

Students' Guide to Campus Elections



Student Body President

Sean Behr

Platform Highlights

■ Sean Behr promises to be an advocate for student concerns and says he wants to be president with the student body, not of the student body.

■ He wants to install a report card system for local apartment complexes, in order to rate the security levels of their apartments. The report card will rate lighting, bus stop security and crime history, among other things.

■ Making the Carolina Course Review more dependent on student rather than on faculty support is another goal in platform. He proposes creating a syllabus collection point in the Pit and making departmental evaluations of professors public knowledge.

■ If elected, Behr says he would set up a network of students from across the state who would lobby their hometown representatives in the General Assembly to further education as a priority.

■ He promises to encourage the University to eliminate the burden of tuition for teaching assistants and resident assistants.

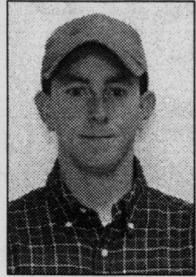
On the Trail

■ Behr announced his intent to run for student body president Jan. 15.

■ He said he disagreed with the "laundry list" mentality used by other candidates. At the Feb. 5 forum sponsored by the Dialectic and Philanthropic Societies, he criticized opponents for trying to address a large number of topics without elaborating on them.

■ At the same forum, Behr said better communication between the Graduate and Professional Student Federation and the executive branch would help graduate students get the money they needed. "Treat the GPSF president as vice president of student government," he said.

■ He said at the Campus Y and NAACP forum Feb. 5 he hoped the student body president could serve to encourage the establishment of a free-standing Black Cultural Center, although as student body president, he did not want to step in and take over the process.



Lee Conner

Platform Highlights

■ Lee Conner says he will fight against future tuition increases and work diligently to keep student fees as low as possible.

■ He would push to have Orange County voting districts changed so that all on-campus students can vote on campus.

■ Conner would like to see the UNC ONE Card's use expanded to Franklin Street restaurants and Chapel Hill Transit.

■ Devoting more resources to the Office of Student Advising and better funding to minority advisers are two issues Conner promises to address.

On the Trail

■ Conner announced his intention to run for student body president Jan. 15.

■ He resigned as publisher of the Carolina Course Review Jan. 17.

■ "We need more people who bring groups together than groups that separate," Conner said at a Greek Women's Issues Group meeting Jan. 30. He said issues such as the rush memo written last fall by Phi Gamma Delta fraternity members were not representative of the Greek community. He said renovating Howell Hall into a women's cultural center would improve the campus' intellectual climate.

■ Conner, at the Campus Y and NAACP forum Feb. 6 said he did not support tuition and fee increases and that the \$400 increase that passed through the legislature last fall set a bad precedent. "Last time we did not come out united. We came out very fractured, and we lost \$400 apiece."

■ At the Black Student Movement forum Feb. 7, he said he wanted to focus on encouraging greater diversity in the classrooms. "Our faculty should not look like cardboard cutouts of each other. They should be diverse people with diverse backgrounds," Conner said. He said he had worked to increase faculty diversity during his term as chairman of the Chancellor's Student Advisory Committee.

■ At the same forum, Conner said he would actively seek out members of a wide variety of campus groups to play a part in his administration. "I want my administration to be a rainbow," he said.



Michael Farmer

Platform Highlights

■ Michael Farmer pledges to expand student government to include an executive branch that relates to the students and is open to the entire constituency it serves.

■ He will try to expand the Classrooms in Areas program now under way in Ehringhaus Residence Hall. The program allows students to have class within their own housing community.

■ Farmer says that because so many pertinent issues bounce around Suite C, he wants to create a web page students can use to communicate with student government.

■ Pressing for student scholarships is a high priority in Farmer's campaign. He would like to see a Department of Student Scholarship founded to make academic scholarships on par with athletic scholarships.

■ He would also like to build a better Student Union through private fund raising.

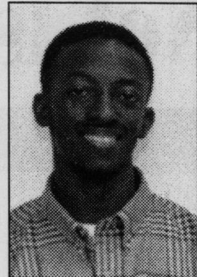
On the Trail

■ Farmer his candidacy for student body president Jan. 16.

■ A member of his campaign staff was cited for campaigning door to door in a residence hall outside of the restricted time periods Jan. 18. A second worker was cited Jan. 22. After an investigation by the Elections Board Jan. 25, the two workers were dismissed from his staff and all the signatures they collected were disqualified. Farmer received a warning that any subsequent violation could result in his disqualification from the race.

