

Printed Endorsements An Elections Faux Pas

BSM President Tamara Bailey says the rules are a "systematic" attempt to take power from her group.

By SHANNON SNYPP
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Recent legislation has restricted organizations such as the Black Ink, the Carolina Review, and the Blue and White from endorsing candidates in their publications, because they use student activity fees.

Morayo Orija, speaker of Student Congress, said that the legislation reinforces from the original bill the restriction placed on the use of student fees for publications.

"No groups can use funds on behalf of any candidates," Orija said. "Any biased writing pushing for one candidate over the other, such as criticisms of any sort would be prohibited, but objective reportings on the elections, such as polls, would be permitted."

The legislation states, "The expenditure of Student Government funds on behalf of any candidate ... except such funds to conduct such elections, referendum, initiative, poll, or other review, or campaign subsidies is prohibited ... This shall in no way infringe upon the right of any of the media funded by student government to endorse or print editorials, articles, or letters, for or against any candidate or referendum."

This legislation does not specifically target the Black Student Movement, but other organizations that also use student activity funds, like the Carolina Review and the Blue and White, Orija said.

But BSM President Tamara Bailey said the act was directed at the BSM

because there were not many groups on campus that were funded by student fees.

"The Elections Board realizes the power of the BSM's endorsements on campus, and the board is trying to curb that power," she said.

Election Board Chairwoman Heather Faulk said that the legislation was not an attack against the BSM; it merely clarified what is appropriate for endorsements in the election campaign.

"We are in no way trying to infringe upon anyone's editorial freedom," Faulk said.

The candidates will not be charged for endorsements through their limited campaign funds.

Orija said endorsing candidates by using student activity fees was a questionable use of the funds.

"The legislation was merely to clear up the issue of groups endorsing candidates so that their student funds are not yanked," Faulk said.

Electioneering of this sort would result in the pulling of student government funds from the organization, she said.

"Congress will do anything to systematically take away the power of the BSM on campus," Bailey said.

Orija said she planned to personally address all organizations on campus in a letter that would fully explain the restrictions in order to clear up any miscommunications.

Still, Bailey said the legislation will in no way prohibit the BSM's involvement in the elections.

"Congress can never change the power of the black community when they come together on campus to endorse a candidate," she said.

"Sometimes it only takes word of mouth to make a difference."

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RHA Candidate To Stress Diversity

Sophomore Jermain Reeves has his foot in the door as a candidate for Residence Hall Association president.

Reeves said the focus of his campaign was increasing communication between students and the RHA, providing better housing facilities and promoting diversity.

"I think we need to build upon the representation that's already in the dorms," he said.

"The RHA needs to communicate with students because, I think, the communication gap slows down progress."

Reeves said his first goal if elected was to survey students on their housing concerns. In addition, Reeves said he would promote more forums and get

student liaisons to better voice residents' concerns.

Reeves also said there was need for more standard meeting times for area governors and resident assistants.

"From what I understand, the RAs don't have contact with RHA, and I want to try and work on a better way to close that gap."

Another issue Reeves said he wanted to tackle was the quality of campus living conditions. As a two-year Morrison Residence Hall resident, Reeves said he was not satisfied with campus rooms.

He said he planned to lobby the Department of University Housing for new beds to replace the steel ones already in use and to fix the gaps between air conditioners and window frames.

While current RHA President David Jernigan toured residence halls in September to report on living conditions, Reeves said he would not conduct another tour but would rely on survey results.

He said that if less than 15 percent of campus residents responded, he would consider touring residence halls.

Reeves also said he would like more diversity among the regions of campus and proposed a diversity program to make North Campus residents composed of 25 percent minorities. He said he was in favor of a program where minority applicants who pick North Campus as their first housing choice would be considered more strongly than other candidates, he said.

"If there's 10 percent African

Americans, and only 3 percent living on North campus, you need to make things more proportionate," he said.

Reeves said he might run into some obstacles implementing this program because of legal issues, but he said he would still try to make it a reality.

Because he has not had any experience with RHA, Reeves said he hoped to work side-by-side with Jernigan for the last few months of his administration and pick people who have some leadership experience to help him.

