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Vote Cowley/Black

The ballot for senior class president and vice president is crammed full of names. But one pair has set themselves apart with innovative ideas and advanced preparation. For this reason, Jason Cowley and Sherilynn Black deserve your vote

to lead the class of 2001. Cowley and Black have concrete plans and ideas for their adminis-

The duo plans to form Advisory Senior Council, which will provide a forum for senior class officers and the class of 2001 to discuss

issues and relevant concerns. This is a positive step toward opening and maintaining a dialogue between student government and the seniors they represent, something sorely lacking in current Senior Class President Danya Ledford's administration.

Another crucial component of a successful administration is the selection of senior marshals. Cowley and Black assert that they will choose marshals who represent the widely diverse makeup of the senior class

Cowley and Black have stated that they want openness regarding all aspects of the decision-making process when choosing a senior gift. They must follow through on this promise and keep the lines of communication open so the public can stay well informed of their progress.

One of the duo's most innovative ideas involves an issue paramount to the senior

University Police are proving to be the

Following the death of dental fellow Fusayoshi Matsukawa in a pedestrian acci-

dent last November, police announced they

would step up safety measures. Last month,

two officers were devoted to monitoring

pedestrian safety at busy crosswalks.

They issued 40 citations in their first two

days on the job. In the three weeks since,

however, only 60 additional citations have

reflected the efficiency of the pedestrian safe-

Last week's hit-and-run accident on the same street where Matsukawa was killed

By this point, a pattern is beginning to

A safety awareness campaign launched by the Department of Public Safety last spring

consisted of temporary "Stop for Pedestrian

signs and increased enforcement of traffic laws. But by November, when Matsukawa

was hit, the signs had come down and speed-

ers were no longer being aggressively target-

This latest accident illustrates that repeat-

ed efforts by University Police to ensure

pedestrian safety have been half-hearted and

ty officers in preventing accidents

would suggest otherwise.

Poarch claimed that the lowered number

masters of the quick fix

been issued.

ed by police.

class: the senior class gift. They have pro-posed an annual scholarship that would sponsor one disadvantaged student from both a rural area and an urban area. The winners would live together to promote cross-cultural under-

> standing. But innovative ideas such as that scholarship can float into oblivion if there is no work done to make it happen. Here lies another strength with Cowley and Black.

Sherilynn Black

The preparation for their campaign began last summer. They've discussed the feasibility of their ideas with other

administrators and campus groups.

They have already taken the initiative to approach the Office of Development and lay down their ideas for a senior class gift, show ing they do not intend to cede the decisionmaking process to any group other than the

Cowley and Black have worked together since high school and have an open rapport with each other. They are very approachable, which will help them keep in touch with the senior class.

While not entrenched in campus politics, they have enough experience to navigate its ins and outs. No other ticket matches their commitment and planning.

Their experience, ideas and preparation make them the best candidates for senior class president and vice president.

If the University is truly serious about pre-

venting further pedestrian accidents, it must

be willing to commit the necessary time and

resources rather than settling for piecemeal

a commitment, there are several options offi-

If UNC decides it is willing to make such

inconsistent. That must change.

cials should explore.

CAA Candidate Platforms

men's basketball games. Students have to

VICKY ECKENRODE & CATE DOTY MANAGING EDITORS

Ticket Distribution ■ Increase publicity for wristband and ticket er ads in The Daily Tar Heel, Student Television,

■ Alternate the location of wristband handout between the Smith Center and the Pit



■ Take advantage of athletic status to motivate other athletic endowment recipients to pursue a compro mise with alumni to swap seats with students for a given percentage of games ■ Change Saturday distribution time from

a.m. to 8 p.m. as well as adding the optional distribution time of 7 p.m. Friday ■ Provide entertainment for individuals in

distribution lines, such as music, food, games and/or raffles

Homecoming

■ Start an annual parade with Greek and organizational competitions such as float and team spirit contests

