

DTH Endorsements : How It Comes Together

To be endorsed by The Daily Tar Heel, candidates must submit a platform and interview before the editorial board. Endorsements will run for CAA and RHA Feb. 9, senior class presidential Feb. 12 and student body president Feb. 13. Endorsement letters will run Feb. 12 and 13 and should be e-mailed to editdesk@unc.edu no later than Friday.

Matthew Wilhite and Charlie Trakas did not submit a platform.

Choose Dustyn Baker for SBP

From student housing and academic advising to student safety and technological advances, the diverse needs of our student body must be Recognized, Respected and, more importantly, Remedied. Our diverse needs should be acknowledged and celebrated within the University community.

We need a voice to unify students and student concerns.

We as students deserve a candidate who will Bridge Our Diversity.

We want a Real Voice for Students.

Dustyn recognizes all students are not the same, and she wants to be the voice of students through increased interaction.

Dustyn promises to:
■ Create a focus council comprised of representatives from student organizations and at-large members to act as a check and balance for student government.

■ Address the student body bi-monthly via Internet, e-mail or newsletter.

■ Meet with students once a week in campus and Granville Towers dining halls.

■ Provide consistent staffing in the student government office.

■ Increase staffing in student government office during peak times (i.e. hardship parking).

■ Hold monthly lunches for students to meet with cabinet leaders.

■ Involve University officials in residence hall door-to-door meetings each week.

Dustyn realizes the needs of students exceed what the student government normally recognizes.

Dustyn will work to:
■ Provide free transportation and extended hours of operation on bus routes.

■ Eliminate overcrowding on campus buses during peak hours.

■ Establish a public service scholarship for incoming first-year students.

■ Support students fighting for cultural diversity awareness by establishing a multicultural center.

■ Refurbish slave graves.
■ Demand better access to obstetrician/gynecologist services through Student Health Service.

■ Continue support of the Black Cultural Center.
■ Ensure more funding for club sports.

■ Diversify WXYC to allow a better connection with the overall student community.

■ Boost student interest in STV.
■ Increase dining options during summer sessions.

■ Improve new initiate Greek seminars by shortening mandatory meeting times.

We want to Address Academic Concerns. Dustyn understands student needs and concerns vary by major.

Dustyn will strive to:
■ End weekend reading days.

■ Increase funding to establish more majors and minors (i.e. Information and Library Science, Psychology, Native American Studies, Political Science, etc.) and make those courses available to all undergraduate students.

■ Substantially increase minority faculty.

■ Give students from a variety of majors a voice in the grade point average inflation issue.

■ Improve academic advising.
■ Encourage departments to address the concerns of students expressed in teacher evaluations.

■ Increase class availability within majors.
■ Allow students with double majors the option to add a minor.

■ Improve orientation for transfer students.

■ Mandate that professors and teaching assistants clearly define Honor Code violations through departmental policies or on a class-by-class basis.

■ Work with the Honor Court to do follow-up sessions on the Honor Code through English 11, 12 and Communications 9 courses.

We want to Address the Needs of Graduate Students. Dustyn appreciates the importance of graduate students within the University community.

Dustyn will:
■ Research possibilities to increase teaching assistant stipends and/or lower their tuition.

■ Find affordable child-care options for full-time students and staff.

■ Seek improved options for affordable healthcare and/or medical benefits.

■ Raise awareness about programs for graduate students at Career Services.

■ Work to recruit more businesses seeking graduate students at career fairs.

We want Housing to Better Fit the Needs of Students. Dustyn recognizes student issues concerning housing.

Dustyn will work to:
■ Eradicate temporary housing.

■ Improve working conditions and increase pay for housekeepers.

■ End the closing of residence halls during Fall Break.

■ Allow students 24 hours after the last exam to leave the residence halls.

■ Establish a residence hall program to unify Greek students.

We want an emphasis on student safety. Dustyn is aware of student safety concerns and will work with the Department of Public Safety to implement solutions.

Dustyn wants to:
■ Demand the construction of more crosswalks on campus.

■ Improve nighttime P2P personal van services.

■ Increase the number of emergency call boxes and improve campus lighting.

■ End fire lane parking during athletic events.

■ Support the construction of bike paths.