■ At the Campus Y and NAACP forum, Farmer said student government should be instrumental in pushing for a free-standing Black Cultural Center. "It is absolutely necessary that the student body president go through with the plans at the beginning of his administration, not the end, but the beginning."

■ At a Feb. 8 forum sponsored by the Women's Issues Network and other organizations, Farmer said he supported the idea of a center but would avoid raising student fees to pay for it. "I know right now a free-standing women's center is very important," he said. "There are people with more money in the state, there are people with more money in the nation than students."



Aaron Nelson

Platform Highlights

■ Aaron Nelson says he will continue to fight unfair tuition and fee increases.

■ He also plans to lobby to make the open-container law an infraction instead of a misdemeanor.

■ Nelson promises to implement a Student Fee Audit Committee to monitor how student fees are spent.

■ Establishing a University Council with representation from students, staff, faculty and the administration is one way Nelson hopes to achieve community.

■ He would also like to advocate more recyclables in the dining halls.

On the Trail

■ Nelson announced his intent to run for student body president Jan. 15. He organized a University-recognized student group called Aaron Nelson for SBP. This group status provided him the opportunity to use Student Union space and equipment.

■ He resigned from his two-year presidency of Young Democrats Jan. 16.

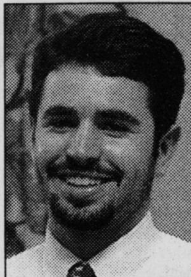
■ Nelson, a resident assistant in Mangum Residence Hall, reported one of Michael Farmer's campaign workers going door to door in his residence hall after hours Jan. 18.

■ Also at the Dialectic and Philanthropic Literary Societies forum, Nelson said UNC should refocus current expenditures to pay for graduate student health insurance. "We can pay for this if we make it a priority for the University," he said.

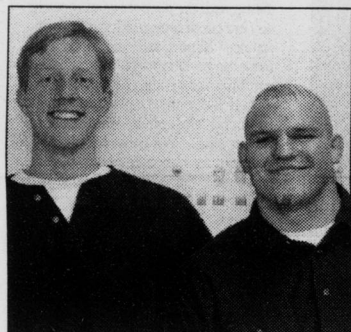
■ Nelson said the student body president should play a large role in the creation of a free-standing Black Cultural Center. "We have forgotten what building the BCC is about," he said at the Campus Y and NAACP forum Tuesday. "It has become a debate over square footage. It should be something we stand up loud and clear and say: 'This is something we demand.'"

■ At the same forum, he said he advocated furthering minority and women's issues. "I'm not embarrassed to say I'm a feminist," he said. "That's not a swear word. It's an important word."

■ Nelson won endorsements from the Black Student Movement, the NAACP and The Daily Tar Heel.



Senior Class President and Vice President



Charlie McNairy and Justin Harty

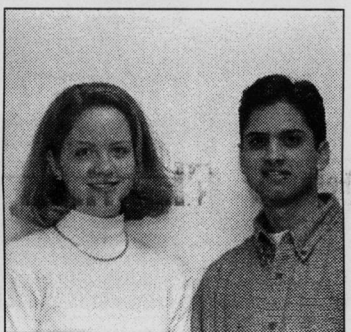
■ Charlie McNairy and Justin Harty pledge to use their ties to the athletic department to bring a nationally renowned commencement speaker to campus.

■ The pair promises to create a senior community service program modeled after ACC Outreach. Seniors could participate in one service project per semester.

■ McNairy and Harty want to expand Senior Week activities to include tailgating before home football games and a Seniorfest, which would include a band and a cookout.

■ The team says having a diverse group of marshals is important to them, and they promise to draw from a wide range of students when selecting marshals.

■ The pair wants to increase interaction between UNC alumni and job-seeking seniors to provide increased employment opportunities after graduation.



Katie McNerney and Minesh Mistry

■ Katie McNerney and Minesh Mistry promise to increase awareness and accessibility to all the University's resources via a web page and a Senior Source Calendar.

■ The team wants to create Externships matching Alumni and Seniors for Experience (EASE) to match alumni in various fields with seniors and create a networking system to help with the job hunt after graduation.

■ Volunteer Opportunities Led by Seniors (VOLS) will provide seniors with an opportunity to serve as role models for children in middle and high schools, the pair says. If elected, they plan to start this program.