• Pursue reduced or free entry for students

at local bars/clubs on a specific night during Homecoming week

■ Increase the support of CAA functions by the Residence Hall Association and student government

■ Increase fan support of club, Olympic and nonrevenue sports with incentives such quality souvenirs and revenue sports tickets

Tee Pruitt

As Carolina Athletic Association president this year, I was fortunate enough - through unwavering dedication – to accomplish many lasting goals. And I've got serious goals for the future of the CAA. I know this job inside

out, and I want to streamline current CAA

functions as well as fight for new initiatives like getting you the students better seating for

push for better seating while realizing that compromise with the athletics department is essential if we're going to get what we want – a crazy courtside atmosphere for home basketball games. I want to be your leader, and I'm willing to do whatever it takes to get the job done; after all, problems are meant to be Where We've Been

■ Convinced the Department of Athletics have a preseason men's basketball game in Carmichael Auditorium

■ Distributed the most men's basketball tickets to students in the past five years

Increased membership in Carolina Fever

by 62 percent, from 400 to 650

Created an annual 5K and raised \$5,000

in memory of Chancellor Michael Hooker ■ Made the Duke basketball game the

■ Started the push to get more student seating in the lower level of the Smith Center

Where We're Going

Continue fighting for student seating on the floor of the Smith Center ■ Improve basketball distribution by: 1.

wiping UNC ONE Cards when we pass out bracelets to ensure fairness, 2. moving the distribution from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 3. changing the maximum number of tickets groups can get together from six to 12

Update CAA Constitution to make Duke

the senior distribution annually

■ Continue with the success of the first

nnual Michael Hooker Memorial 5K

Involve the graduate students in sports dministration on CAA Cabinet

Work with the Residence Hall

Association to develop a strategic sports marketing plan for residence halls Michael Songer and Adam Walters

Better Recognition and Promotion for

Carolina's Olympic Sports

Several UNC athletic teams, including

crew, tennis and softball, are forced to play

■ Organize car pools to these games
■ Support Carolina Fever
■ Install a sports ticker to run in the Pit or Student Union. The ticker would announce upcoming events and raise awareness of Olympic sports.

championships. Several Olympic sports teams have recently won national championships. They deserve recogni

Make the CAA More Accessible to Students

■ We will conduct CAA meetings in the lounge of a different res dence hall each week. All

Allow Students to Use UNC ONE Cards at Concession Stands in Kenan Stadium and

the Smith Center

■ We guarantee that students will be able to use their ONE Cards at The ONE Card office has already guaranteed

Adam Walters

to cover at least 60 percent of the cost.

Michael Songer

Move Line Check from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. for Basketball Distribution ■ Continue the current policy of bracelet

distribution for men's basketball tickets ■ Because there is no campout, students

should not have to wait in line at 6 a.m. Students line up at 8 a.m. and still finish ticket distribution in time for work or other weekend activities. If ticket distribution started any later than 8 a.m., some students would be unable to get to work on time.

Bigger, Better Homecoming!

Homecoming should be a big event.

Extravagant Friday concert/pep rally

Saturday parade with floats from student organizations. These floats can emphasize the themes of their organization and thus promote UNC's diversity.

■ Promote the MASALA multicultural fair. Place Students Behind Both Baskets in the Smith Center

■ We will fight to get students more lower

■ If we cannot get more seats for students, we will attempt to relocate current season ticketholders to different lower level seats so stu-dents can sit behind both baskets, giving us a

RHA Candidate Platforms

Gaffney Gunter

My agenda for next

■ Involve my group members and celebrate

New Programming

their success

First, the Department of Public Safety should make a concerted effort to watch out for dangerous drivers. That means having a constant police presence at crosswalks where pedestrians are particularly at risk. Recruitment - Keep

Otherwise, drivers will slow down for a e volunteers

Clear purpose few days after every accident and then go ■ Campaign even back to tearing down the road. after election

Secondly, the University should look at making the crosswalks and the streets themselves safer. Additional speed bumps, longer red lights and added crosswalks would help reduce the danger. Interim Chancellor Bill McCoy has

already taken a step in the right direction by appointing a new pedestrian safety commit-tee. They will meet for the second time next week and will hopefully consider these sugestions and others.

