to sacrifice their academics in order to get basketball tickets.

I want the 5 p.m. rule implemented prohibiting anyone from camping out before Friday classes are finished.

Once we establish the policy in early fall, it will not change.

We will publicize it and give it to everyone on campus. I also wish to continue the Superfan Block, as well as Midnight Madness.

Homecoming: Besides helping finalize the Homecoming queen selection policy, students can assist in planning the schedule of events for the entire week.

To have a variety of events that will encompass a greater diversity of students is my main objective.

A keynote speaker and comedy concert are two more specific ideas, as well as a kick-off and ending concert for the week.

The step show is one of the most popular events, and I want to work with the National Panhellenic Council to expand it, in collaboration with the Greek Freak program.

Student Interaction: The Blue Blitz program targets one game for every Olympic sport and publicizes it to increase attendance and support for that team.

This program should be expanded to include club teams for sports without varsity levels.

Earlier this year I created the CAA World Wide Web homepage. This can be a great resource to students.

I want to expand it to include daily updates on athletic events, as well as all CAA policies and schedules. Check it out today and e-mail the CAA with any suggestions — <http://www.unc.edu/student/orgs/caa>. Also, the CAA should work with the Sports Club Council and with club teams in their effort to enter the varsity level.

As treasurer this year I took an active role in virtually every activity the CAA did.

I have developed an acute understanding of how the organization succeeds, and I have been witness to learning experiences as well.

The working relationships I have established with members of student government and University administration will be beneficial throughout the year.

The CAA is the link between students and athletics at UNC, and my experience and ideas will empower the CAA to be the strongest link possible.

Matthew Leggett for RHA President

"Building A Better Residence Community," just what does that mean? I see it as creating a community in the residence halls that we all can benefit from.

The Residence Hall Association addresses on-campus residents' concerns on housing issues, purchases items that make on-campus living more enjoyable, and provides programs in academic, social and cultural areas.

RHA has made vast improvements over the years, but as we have changed I believe we have lost sight of the purpose. I intend to get back to the basics, the threefold purpose of the RHA. I want to get things done campus-wide, just as I have in Spencer Triad/Old Well. Two keys needed to provide these basics are visibility and leadership.

Your Concerns

First of all, anyone who has lived on-campus knows that there are many concerns involving housing.

We all need a voice through which we can talk with housing and get things done, and this is the job of the Residence Hall Association, in particular, the president of RHA. Concerns that I see as top priorities are: 1. getting cable and direct e-mail services to the residence halls as soon as possible, 2. handicap access to residence halls, 3. avoiding the contracting out of housekeeper jobs, 4. the Racial Diversity Program, and 5. the 24-hour visitation policy. In order to keep RHA informed of other resident concerns I intend to hold focus groups, forums and utilize campus-wide surveys similar to the ones used this year for programming and cable issues.

Making Residence Halls into Residence Homes

RHA currently purchases items such as vacuums, VCRs, movies, copiers and kitchen appliances to make your housing



experience more like home.

If residents do not know that these items are available, or how to use them, then they are not nearly as useful. Visibility is of major importance here.

I intend to have the location of all enhancement items listed with the area offices, so when residents need a vacuum or a Sega, they know where to get one. The RHA newsletter will also inform you as to who to talk to about getting items that your residence hall does not have and how to get involved in RHA.

By working closely with the Department of University Housing, I would like to continue to offer freshmen the option of purchasing carpets for their rooms, and I would like to extend this option to all on-campus residents. I would also like to offer the option of purchasing or renting microfridges.

Growth in Programming

RHA sponsors many programs for the benefit of residents.

We can also work with other campus groups to either help fund their existing programs or to plan activities together.

I intend to focus on growth in programming in three areas: academic, cultural and social. Ideas I have for academic programs include time management sessions, how-to study sessions, study breaks and "meet the professors" functions.

Cultural programming ideas that I would like to have include: having Maya Angelou speak and establishing diversity informational sessions.

As far as social programming goes, I would like to have traditional RHA programs publicized earlier than they have been. Programs such as Springfest, Fallfest, Exam Study Breaks, RHA Week and RHA Awareness Day should have dates set before leaving for the summer.