We want preparation for graduate school. Dustyn acknowledges that many students look forward to graduate school.

We need adequate programs to prepare students.

Dustyn will work to:
■ Have full-time advisers for students interested in graduate school.

■ Host a graduate school fair.
■ Introduce students to graduate entrance exams through sessions provided by test-preparation centers.

■ Give at least one credit hour to students taking University-provided or approved prep courses for graduate entrance exams.

We want improved technological services. Dustyn values the technological advances the University has provided.

However, she recognizes the need for improvements.

Dustyn will work to:
■ Increase the number of data connections in classrooms and libraries.

■ Offer Macintosh computer options.
■ Provide students with wireless Internet cards at a discounted price.

■ Install more courtesy telephones in convenient locations.

Eric Johnson Wants Your Vote

As a student body, we need to take ownership of our school and work together to make it better. Student government can lead the way, but we all have to pitch in. Because it's our Carolina.

I. It's Our Life - student government should improve our everyday Carolina experience.

Here's how:
■ Provide 911 cell phones for students to check out for a semester or a year.

■ Improve P2P and Safe Escort service to off-campus locations.

■ Continue push for better lighting on and off campus.

■ Ensure safety for pedestrians and bicyclists.

■ Support efforts to reduce sexual assault and rape within the Carolina community.

■ Create a student team to address body image issues.

■ Promote peer counseling for health issues.

■ Ensure student access and awareness of affordable, 24-hour emergency care.

■ Make Chapel Hill-Carrboro bus service fare-free.

■ Improve student representation on local transit boards.

■ Bring hardship parking online.

■ Advocate higher wages for student employees.

■ Partner with Carolina Rental Advocacy Group to fight for rights of off-campus students.

■ Paper towels in South Campus bathrooms.
■ Lower greens fees at Finley Golf Course.

■ Protect South Campus community during ongoing construction.

■ Give every student time to pack up and leave at end of semesters.

■ More flexibility and lower prices at Lenoir and Chase dining halls.

■ Keep Lenoir open until 8 p.m. and Ram Cafe open until 2 a.m.

■ Maintain active student voice during curriculum reform.

■ Make more courses count as perspectives.

■ Bring back the Carolina Course Review to help students make informed decisions about peer-reviewed courses.

■ Ensure access to free printing and e-mail terminals with the Undergrad closing.

■ Monitor grade inflation debate to protect students.

■ Secure adequate funding for teaching assistant and research assistant stipends and teaching resources.

■ Help professors integrate CCI into their curriculum.

II. It's Our Student Government - Here's how we'll reduce cynicism and re-establish trust:
■ Create the Student Issues Network to seek out students' concerns and work with the student body to solve them.

■ Hold "Pizza and Issues" dinners with students.

■ Set up campus information stations with suggestion boxes where student government members will hold office hours.

■ Using Issue-Based Recruitment, aggressively find motivated students from all campus communities to actively serve on Cabinet and on committees.

■ Radically reform student government through restructuring the executive branch, publicizing Cabinet meetings around campus, creating a user-friendly web site and delivering monthly columns through campus

media outlets.

III. It's Our Community - As Carolina students, we should respect and nurture diversity, create a stronger community and have fun:
■ Assist the Office of Minority Affairs in outreach programs to increase the diversity of the student body and the faculty.

■ Support a resource center for LGBT students.

■ Improve relations between Greeks and non-Greeks.

■ Support housekeepers' and other workers' rights.

■ Continue to hold annual TA Appreciation Barbeque at end of Graduate Student Appreciation Week.

■ Fight for disability access for buildings students use and encourage development of a disability awareness day.

■ Friendlier, easier-to-navigate student organization funding process.

■ Campus organizations liaison to facilitate work of student groups.

■ Office supply commons for student groups in new Union.

■ Student government reps will attend group meetings to hear student concerns.

■ Assist in development of United Students, a coalition of representatives from campus groups, to promote sharing of resources.

■ Encourage seniors to come together and pledge to make a difference in our careers.

■ Bring together a diverse selection of campus groups for service projects.

IV. It's Our Future - We need to work together to protect and improve Carolina's excellence and accessibility.

■ No unreasonable tuition increases.

■ Push for increased financial aid for ALL students.