But if the committee is truly serious about pedestrian safety, it must look at the big picture – not just the short term.



Gaffney Gunter

 Athletic, educational,
 cultural, service and social ■ Ability to have an association with all residential students

■ Have good turnouts to all events in the categories above ■ A year's worth of programming done by

urly planning

Good balance between education, community service and social programs

Strong Network and Communication

Build the bridge between area governments and residence hall association executives ■ Give the area the information/networking needed/ready for relationships with other

organizations between the resident assistants and the other

campus organizations ■ Close the gap between RHA and other ■ Getting involved

Fund raising – Innovative ideas for RHA to raise the money for its programs

Set a higher goal to raise money (as N.C.

State University)

Continue Microfridge and diploma plaque fund raising but add on a second fund raiser (need innovative ideas) **Build Enthusiasm**

■ Build enthusiasm within the ranks of RHA

■ Build enthusiasm within the residents of RHA organizations

Build an overall enthusiasm for RHA in

public's eye Odum Village

■ Acquire Odum Village with direct representation with RHA

■ Secure a relationship with the residents of Odum Village for future involvement in

Master Plan

■ Create an agenda for all residents to know exactly what is the Master Plan

Relay the knowledge of on-campus construction in the residence halls to the people living on and off campus in order for them to be aware of their future surroundings

"We commit to enriching and maintaining a comfortable and supportive living and learning community by representing residents' concerns, offering diverse program ming and providing desirable residence hall

This is the mission

Residence Hall Association, and I believe that RHA should use these ideals to steer its Resident Advocacy

Robin Yamakawa

RHA can better serve the residents of Carolina by increasing visibility, becoming

more accessible to students and better voicing their concerns. RHA currently has a Web site; unfortunately, it is not easy for students to access. I would work to create a link on the UNC homepage

that would directly take the student to the RHA homepage. I would also create an online forum for the RHA Web site. This would be used for resi-

dents to voice their concerns and to receive answers about questions concerning residence

I would also like to see a guide on the page to aid area government officers in creating programs and running their areas.

Area Programming
Currently RHA offers social and educational programming on the individual residence hall, area and campus levels. I believe the key to having an effective and strong

RHA is having strength on the local level.
RHA needs to develop stronger area governments to promote resident involvement and to ensure that residents' needs are met.

Who better knows the needs of a resident than the area government representatives that live and work in that resident's area? I will work to recruit strong area government repre sentatives that care about their fellow residents and community

Enhancements

RHA receives funding directly from student fees. I want to ensure that the student resident's money is being put to the best use.

In addition to providing more programming on a collaborative basis with other organizations, I would like to review the enhancethe system might not be allocating money in the most appropriate manner or spending the money in the most cost-effective ways.

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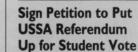
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TO THE EDITOR:

It is with great disappointment that I learned of the Student Supreme Court's unfavorable decision in the recent case involving Student Congress Speaker Mark Kleinschmidt and his decision to remove the referendum regarding membership in the United States

Students Association from the Feb. 15 ballot. Overlooking the text of our Constitution in favor of an ambiguous article in the Student Code is in and of itself reason to wonder at the logic used in the decision.

Deeper than these obvious facts of the case, though, is a frightening example of "our" student government in all three branches vastly inflating its power and allowing their view of that power as deserved and necessary to override what should be the principle upon which they work:

to most effectively and thoroughly represent the voice of all students. Instead, this decision essentially has told students that it is in the hands of Student Congress to interpret the constitution as they please. Please let your student government representatives know that you deserve the right to speak your mind regarding this issue, and sign the petition in the Pit.

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