This would allow us to have the dates in the UNC Week by Week and greater publicity for these events in RHA newsletters, bulletin boards and the DTH. Good publicity (and plenty of it) is important to having successful programs, and the most effective form of publicity is word-of-mouth.

You are more likely to go to a program if you know someone who is going also. This works well as a growth tool.

With a greater visibility of our leaders, we will have more residents at our programs, and the more residents who show up at programs, the more likely they are to become involved in RHA, and the more people who are involved in RHA, the better we can serve you in providing programs which allow you to learn and have fun, purchasing enhancements and addressing your concerns.

Latoya Porterfield for RHA President

The residence hall experience creates a sense of community within University living. The purpose of RHA is to make living on campus an enjoyable experience. Whether it is through social academic activities, we strive to make living on campus as enjoyable as possible.

RHA has been administered by residents, and therefore represents the views and needs of the students residing on campus. I will continue to improve the resident's lives on campus by implementing new ideas as well as continue previous projects.

RHA Visibility

In order to serve the needs of residents, they must be aware of RHA and its purpose. I wish to expand the visibility of RHA on this campus. One way I intend to do this is participating in area activities and showing how these areas are directly involved in RHA.

I also want to encourage incoming students to participate in RHA and campus-wide events. I intend on doing this by sending out information to new students before they arrive here, so they will know what RHA is and its purpose beforehand. When new students arrive they will know how to get involved.

Another way recognition can be increased is by holding informational meetings in residence halls to explain the RHA organization.

The meetings will be conducted by area governments who will be able to answer questions concerning RHA. I would also continue to distribute the RHA newsletter. The newsletter will be distributed more frequently such as every month so that it will be an effective way to publicize events sponsored by RHA.

Programming

This is one of the ways in which area



governments can increase participation in RHA.

I would like to continue collecting ideas from all residents concerning their interests in programs. It is important to get ideas from campus residents in order to plan events that they will enjoy.

I plan to retrieve the interest of residents in two ways. First, I would like to provide suggestion boxes in all residence halls. Residents would be able to make comments dealing with their residence hall without having to go through someone else.

Although I encourage interaction between area governments and their residents, suggestion boxes will be convenient for residents. Second, I would like to continue the campus-wide survey to obtain opinions of all residents. Instead of having it at the beginning of the year, I would like

to conduct it at the beginning of each semester so that we can fulfill residents' goals throughout the year. Conducting the survey at the beginning of the second semester will allow residents the opportunity to share their ideas about RHA programming from the first semester. I would like to continue the Battle of the Bands, Springfest and other programs that are suggested by residents through the comprehensive surveys and suggestion boxes we will enact.

Also, I intend to continue RHA week and make it a stronger resource for informing residents of what RHA is all about. RHA week is designed to increase the residents' awareness of RHA. This event involves a variety of programs on the area and campus-wide levels. Campus residents will become more aware of RHA by seeing firsthand the programs and events RHA provides.

RHA and Housing

The link between RAs and RHA is important due to the direct relations both groups have with residents. I would like to continue the RA liaison executive assistant position that Jessica Godwin implemented last year. The RA liaison has served as a beneficial role to RHA by bringing us concerns that residents have that RHA can address. I would like to increase RAs involvement on the area level. They will enhance the productivity of area governments because they have a one-on-one relationship with residents and may be able to voice the concerns of students better.

RHA is here to make residence living as comfortable as possible. I believe that through greater student input and increased visibility, RHA will be a much more efficient organization in addressing the needs of campus residents.

Katherine Kraft for GPSF President

The following is a brief synopsis of some of my goals for the coming year if elected president of the GPSF. There are, of course, other important issues which are not herein addressed. However, I believe this provides an overview of my intentions.

