



The University and Towns
IN BRIEF

**SRC Offers Session
About Eating Disorders**

The Center for Healthy Student Behaviors, located in the Student Recreation Center, will hold an information session today to address student concerns about eating disorders. The program, sponsored by the National Eating Disorder Screening Program, will be similar to one held last year as part of Eating Disorders Awareness Week, Feb. 14 to Feb. 18. The center's session will provide more information about eating disorders as well as free anonymous assessments of participants' eating habits.

**Bicycle Activists Plan
Franklin Street Ride**

Critical Mass, the monthly ritual of reclaiming the streets by bicycle activists, will continue in Chapel Hill next week. Those interested in joining should meet at 5 p.m. Feb. 25 at the Morehead Planetarium. Critical Mass is a grass roots movement that began in San Francisco in 1992.

**Black Cultural Center
To Host Race Seminar**

The Institute of African American Research is sponsoring a seminar on campus which will begin Monday. The free program, "Nationalism, Citizenship and Race," will examine race in the context of current national and global issues. Meetings will be held in the Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center in the Student Union. Duke University Professor Wahneema Lubiano will coordinate the monthly seminar meetings, at which participants will discuss selected articles and books after reading them individually.

**Summer Fellowships
Open for Study Abroad**

Five \$3,000 Class of 1938 Summer Study Abroad Fellowships are available to current sophomores and juniors. Applications are available in the Student Union.

**New Hill Resident
Faces Cocaine Charges**

A New Hill man was arrested Tuesday after police served outstanding warrants against him in connection with an undercover drug investigation. James Randall Thomas of Route 1 Box 213 in New Hill was charged with one felony count of possession with intent to sell and distribute cocaine, one felony count of selling cocaine and one felony charge of conspiring to sell cocaine. Chapel Hill police spokeswoman Jane Cousins said the warrants served were from early December. "The warrants were in connection with an undercover investigation that began Nov. 3," she said. As of Tuesday, Thomas was being held in the Orange County Jail in Hillsborough in lieu of a \$3,000 unsecured bond. Thomas is set to have his first appearance in District Court in Hillsborough today.

**Women's Center
Announces Art Show**

The Women's Center in Chapel Hill will hold its annual art show, "Through Women's Eyes, By Women's Hands" at the George Watts Hill Alumni Center on the University campus. An opening night preview party will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday. Katharine Whalen of the Squirrel Nut Zippers will entertain guests as they have the opportunity to view and purchase art work. Tickets for the party are \$75. A luncheon will also be held at 10 a.m. on Feb. 25. For more information, call 968-4610.

**Area Musicians to Hold
Spring Concert Series**

MUSICA, a group of professional musicians from the Triangle area, will perform the first of a series of monthly concerts on Sunday. The concert is a benefit for the Friends of the Chapel Hill Senior Center. The \$7 admission price includes refreshments and an opportunity to meet the musicians. The concert will begin at 2:30 p.m. and will take place at the Chapel Hill Senior Center on South Elliot Road. For more information, call Rebecca Carnes at 942-7611.

From Staff Reports

Yamakawa Yanks Helm Of RHA With 1,097 Votes

Residence Hall Association President-elect Robin Yamakawa says she is glad the election season is over.

By DERICK MATTERN
Staff Writer

Robin Yamakawa decisively triumphed over her opponent Gaffney Gunter in the race for Residence Hall Association president, the Elections Board revealed Wednesday. A day later than promised, the board released that Yamakawa had 1,097 votes to Gunter's 540 out of 1,651 total ballots cast. Because of technical difficulties, the board did not announce the results of Tuesday's elections until Wednesday. Yamakawa said she was happy the contest was finished and was eager to begin her work. "I'm glad it's over with," she said. "I'm going to go talk to (current RHA president) Murray Coleman about transitioning." Though friends offered to help, Yamakawa said she campaigned little. "I just talked to everyone I knew, letting them know what I stand for," she said. Gunter, who used fliers, posters and

