

The Duties of Student Government

The five major elected officials have numerous responsibilities that come with their titles, ranging from serving on various University committees to networking with UNC administrators.

Student Body President

- Holds position as student representative on the Board of Trustees — charged with providing the "student perspective" on all issues before the board.
- Works with the University system and the legislature — responsible for conveying student issues to UNC's two governing bodies.
- Builds coalitions among student government, student groups and individual students to work on issues that face the student body.
- Represents the student body to the numerous boards and committees of which the student body president is a member.
- Helps to provide opportunities for students to work collectively toward the University's goals of teaching, research, public service and community.

Graduate and Professional Student Federation President

- Is primary graduate/professional voice to all University administrators, trustees, BOG members, legislators and the media.
- Insures GPSF Senate and other internal workings run properly.
- Sits as member on numerous University committees, recruiting and selecting other students to fill appointments to more than 50 University committees.
- Designs and carries out projects to improve graduate/professional life at UNC; e.g., establishing a graduate/professional honor society, creating awards for graduate student mentoring or improving access to child care for student parents.
- Serves as a student body officer, maintaining strong working relationship with student body president and other officers.
- Attends student body president Cabinet meetings and Student Congress meetings.

Carolina Athletic Association President

- Provides leadership over all aspects of the CAA, chiefly the four main areas of Homecoming, sports marketing, ticket distribution and Carolina Fever.
- Represents student concerns to the Department of Athletics — serving as the chief student liaison between the student body and Department of Athletics.
- Is voting member of the UNC Athletic Council.

Residence Hall Association President

- Is liaison between on-campus residents and the Department of University Housing.
- Serves on various housing committees.
- Plans campuswide social activities for campus residents.

Senior Class President

- Maintains connections with all senior class members throughout the year.
- Plans regular class social activities.
- Speaks at both December and May Commencement ceremonies.

SOURCE: STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Voters: Leaders Must Bridge Student Gap

By **KIM MINUGH**
Assistant University Editor

While potential candidates in upcoming student body elections are starting to put their campaign machines in motion, UNC's student leaders say they want increased government accessibility and officers who more rigorously bridge the gap between Suite C and the rest of the student population.

As candidates begin to draw up their platforms, student leaders remind them that student feedback is the most valuable asset to a successful governing body.

"If (student government) continues to get student opinion through contact, they'll always stay on top of what's going on on campus," said Tiffany Black, co-public coordinator of the Black Student Movement.

This year's government began to break the ice with its continuous efforts to fight the proposed tuition increase.

"I was impressed by this government's efforts in working against the tuition increase," said Todd Pugatch, member of Students for Economic Justice.

"The leaders really stepped up to represent students," Pugatch said.

"It was a real starting point to reach out to student organizations, to see what they're doing and to work in tandem

with them."

According to sophomore Robert Boykin, the government's efforts to support student organizations did not stop with uniting against the possible tuition increase.

He said Student Congress was very fair and understanding when he and sophomore Eric Johnson approached them with their ideas for the creation of Carolina Cancer Focus.

"(Congress) was willing to listen to our ideas, even when we only had the project in mind and nothing to back it up," he said.

But Boykin said that although Congress was very receptive of their ideas, student government had room to grow.

Boykin said Congress should follow up on money allocations to evaluate the progress and purpose of each organization to which they give financial support.

"If they're giving money they should come see what we're doing," he said.

"I didn't see much interaction with the student government and our organization. I'd like to see government more intertwined with organizations."

Black said the BSM hoped to see more black students seeking officer and Cabinet positions. While she said that was more an issue of fighting apathy, it also involved appointment.

"We'd like to see more (black students) in higher positions," she said.

Junior Michal Osterweil, a member of Alliance for Creating Campus Equity and Seeking Social Justice, said that had the tuition crisis never come up this

year, ACCESS' alliance with student government never would have been forged.

"Student government has a long way to go in pro-actively pursuing relationships with student groups," she said.

She said next year's student government must also work to educate the student body. She expressed concern that students generally did not realize the power they held in a representative body and therefore ignored student government to a large degree.

"It's not that (students) think bad or good about it; they just don't think about it," she said.

Osterweil said the uninformed student body should be attributed to weak public relations instead of voter apathy.

"I don't believe in apathy," she said. "(Next year's leaders) need to make (government) more accountable and accessible."

Margie Wakelin, member of Student Environmental Action Coalition, also said student government must educate its constituents of the power they have are able to access.

"There's not a lot of knowledge on the part of students as to how the government can work," she said.

"Activists don't understand how the government can be used because a precedent has been set that student government doesn't make change."

Wakelin said she was disappointed that this year's government was hesitant to take a stand on more controversial issues, and applauded it for so aggressively fighting the tuition increase.

"They need to take a stand, even if it means burning some bridges with administration," she said.

"Now it seems that sometimes there's more alliance with administration than with students."

Freshman Drew King applauded the government's earlier efforts to publicize the movement against the tuition increase but said he was disappointed when few other issues were so actively pursued in the public eye.

"It seemed that with such a big issue that affected so many people, the word was out on the street about what was going on, but otherwise, there seems to be a lull in the action," he said.

"It'd be nice to know what's going on."

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Intramural Sports

SPORT DEADLINE

- Basketball Tuesday, Jan. 18
- Bowling Tuesday, Jan. 18
- Grail Volleyball Tuesday, Jan. 18
- Soccer Tuesday, Jan. 18

NOTE: The Soccer deadline has been moved up to today due to the anticipated Carmichael Field construction. The soccer format will be a shortened season with no playoffs.

SPORTS OFFICIALS NEEDED! The Intramural Sports Program is hiring students interested in officiating basketball, soccer and volleyball. Starting pay is \$5.75 per hour with flexible scheduling. The first clinic (basketball) is tonight. For more information contact the Campus Recreation office at 962-1153.

SPORTS Agent Meeting: For Students Promoting Organized Recreation To Students, the first meeting of the semester is tonight, 7PM in WG301. SPORTS Agents are volunteers who help promote intramurals on and off campus.

EMPLOYEE INTRAMURALS: Employee free play volleyball starts up tonight, 5:00-7ish in Fetzer Gym B.



Sport Clubs

Announcing: CLUB FEST '00

- What:** Sport Clubs Spring Membership Drive
- Where:** The PIT (Rain Site: Great Hall)
- When:** Wednesday, January 19, 10-2pm

Get involved in one of many clubs still looking for members. There will be over 20 different sport and recreational club representatives available to talk to you about their activities.

Come to "The PIT" on January 19th to have all your questions answered and to find out how you can get involved. For more info, please call 962-1013.



Fitness & Aerobics

WELLWARE Week

- Date:** January 24- 27
- Time:** 3 - 5pm
- Location:** SRC Main Entrance

The purpose of the week's activities will be to provide various fitness opportunities. Each day a different fitness component will be highlighted-- Muscle Monday (muscular strength and endurance), Trim Tuesday (body composition), Heart Healthy Wednesday (blood pressure) and Terrific Thursday (healthy nutrition).

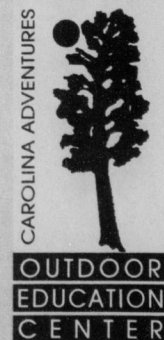
FITNESS/AEROBIC CLASSES BEGIN TUESDAY, JANUARY 18!!

Carolina Adventures

The 1st annual **LEADING EDGE INDOOR CLIMBING COMPETITION** will be held on Friday, Jan. 21 in Fetzer Gym C. To compete

for great prizes and bragging rights, sign up at Campus Recreation by Wed. Jan. 19, 10PM.
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