

Matthews Wastes No Time on Day 1

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One day after he convincingly capturing the student body presidency, Brad Matthews began fulfilling his election night promise to begin work immediately.

Matthews said Wednesday night that he had already received preliminary approval for a central set of mailboxes in the Union for all campus groups.

The mailbox plan is a key component of Matthew's goal to boost campus communication.

Organization is crucial to getting

started on the right foot, Matthews said. "The steps have to be in the right order if I want to get everything done."

Matthews said his No. 1 priority was to thank the people who led him to the presidency.

One of the first things he did after winning the election was make a list of the people he needed to call and thank, he said.

After completing these calls, Matthews said he would turn his attention to the basics.



President-elect Brad Matthews said organization and communication were keys to starting his administration.

"Right now, I'm focused on the logistics of the office, some of the nitty-gritty stuff," Matthews said.

This includes setting up his Cabinet, developing a timeline and easing his way into the presidency.

In order to ensure a smooth transition into office, Matthews plans to work closely with Student Body President Nic Heinke in the upcoming weeks.

"Nic and I plan to meet tomorrow or Friday to discuss transition plans," Matthews said.

He said Heinke's administration had also offered its help and support in working on the presidential transition.

Matthews said he planned to have many conversations with Heinke about the various issues facing the student government, such as tuition.

He said he also would organize a team that would help publicize Cabinet positions and begin to write the applications.

"Once I get my team together, we will begin working on a timeline."

Matthews said he vowed to uphold his campaign promise of communicat-

ing with students. He said he would still knock on doors and remain visible all over campus.

"As soon as the applications (for the Cabinet) are ready, I'll be personally handing them out around campus," he said.

Matthews said he planned to incorporate his opponent Erica Smiley's idea that government should be accessible to all students.

He said his Cabinet would include people from his campaign as well as students from a wide variety of groups. This way the student body will be able to identify with the government, Matthews said.

Matthews encouraged anyone who was interested in working for his administration to contact him.

"I want to recruit people from as large a group as possible," he said.

"I want to hear from students who haven't spoken up. I want to know what they want."

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Smiley Stays Steadfast In Activism, Optimism

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Despite her loss to Brad Matthews on Tuesday, former student body president candidate Erica Smiley said she would remain a visible campus activist.

Smiley said she still planned to fight for educational access, especially in the fight against a proposed UNC tuition increase.

As a member of the Campaign for Educational Access, Smiley helped spearhead a large-scale student activist movement against tuition increases.

"I'm still going to be here," Smiley said. "I'm still going to promote positive change, whether it be through student government or other organizations."

But Smiley said she probably would not accept a position on the executive branch if Matthews were to offer her one.

"I wouldn't want a position in that office just because I wouldn't want to be a part of that system," she said.

Although Smiley said this year's election campaign was "really draining," she did not completely rule out the possibil-

ity of running for the post next year.

Smiley said she was pleased with this year's campaign. "We got a lot farther than people thought we would," she said.

Michal Osterweil, one of Smiley's campaign managers, echoed her sentiments. "It's amazing how far we came and how much support we received," she said.

Smiley garnered many endorsements, including those from The Daily Tar Heel and the Black Student Movement, along with 1,338 of the runoff election votes.

Osterweil attributed Smiley's loss to the fact that many students were not ready for the change agenda set forth in her platform. "It's hard to take the victory when things have been a certain way for so long," she said.

One of Smiley's core platform goals was to diversify the makeup of student government.

Osterweil said the campaign inspired many students to re-evaluate their ideas about campus politics.

"People made connections between a student government that would represent them and a student government that would take strong stances against issues that affect them," she said.

Negative campaign tactics also contributed to the loss, Smiley said.

"I think when they realized how close we had gotten (to winning), resistance came out in full effect."

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Former candidate Erica Smiley said she might run again in future student elections despite her defeat.

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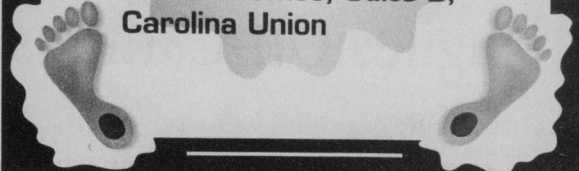
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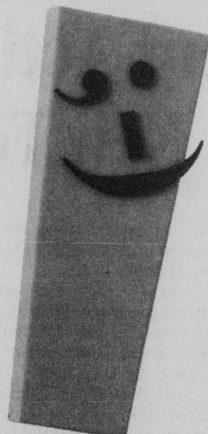
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