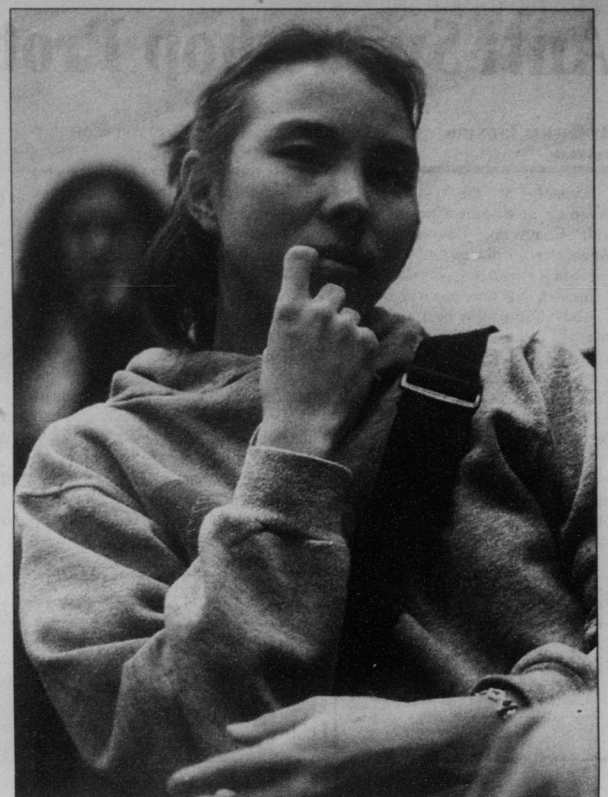
handbills to drum up support, said he expected the results to be closer. "She dominated," he said. "I think the endorsements really helped." Yamakawa garnered the endorsements of Masala, CHiSpA and The Daily Tar Heel.

Gunter said he would advise Yamakawa to emphasize recruitment in her administration. "Get the right people in the right places - start early, this month," he said. Yamakawa focused on residential area governments in her campaign and said she would start working with them in light of their own upcoming elections. "I'm looking for (people with) enthusiasm and willingness to pour themselves into the job and get other people involved," she said. Reorganizing the executive structure of the RHA is a priority, Yamakawa said. She wants to eliminate excess chairmen and avoid allowing committees to specialize in one particular project.

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"I want to consolidate the co-chairs and find people who can do more than one thing," she said. Students could expect to see some goals realized as early as next semester, Yamakawa said. "Students will see an investigation into fire safety - finding out more about the facts," she said. Other ideas include working on the RHA Web site to make it more accessible and to create an online forum, Yamakawa said. Gunter's platform stressed building enthusiasm to expand athletic, educational, cultural, service and social programming for fund-raisers. Yamakawa said Gunter was welcome to continue to work at the RHA, where he has served for the past three years. "He's got some good ideas and is a hard worker," she said. "He's done some great things on in RHA in the past and I would like to see him continue." But Gunter was not as certain as Yamakawa about his future role in RHA. He said, "If Robin approaches me in the right way, I might consider it."

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Newly elected RHA President Robin Yamakawa, who received 1,097 votes of the 1,651 ballots cast, listens to the poll results Wednesday.

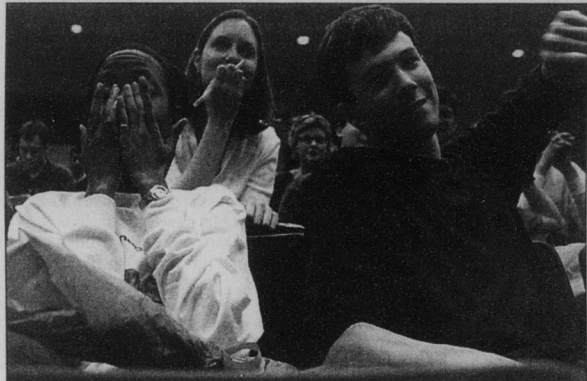
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Cowley, Black Snag Easy Win

Jason Cowley and Sherilynn Black say their campaign focuses on service, feasible gift ideas and diversity.

By MATTHEW SMITH
Staff Writer

Jason Cowley and Sherilynn Black swept this year's hotly contested bid for the senior class presidency and vice presidency after they nabbed 477 of the 697 votes cast. The race drew five sets of candidates this year, unlike last year's race, which was uncontested. "It feels good," Cowley said. "Real good. We're having a party at Chuck E. Cheese next week." Black said she needed a break from campaigning. "I am going to sleep for the next week," she said. Two sets of candidates, Robinson Hogue and Scott Washington, and Jen Santhouse and James Hampton, were tied for second place, each with 77 votes. Joy Gaines and Sarah Kolluru nabbed 62 votes, and David Beyer and Godwin Ogunmefun garnered 33 votes. Cowley and Black had won the coveted Black Student Movement and Daily Tar Heel endorsements on their way to victory. The pair ran a campaign they said focused on diversity, service, feasible senior gift ideas and a "senior Olympics." On election day, Cowley and Black had the most visible presence in the Pit of all the candidates, with several campaign supporters handing out leaflets and sign bearers urging passers-by to vote for the pair. He said this presence was due to the tactics of his highly motivated campaign staff. Cowley graciously acknowledged his competitors and said it was a pleasure to have worked with them. "We're just so happy to have won. (Though) the other candidates are exceptionally nice people," he said. Cowley said seniors should anticipate a rigorous beginning to their term in



Newly elected senior class president Jason Cowley and vice president Sherilynn Black celebrate their victory.