The coming year will be filled with challenges in addressing issues which have long been debated over the needs and interests of post-baccalaureate students. Issues which are of particular concern to these graduate and professional students continue to be related to the current insurance policy offered to students through the Hill-Chesson Plan, the availability of tuition remissions to out-of-state students, and in-state residency requirements. New issues have arisen which directly impact the lives of our constituency. The availability of parking on campus has significantly decreased over the past several years and now threatens to create a contentious and volatile rift to further alienate us as students from our professors and the University staff. Turmoil over the past several months has severely undermined the ability of the Graduate and Professional Student Federation to act as a cohesive representative body in addressing our constituents' needs. The unfortunate consequence has been to generate a more apathetic atti-

tude toward the GPSF and to further alienate graduate and professional students from the organization that should serve as their strongest advocate. It's time to solve some of these problems.

A survey is currently being undertaken by the GPSF to ascertain student concerns over the Hill-Chesson Insurance Policy. In the mean time, immediate minor modifications to the payment and sign-up requirements of this insurance company could greatly increase the flexibility of the program in the eyes of students and consequently address a number of the historically expressed concerns of graduate and professional students over this insurance policy. Meanwhile, the survey, when completed, will be used as an information resource in future insurance policy negotiations. Tuition remissions have dwindled over the past several years while in-state residency requirements have become more stringent. I intend to address these issues simultaneously since they are inextricably intertwined. Apparently, it is the opinion of the legislature that out-of-state students avail themselves of the wealth of resources intended for the betterment of natives and subsequently leave the state having made no contribution to it or it's citizens. It's time to explore the validity of



that perspective. If the major objection to offering state support in the form of remissions or in-state residency status is based on the notion that out-of-state students leave the state immediately upon graduation, then through departmental and alumni association records we should attempt to track graduates of UNC to establish the

facts about where students live and work when they graduate. This should be done at both the undergraduate and post-graduate levels.

Additionally, since the legislature opposes increasing the number of remissions available, alternative mechanisms for addressing this issue should be explored. Programs designed to provide service to the state and local communities, which enhances the community service mission of the University and increases awareness of the impact of the University on the welfare of the state, may be a viable alternative. Co-operative agreements with corporations and industries located at Research Triangle Park may be a second alternative. Federal programs may be an additional means of providing support for our out-of-state constituents. I intend to explore these options as means of resolving this issue.

Recent surveys by a candidate for student body president indicate that the issue of parking is second only to tuition in importance to students. Having served as the Student Parking Committee Chair and the student body president's appointee to the Transportation and Parking Advisory Committee, I conclude that this issue has been ignored for too long. The cold, hard facts are: 1) increasing parking by building

parking decks is going to be expensive and 2) it's practically impossible to secure legislative funding for an auxiliary service. We need to consider alternative means of generating the capital necessary to remedy the dire parking shortages that we face. We can do this if we cooperate as a community. It is my intention to work toward the establishment of a campus wide coalition comprised of all members of the University community with the sole intention of exploring creative means of funding the parking facilities that we need so desperately.

Finally, the GPSF has the potential to serve as a resounding voice for graduate and professional students, if organized and run effectively. The University has a wealth of resources available in the form of its graduate and professional students. It's time that all these students felt represented by the GPSF. I intend to develop a Council of Graduate Leaders comprised of leaders of the independent graduate-student governance organizations on campus. I intend to increase the responsibilities of the GPSF Senate and to mandate accountability of officers and appointees. Finally, weekly press releases to papers and departmental publications will be made in an attempt to inform all students of GPSF activities.

Soliciting Supporters

The Daily Tar Heel will be printing one letter of endorsement for each candidate for student body president, senior class president and vice president. Carolina Athletic Association president, Residence Hall Association and Graduate and Professional Students Federation president on Monday, Feb. 12.

There will be no letters of endorsement printed for Student Congress candidates.

Only one letter can be printed per candidate — including only one letter per Senior Class pair — and it should be no longer than 300 words. If we receive more than one letter per candidate, we reserve the right to select which one appears in the paper. Letters must be typed, double-spaced, dated and signed by no more than two people.

Students should include their year, major and phone number. Faculty and staff should include their title, department and phone number.

The DTH reserves the right to edit letters for length, clarity and vulgarity. Letters are due Thursday at noon.

Turn them in to the DTH office at Suite 104, Carolina Union or e-mail them to dth@unc.edu. E-mailed letters must also include verifying information.

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