■ McNerney and Mistry promise to create a "Breakfast Club" twice a semester to provide seniors with an opportunity to get together informally with professors over breakfast.

■ The two promise to work to voice the concerns and needs of the Senior Class.



Bryan Pruitt and Joshua Eaton

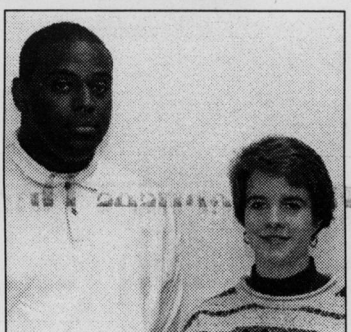
■ Bryan Pruitt and Joshua Eaton propose to increase communication between the Senior Class and its officers by submitting a progress report to The Daily Tar Heel on a monthly basis and by holding senior forums each month for students to voice their concerns.

■ The team promises to draw from a diverse pool of seniors to put together a representative group of marshals.

■ Pruitt and Eaton say they want input from all seniors when making a selection for the Senior Class Gift.

■ The pair says they want to continue holding two Senior Weeks; the first Senior Week will focus on searching for employment and options for after graduation, the second will concentrate on celebration.

■ The commencement speaker should be chosen by the officers of the Senior Class in consultation with the entire class, Pruitt and Eaton say.



Ladell Robbins and Amelia Bruce

■ Ladell Robbins and Amelia Bruce say they will institute a Fall Dinner Series which will enable seniors to interact with business leaders and leaders in education.

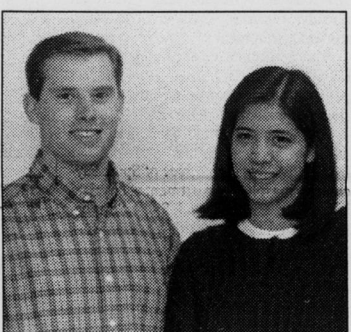
■ The team promises to create a Senior Class trip over Spring Break to facilitate unity and to give Seniors a cheaper break opportunity for vacationing.

■ All seniors must be asked for input concerning the Senior Class Gift, the pair says.

■ Robbins and Bruce promise to work to raise funds for local charities, such as the Inter-Faith Council and the AIDS Service Agency.

■ The pair promises to bring together a diverse group of marshals to facilitate participation in Senior Class activities.

■ They plan to do several senior class fundraisers in partnership with a local charity. The Senior Class Olympics during the spring semester will serve as a fund-raiser.



Alex Thrasher and Jenn Marcum

■ Alex Thrasher and Jenn Marcum say they want to create a Senior/Alumni Network Development Committee to increase communication between seniors and alumni.

■ Thrasher and Marcum promise to maintain the current SeniorCorps service program apparatus, but they will alter it to concentrate on a year-long project such as building a house for Habitat for Humanity.

■ All seniors must be involved in choosing the Senior Class present and the commencement speaker, the pair says.

■ The two pledge to increase publicity about the services offered by University Career Services, especially services for seniors. They will push for a World Wide Web home page.

■ Thrasher and Marcum say they will create a Senior Class Lawn Party, similar to the event held annually at N.C. State University, to celebrate class unity.

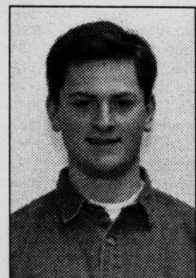
Carolina Athletic Association President

Seth Nore

■ Seth Nore says he wants to establish a Carolina Athletic Association Advisory Board that would increase communication between members of the student body and the CAA.

■ CAA will work with UNC sports marketing to increase promotion for Olympic sports, Nore promises.

■ Nore pledges to examine the process of selecting the Homecoming queen and to open it to input from other student organizations, he said.



Ian Walsh

■ Ian Walsh promises to end class skipping by implementing a rule that prohibits anyone from camping out before 5 p.m. for basketball ticket distributions.

■ Walsh pledges to finalize the Homecoming queen selection process and to widen the scope of Homecoming week activities.

■ He said he promised to solicit representatives from a variety of campus organizations to provide diverse opinion in reviewing Carolina Athletic Association policies.



GPSF President

Katherine Kraft

■ Katherine Kraft promises to address issues important such as insurance policies offered to students, tuition remissions and in-state residency requirements.

■ Kraft pledges to use a survey of graduate students regarding insurance to provide information for future policy negotiations.

■ The Graduate and Professional Students Federation must explore alternatives to the option of tuition remissions, if the state legislature will not increase the number it currently offers.