To learn how we will approach these issues and to give your input, check out our Web site at <http://www.unc.edu/~edj/platform2.html>.

Vote Correy Campbell for SBP

Tuition Increases

I believe that the University and a group of dedicated students led by the student body president should fight tuition increases with every ounce of blood, sweat and tears in their bodies. There should be guarantees and promises made by students and officials. We should definitely have a say in whether tuition should be increased. But they do not communicate with us about the subject. That needs to change. Let's change it together.

Ticketing

The increase in construction is only going to decrease the parking spots we already have even more. Because of this off-campus students are going to dread coming to campus for fear of finding a ticket on their car rather than finding a legal space in which to park. Since we unfortunately have to carry the burden of expansion and construction for the future on our shoulders, I believe we are entitled to a compromise. First, public transportation should be increased. That is the only feasible solution. Second, first-time offenders should get an automatic appeal on their first ticket. No hassle.

South Campus Construction

I propose to lead a group of South Campus representatives to meet with University officials to discuss their concerns and emotions about the present and future construction.



Correy Campbell

The Addition of Majors and Minors

I believe that if what the people want to major and minor in is not available, then it should be made available if the interest is there. We are not here just to read books and take exams; we are here to major and minor in subjects that we feel so strongly about. And to deny a major or a minor is, in my opinion, a denial of someone's hopes and dreams.

Spring Fling

We have Fall Fest during the fall, and I would create Spring Fling for the spring. It would be a great opportunity for organization fund raising. Organizations can sponsor basketball tournaments where people pay to enter or dance contests.

Off-Campus Internet Access

Many off-campus students are unable to get electronic reserves from the online UNC library Web site from the comforts of their own homes like everyone else on campus. Also, many students in the music department are denied access to important music files that they need in order to practice and prepare for classes.

I believe that the University should encourage Academic Technology & Networks to think of alternative ways to get UNC network access to those who live off campus so that they can fulfill their academic goals in an easier and more effective manner.

More Funding and Fund-Raising Support for Club Sports

I believe that there's a group of determined and interested students, athletic or not, wanting to start a legitimate team sport, they should be funded.

There should also be a committee to evaluate and plan alternative strategies of fund raising for team sports that need more than they are given.

Book Costs

There should be a committee of students to analyze where the money is going. We should not have to look off campus for reasonable book prices.

Dining Hall Hours

Adding extra hours to operation hours would nullify some of the inefficiency and reduce the number of unused meals.

More Promotion of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Help Programs

I am adamant about promoting professional sources of help on campus for those that want it. People should not feel as though getting help for alcohol problems is taboo.

More services and programs should be promoted so students do not feel uncomfortable about asking for help.

C-TOPS

Changes need to be made so that future freshmen are not bored when they come to C-TOPS. There should be a committee dedicated to revamp C-TOPS on an annual bases. And as an ex-orientation leader I can guarantee that this will be done.

Potluck Dinner

I propose a pot luck Thanksgiving picnic for underprivileged families of the community. With grocery bills, increased tuition and obscene textbook prices, money in the hands of a college student is sacred. But one thing will always be cost-effective and good for the heart: a home-cooked meal.

Elect Annie Peirce Next Week

The addition of a chairman and vice chairman of student group representation to the president's Cabinet, one of which will be a representative from a minority organization.

■ Host monthly discussion forums on cultural diversity as a means to improve race relations on campus.

■ More financial aid packages
■ Improve academic advising. The advising system has made a lot of positive changes over the last two years. However, we are far from finished. We need more funding to hire more academic advisers and to give advisers additional benefits so that they will continue at UNC.



Annie Peirce

We must develop an employment program that will attract competent advisers who will spend sufficient time with students and follow them throughout their collegiate careers.

■ Fight for the continuation and improvement of after-hours care at Student Health Service. Student Health is the only health care available to many students. We need to have access to a physician at all times during the day or night. We not only deserve to be seen in a timely manner but also deserve a competent physician who is capable of properly diagnosing us since that is what we have paid for. We

also need to investigate the need to institute extended-care facilities.

■ The development of a Resource Center for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender population. We are one of only a few universities that does not have an LGBT Resource Center. LGBT students need to have information, support, resources and a place to go when they have questions and concerns.