"Because we are a multicultural school, we should have multicultural leaders to play on everyone's opinions and to reach out to a broader base of students."

—Compiled by Lindsay Kim

State Policy Allows Acceptance of Gifts

By ANDREW MEEHAN
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Although state statutes strictly regulate gifts from outside companies to University employees, some administrators said they were wary of any gift because they wanted to avoid the appearance of wrongdoing.

For example, the director of the General Alumni Association said he canceled his trip to the Super Bowl to avoid the appearance of wrongdoing.

Doug Dibbert, who is also the director of the University's alumni affairs, was offered two tickets to the game for himself and his son from MBNA, a bank that the GAA deals with.

After questions from The Daily Tar Heel, Dibbert said he checked with University legal counsel Susan Ehringhaus, who told him that the trip was acceptable according to the law.

General Assembly statutes prohibit

University administrators who participate in contract-making processes with outside companies from taking gifts from those companies. The GAA is an autonomous organization separate from the University. But Dibbert canceled the trip anyway. "It was not that important," he said. "I've earned my reputation, and I'm certainly not going to let someone miscast it."

The GAA endorses MBNA credit cards for students and alumni. In return, those that apply and are accepted for the cards receive benefits that the GAA requests. Dibbert said about 35,000 people have received the cards since GAA began offering them. Dibbert was one of the chief negotiators when the GAA made the deal with MBNA.

MBNA also compensates the GAA, which uses the compensation for its own programming, Dibbert said. The contract prohibits him from disclosing how much the GAA receives, he said.

Dibbert said other alumni associations from ACC schools would send representatives to the game as guests of MBNA. Debbie DuBose, the executive director of the Clemson University Alumni Association, said her organization sent a representative to the game.

While Dibbert was offered Super Bowl tickets, Provost Dick Richardson said he had never been offered anything that large. He said that in his 30 years of teaching, the most contact he has had with corporations was through textbook publishers. He said publishers would pitch their books to him, but they had never offered him a gift of any kind.

He said the only gifts he ever exchanged were books or paperweights with foreign visitors. "There is some feeling of appropriateness with this."

Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Services Dean Bresciani said the benefits to the entire University had to be weighed against the gift. "When pub-

lic agencies interact with private agencies, that is where someone has to be careful," he said. "It's really a case-by-case basis."

At the end of the year, University employees must fill out forms detailing any possible conflicts of interest that could arise from their activities outside the University. They must also list any gifts they received. Ehringhaus said she did not know of anyone that had been charged with taking a bribe.

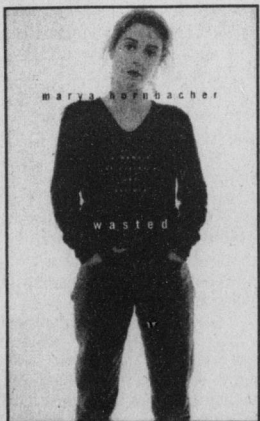
Also, Bresciani said he had never accepted a gift for himself from a company, but he had been offered gifts. He said the offers ranged from a turkey to money for the University or himself.

He said he had always either given the gifts to charity or to the institution. But, he said, it would be possible to ethically and legally accept a gift.

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5 p.m. - Masala, a campus group promoting cultural diversity, will have a general body meeting in Union 211. A presentation on the Asian American Resource Center will be given. All are welcome to attend!

Wednesday
noon - The Diabetes Group will meet in the Wellness Resource Center, Fetzer Gym. Bradley Hack will speak on stress management. Please bring a brown bag lunch. For more information call 966-6562.
4 p.m. - Make-up final for Dr. Behavie's fall semester Econ 10 and Econ 130 classes will be held in Hanes 308.
5:30 p.m. - George M.C. Fisher, chairman and CEO of Eastman Kodak Co., will deliver the annual Archie K. Davis Lecture at the Koury Auditorium of McColl Building. Free and open to the public. To reserve a seat, contact Mimi Beatty at 962-3107 or Mimi_Beatty@unc.edu.
7 p.m. - Join the College Republicans in the second meeting of the semester. Meet new friends and find out about the Spring Convention, Union 208.

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