Student Congress

The following students are running for Student Congress. From Dist. 1 (graduate students in the School of Law and School of Business) Elizabeth Erhardt and Jamie Kilbourne. From Dist. 4 (graduate students in English, folklore, comparative literature, linguistics, Romance languages, Germanic languages, Slavic languages, speech communication, and leisure studies) Brian Kennedy. From Dist. 10 (Spencer, Alderman, Kenan, McIver and Aycock) Kristin Sasser. From Dist. 11 (Graham, Everitt, Joyner, Alexander and Connor) Paul Buzina, Joe Kleidis and Arun Krishnarg. From Dist. 13 (Grimes, Manley, Mangum, Ruffin, Old East, Old West and Whitehead) Stacy Hermelin and Winston McMillan, Mark Sweet and Ryan Walsh. From Dist. 14 (Winston, Parker, Carmichael, Teague and Avery) Michael Davis, Paul Delamar and Jeff Donald, Dawnielle Gladden, Ed Page and Vinston Rozier. From Dist. 15 (Ehringhaus, Hinton James) Kendle Bryan, Harper Gordek, James Hoffman, Terrence McGill and Ian Rose. From Dist. 16 (Morrison, Craige) Josh Cohen-Peyrot, Jason Jolley, Jeremy Piercy and Nathan Powell. From Dist. 17 (Granville Towers) Scott Efrid, Trey Lindley and Scott Schaff. From Dist. 19 (area north of East Franklin Street, east of Columbia/ Airport Roads and south of Estes Drive) Daniel Sicheloff. From Dist. 21 (area bounded by Columbia Street, West Franklin Street, Jones Ferry Road and Highway 54 Bypass) Amar Athwal, Michael Simmons, Andrew Fernandez and Kameron White. From Dist. 22 (area north of West Franklin Street and Jones Ferry Road and west of Columbia Street and Airport Road) Charlie Roederer.

No one is running in the following districts: Dist. 2 (graduate students in education, journalism and social work), Dist. 3 (graduate students in city and regional planning, economics, geography, history, political science, public administration, ecology and sociology), Dist. 5 (graduate students in information and library sciences, anthropology, art, drama, operational research, classics, music, philosophy and religion), Dist. 6 (graduate students in physics, marine sciences, geology, chemistry, biology, math, statistics and computer science), Dist. 7 (graduate students in biochemistry, cellular biology, biomedical engineering, genetics, microbiology/immunology, pathology, pharmacology, toxicology, physiology, physical education and psychology), Dist. 8 (graduate students in public health and nursing), Dist. 9 (graduate students in dentistry, medicine, pharmacy and neurobiology), Dist. 18 (area west of Columbia Street, south of Jones Ferry Road and south of Highway 54), Dist. 20 (area east of Columbia Street and south of East Franklin Street), Dist. 23 (area east of Columbia Street/Airport Road and north of East Franklin Street with the exception of Dist. 19).

Residence Hall Association President

Matthew Leggett

■ Matthew Leggett wants to make the Residence Hall Association respond to student needs.

■ He pledges to make residence halls more like home by making items such as VCRs and movies more accessible.

■ Leggett says he will work closely with the Department of University Housing to offer freshmen the option of purchasing carpet for their rooms and will try to extend this option to all students living on campus.



Latoya Porterfield

■ Latoya Porterfield promises to increase campus awareness of and involvement in the Residence Hall Association by increasing participations in residence areas, mailing information to new students and holding informational meetings.

■ To improve programming and communication between students and RHA, she promises to provide suggestion boxes for residence halls and to conduct campus-wide surveys twice a year.



Referenda

■ FOOD SERVICE CHANGES. Students will have the option to recommend a 31-cent increase in student fees that would fund a complete revamping of food services. Under the proposal, Lenoir Dining Hall and Chase Hall would be renovated and food services at the Student Union would be expanded.

The \$12.5 million plan would be funded by an increase in student fees. While the actual cost of the plan was \$29.98 per student per semester, much of it might be covered by existing fees, reserve funds and an expected 20 percent increase in business.

The food services task force estimates a 31-cent increase in student fees per semester beginning in the 1997-1998 school year. The increase could range from none to more than \$18.

■ STUDENT FEE AUDIT COMMITTEE. Students can choose to approve a permanent student committee that would provide a breakdown of how all student fees are spent. The committee also would advise University officials before they approve student fee increases.