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Woody Captures GPSF Presidency

By ARMAN ANVARI
Staff Writer

Second-year law student Thad Woody claimed the presidency of the Graduate and Professional Student Federation in landslide fashion Wednesday, receiving the vast majority of write-in votes. What seemed like a foregone conclusion early Wednesday morning was made official that afternoon when final results were announced. But Woody, who ran as an unchallenged write-in candidate, never felt at ease. "I never feel comfortable in campus politics until everything is over," said Woody, a former senior class president and Student Congress member. After initial results were counted Tuesday night, Woody had 194 out of about 210 write-in votes. Woody ended up receiving 216 write-in votes. His closest challenger was chemistry graduate student Kleem Chaudhary, with 22 write-in votes. "I think (my voters were) just people in my department," Chaudhary said. "People had told me that they were going to vote for me." "I had (considered running) at one time, but I decided it would be too much work." Unfortunately, Woody is not able to bask in the glory of his victory. "It's a busy time of the year at school, and a lot of us at have work to get done," he said. "We'll probably postpone our celebrating until we have a little break." Current GPSF President Lee Conner said Woody's campaign was low-key but effective.

"Certainly last year's campaign with two people on the ballot was a lot more competitive, but I think Thad is going to be a good leader," he said. "That's what ultimately matters - that you get a good leader to do the job." Conner said many issues would carry over into next year's GPSF administration, including child care, teaching assistant compensation, graduate student mentoring and tuition. "We've done some good things this year, but there's still a lot that can be done," he said. "I think that Thad can and will continue to make progress on these issues." Woody decided to campaign for the GPSF presidency when the lone candidate, second-year law student Matt Bouchard, dropped out of the race because of time considerations. "I'm actually astounded by the number of people that turned out to write me in," Woody said. "I think (210) is a high number, and I'm just appreciative of the folks that made that extra effort to write my name in."

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Bersticker Catapults to Third Place in SBP Contest

By BRIAN MURPHY
Senior Writer

While Brian Bersticker practiced with the men's basketball team at the Smith Center on Wednesday, his write-in campaign for student body president was ending in Hanes Art Center. But not before Bersticker corralled 585 votes - good enough for third place in the election. His 16 percent of the total vote, left him behind Brad

Matthews and Erica Smiley. "I'm flattered by the votes," Bersticker said after the election results were announced. "What started off as just a funny column turned into this campuswide campaign. That's interesting to me, I get a kick out of it." The campaign began with a Friday column by Brian Frederick in The Daily Tar Heel. Frederick encouraged the campus to vote for Bersticker, a 6-foot-11 junior, instead of the traditional student

body president candidates. Buoyed by the column, students arrived at Saturday's basketball game against Wake Forest with signs endorsing Bersticker. By Tuesday, the campaign had generated so much interest that other student body president hopefuls were talking about Bersticker. The results were an affirmation for Frederick, who said student politics did not offer anything tangible to students other than groom the candidates for a

career in politics. "It showed that students will vote if they actually see a reason to," he said. "It's kind of sad that the other candidates were upset, that people think you need to run through the system to win instead of people just voting for what they want." Frederick said that if Bersticker's name had been on the ballot, he could have won. Each time Bersticker's vote totals were announced, laughs, cheers and

looks of disgust were alternately displayed at Hanes Art Center. Some candidates said they thought Bersticker took votes from their totals. But Student Body President Nic Heinke said the students voting for Bersticker were not typical voters. "There were lots of people who came in and voted for Brian who wouldn't have voted," he said, adding that he did

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Student Congress Election Results

District 1 (2 seats) Matt Fisher 41 Gregory Whal 23	District 7 (1 seat) Jeffrey Hill 1	District 13 (2 seats) Urenna Nena Lekwauwa 78 Dennis Muckutens 1	District 18 (3 seats) James Kimball 17 Philip Shaw 11 M. Neil Brooks 9	District 23 (1 seat) Anthony Larson 80
District 2 (1 seat) Claire Norons 1	District 8 (2 seats) Glenn Grossman 3 George Jackson 2	District 14 (1 seat) Kia Scott 89	District 19 (2 seats) Annie Hawkins runoff 2	District 24 (1 seat) runoff
District 3 (1 seat) Joe McDonald 2	District 9 (2 seats) Robert Sullivan 63 William Wood 31	District 15 (1 seat) Sandra Chapman 48	District 20 (1 seat) Alexandra (Alex) Bell 46	District 25 (1 seat) runoff
District 4 (1 seat) Sarah Miller 10	District 10 (1 seat) Heather Yandow 80	District 16 (3 seats) Brad Fleming 7 Mark Advini 6 Kelly Montoya 6	District 21 (3 seats) runoff	District 26 (1 seat) runoff
District 5 (1 seat) no candidates	District 11 (1 seat) John Vollmer 50	District 17 (2 seats) Seth Spawski runoff 7	District 22 (1 seat) Stephen McKin 3	
District 6 (1 seat) Matthew Duffy 23	District 12 (1 seat) runoff			

