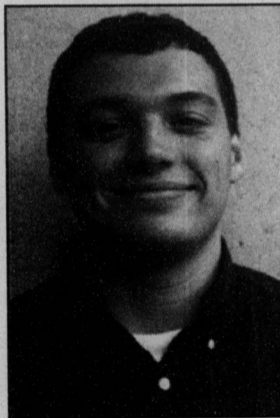


Work Still Cut Out for Woody and GPSF

Graduate and Professional Student Federation President Thad Woody has been in the process of laying the groundwork for important changes dealing with such graduate student concerns as housing, childcare and teaching assistant pay. But with only six months remaining in office, Woody needs to step up and take action if he hopes to get any meaningful change accomplished.

REPORT CARD		Teacher's Comments
Platform	Progress Comments	
Lobby the UNC administration for more childcare options for graduate and professional students	This process, being spearheaded by Cabinet member Ashley Matlock, is at what Woody calls a "standstill." The University says it does not see childcare as its responsibility.	Woody says that childcare is his biggest priority, but much work remains to be done. Woody must lobby UNC, as well as the N.C. General Assembly, for more childcare options for these parents.
Work to help teaching assistants in areas such as pay and fair treatment	Woody was able to keep UNC from changing its policy of paying teaching assistants every two weeks to paying only once a month. But little has been done to get TAs higher pay.	In his platform, Woody promised to "advocate strongly for better pay," but has failed to do so. Woody says that a push for fair treatment of TAs is beginning now, and will come to fruition soon. We shall see.
Address the concerns of graduate student housing, including advocating for landlord licensing	GPSF and Student Legal Services are drafting a memo questioning the constitutionality of restricting tenants' rights in regard to the push to keep students out of neighborhoods.	Woody is doing all UNC students a service by lobbying against zoning ordinances targeting against them. But he should also step up the pressure for increased landlord accountability.
Provide graduate students with opportunities to interact with one another through social activities	The GPSF has held five socials at various locations around Chapel Hill so far this year, with more planned for the next six months.	Because graduate students tend to be fragmented, Woody has done a good job of continuing to provide venues for them to interact and bring them closer together as a group.
Ensure strong graduate student representation on University boards and committees	Through successful recruitment efforts, the GPSF has been able to fill all external appointments to UNC boards and committees for this academic year.	Woody should be proud that all the appointments have been filled. But to ensure that the graduate students' voice is loud, he should make sure the appointees are accountable for attending the meetings.
Overall Average		C+

Pruitt Takes Care of Business In Second Term at CAA Helm



Carolina Athletic Association President Tee Pruitt proves that experience leads to results. Pruitt has accomplished most, if not all, of the platform goals on which he was elected. From UNC ONE Card scanners in Kenan Stadium and a basketball game in Carmichael Auditorium, to a reworking of the CAA Constitution, Pruitt has shown he learned a lot last year - and put it to good use.

REPORT CARD	
Platform	Teacher's Comments
Continue to fight for student seating on the floor of the Smith Center for basketball games	Pruitt indeed changed the seating system, giving students 200 additional courtside seats. But there are numerous critics of the new system, and the jury's still out.
Push for the use of UNC ONE Cards at concession stands at football and basketball games	Building on last year, and with the added help of Michael Songer and Adam Walters, ONE Card scanners are now in place at Kenan Stadium and soon to be in the Smith Center.
Amend the CAA Constitution to ensure the Duke game will always be the senior distribution game	Done deal. Though not an earth-shattering alteration, it is added comfort to all the underclassmen that they will get a chance to see the coveted game their senior year.
Keep students informed of what is going on with CAA events and upcoming ticket distributions, including postseason games	With a large listserv and "Foot Notes," a joint newsletter with RHA, the information is out there. Plus, Pruitt has a postseason ticket distribution plan already available.
Overall Average	
A-	

Yamakawa Provides Strong Student Voice



In her first six months as RHA president, Robin Yamakawa has been a strong advocate for students living in University housing. She has formed contacts with UNC officials, revamped RHA and even found time to do extra fund raising.

REPORT CARD	
Platform	Teacher's Comments
Help RHA better serve the residents of Carolina by increasing their visibility	Yamakawa is working on a Web page that will provide RHA information and an online forum for residents' concerns. The site should be launched at the end of this month.
Ensure that RHA does all that it can to represent the concerns of Carolina residents	Yamakawa meets with housing Director Christopher Payne twice a month to discuss housing issues and has held forums with South Campus residents concerning construction.
Provide residents with more social and educational programming on a collaborative basis	RHA and CAA are working together on Homecoming and a joint newsletter promoting events. And with student government, RHA pushed voter registration.
Review the enhancement allocation system to ensure the it is operating in the most cost-effective way	Yamakawa got the housing department to take over maintenance of items like pool tables and vacuums. The estimated \$3,500 savings will be spent on enhancements.
Use fund raising to provide added cash for RHA programming	Over the summer, RHA was able to raise more than \$6,300 that will be allocated in the RHA budget for resident programming.
Overall Average	
A	