■ Fight for more student parking by pushing for subterranean lots! With the upcoming increase in enrollment and the additional construction, students are losing what little parking they already have. I will represent students' needs by encouraging the Master Plan Committee to add student parking.

■ Continue to improve the Carolina Computing Initiative.

CCI is off to a good start, but there is still lots of work that needs to be done. Instructors need to be educated on how to teach from laptops effectively in the classroom. Students need to be educated on how to use laptops effectively in the classroom as well.

■ Increase the University's financial support of all sports clubs.

Sports clubs do not have sufficient support or funding for basic necessities such as facilities, equipment, transportation, safety training, emergency staff, etc. I will help the Club Sports Council find additional funding outside of what is already allocated by student fees.

■ Post every professor's syllabus on the Web so that students can read it

before they register for classes.

■ Require professors to give students some assessment of their academic standing in a class before it is too late to drop the class.

■ Increase reliability of P2P Services.

■ Increase security in Davis Library with Davis Library now being open 24 hours.

■ The implementation of Fare-Free Transit!

■ Make the administrators more visible and responsive to students' concerns.

■ Integration of more community service through student government. The human relations committee of the executive branch of student government will work with other pre-existing community service groups to expand upon and develop new programs that will help the less fortunate in our community.

■ Fight any measures to lower students' grades as a response to last year's report entitled "Grade Inflation at UNC."

■ Implementation of a double minor

■ Represent students' needs concerning the Curriculum Review.

■ Increase communication throughout campus so that students know what is going on.

■ Represent the needs of students who live off campus with the cities of Chapel Hill and Carrboro so that reality agencies and landlords do not take advantage of them.

■ Plant trees around the construction on South Campus

■ Two-ply toilette paper in all the bathrooms!

Pick Warren Watts for SBP

My name is Warren V. Watts II. I am a junior and a political science and peace, war and defense major from Arcadia. As student body president I hope to be the most accessible and involved student on campus. I hope to create a presidential e-mailing system to allow students to contact me at anytime.

This will include a mass e-mail, containing updates from the organizations on campus as well as an update of the progress of Student Congress and my branch of government.

Working with Residence Hall Association, I will have each residence hall post these updates on every hall so that you will not have to search for them - they will just be there.

■ As far as being the most accessible student on campus, I will venture to every residence hall and hold open forums with the students. I will also hold Pit hours where students can come see me in the Pit instead of searching for me in my Union office. This does not only apply to myself, but my Cabinet will hold hours in the Pit



Warren Watts

as well. I also hope to visit regularly with the heads of the organizations on campus in order to stay apprised of their wants and needs.

■ I hope to work with the elected Carolina Athletic Association president to find the best way to handle ticket distribution. I will also work with the president of the CAA on getting more attention drawn to our other sports, teams such as the ACC champion women's soccer and volleyball teams. Our women's soccer team is in the midst of a dynasty, winning 17 national championships in 20 years.

■ Parking is a very serious issue on campus, with a student population so large it is very difficult to find parking spots for all of us students. An idea being discussed now is the raising of student fees in order to give each student an unlimited bus pass. I propose giving the students the option of either going with the system now or simply adding \$20 to the price of the park and ride lot pass and instead of a 20-ride bus pass having an unlimited bus pass.

■ A major issue facing our University is that of grade inflation. I have done a survey of students and of these students none thought that grade inflation was a problem. So this will not be a concern of mine, but I will do further research in office to find if there actually is a problem.

With our ever-increasing tuition and fees we must make sure as the state's first university that we do not exclude those students of lower income from the opportunity of Carolina. As the tuition rises much faster than inflation financial aid must rise equally.

■ UNC has recently made it necessary for all incoming freshmen to have a laptop computer. The main goal is to help each student come to school with a laptop and train in the use of that laptop. My hope is to try and persuade other computer manufacturers to come into the market here and provide more of a variety and - I hope - better products.

■ I would like to improve the advising system by not only requiring incoming students to have an adviser but by setting them up with an advising team set up of sophomore and juniors.

■ A few years ago the University offered a review of the classes offered - The Carolina Course Review. I would like to bring this back and allow the students to write what they feel about the classes offered here.

As an accessible and well-informed student body president, I hope to be in touch with all of the answers provided by students and faculty instead of being forced to make a decision based on my own biased experience.