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Poor Sportsmanship

The problems on Franklin Street after the basketball victory against Duke University can be prevented in the future.

Thursday night was exciting for two reasons: UNC beat Duke University for the first time in five consecutive games. And Franklin Street was an explosion of school spirit. UNC has reason to be proud of its basketball team and the majority of our fans. Unfortunately, the actions of a few individuals damaged our reputation. Mindy Guadagnino, a 26-year-old Florida native, found her 1997 Honda Accord badly damaged early Friday morning after fans flipped it over in the postgame madness. Fans also damaged another car and started several bonfires. The acts of vandalism have led Chapel Hill police officials to reconsider their plan of action for future situations such as this, perhaps even dispersing any mass gatherings. This is the wrong direction to take. Instead of eliminating future celebrations, police should consider blocking off Franklin Street and towing any cars still parked there during the game to avoid possible damage. They do it on Halloween - so why not during the Duke game? Fans are just as likely to be inebriated and more likely to be rowdy. And stationing more officers in and around the crowd could keep a stronger semblance of order.

Police officials have asked student government leaders to come up with an alternative venue for future revelry. It's an idea that Student Body President Brad Matthews should look into. Perhaps by showing big away games in the Smith Center, fans could have an outlet for their enthusiasm, but in a more controlled environment. It could help students avoid getting caught up in the mob mentality that easily leads to destructive behavior. Most residents and students know better than to park on Franklin Street on nights such as last Thursday. But no type of destruction can be condoned however negligent it might seem to place your property in a veritable "hot zone." UNC is known for its sportsmanship. And though the win over Duke was a time to celebrate, the damage done on Franklin Street was unnecessary and malicious. It's impossible to blame any one person or side for the chaos. Hindsight is always 20/20. The key now is learning from the mistakes. When UNC faces Duke again at the Smith Center, student leaders, police officials and residents should anticipate that the same problems can arise again. They should plan accordingly.

ASHLEY HOLMES - EDITORIAL NOTEBOOK

When Will It Stop?

It's Election 2001 at UNC. And it looks more like a circus than a legitimate, serious student body election.

Campus election season is in full swing yet again and for the third year in a row, I, like most people on campus, don't give two shits. There is something about student body president elections that put me in a foul mood. Maybe it's the way the candidates assume that people actually care about the results of the election. Every year the same thing happens. A veritable cornucopia of candidates springs up to run for an office that arguably has little value. Each of the candidates somehow find other people on campus who also care about this seemingly unimportant job to shove tiny squares of colored paper into closed hands. If I enter a building, I am involuntarily greeted by the visages of these wannabe politicians, grinning down at me from campaign posters. If I sit anywhere on campus, swarms of campaign volunteers surround me like a pack of rabid dogs, hungry for my vote. If I enter the Pit, I encounter Eric Johnson

playing basketball and football, trying to make like he's all Sporty Spice. Every year, the student population is forced to endure a month of campaigns they hold in low esteem just so they can write in a basketball player on Student Election Day. One can't really blame the candidates for running for office. Instead, we should blame a system that allows this to occur. Take for instance the race for Residence Hall Association president. David Cooper is running against... wait, nofrickinbody. There is only one person running for the love of God! Shouldn't we just give it to him? Do we have to make this guy campaign for RHA president? That's like making your Nana campaign to be "World's Greatest Grandma." And again no one is up for Graduate and Professional Student Federation president. But there are still 10 people more than willing to run for SBP and waste my flavor. Ours is a sick, sad world.

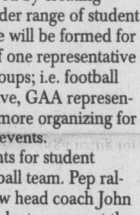
CAA President Candidate Platforms

Reid Chaney for CAA President
The basketball ticket distribution will be changed and students will be offered a greater opportunity to receive bracelets by a distribution from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday in the Pit. Students will receive one bracelet with a current UNC ONE Card. Cheating will be eliminated by using a master list of students from the University Registrar's Office and checking names. The magic number will be announced in the Pit on Friday instead of Saturday morning. There will be a different riser number announced for each individual game of the three- or two-game distributions, allowing more students to experience the risers. Lobbying for student risers at the other basketball goal will also be a high priority. Students with distribution numbers closest to the magic number will receive the best tickets. Carolina Fever tickets currently distributed for basketball games will remain the same. The decrease from last year's number has created competition in Fever and more interest in Olympic sports. More publicity will be given to Olympic sports. The new rollover points system created by Fever will cause more interest in spring sports. The sports ticker, as well as the CAA listserv, will be updated with announcements about games and upcoming events. Improved locations will be explored for the sports ticker. The CAA Web site will also have information dealing with all UNC sports. Homecoming improvements will allow more students to be involved by creating activities that cover a broader range of student interests. A new committee will be formed for Homecoming consisting of one representative from several University groups; i.e. football coach, NPHC representative, GAA representative, etc. This will allow more organizing for the fall and Homecoming events. Coordinate new events for student involvement with the football team. Pep rallies in Carmichael with new head coach John Bunting will be held so students can meet the players and generate more school spirit for the team. Build on the success of Midnight with Matt on the first night of basketball practice. Have former UNC basketball players come back to lead the festivities. Continue giving out ceiling fan tickets to graduate students for basketball games.

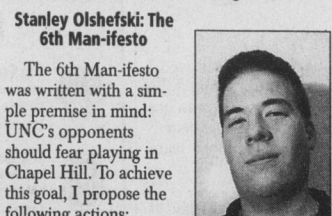


Reid Chaney

Michael Songer for CAA President
Basketball Seating - More Risers! Install risers on both baselines in the Smith Center. Install risers on the visiting baseline in the Smith Center. The risers will give students 800 seats on the floor in the Smith Center, create an intimidating atmosphere around the court and help recruiting. Hold two preseason basketball games in Carmichael Auditorium. Generate more excitement than games in the half-empty Smith Center. Ticket Distribution - More Tickets, No Lines! Institute staggered ticket distribution for all games - never wait in line more than one hour. The first 800 numbers after the "lucky number" will line up at 6 a.m. The next 800 will line up at 7 a.m. Everyone gets their tickets in one hour or less. No more endless line checks. Very short line checks on the hour. For Example: 6 a.m. numbers 1 - 800 7 a.m. numbers 801 - 1600 8 a.m. numbers 1601 - 2400 9 a.m. numbers 2401 - 3200 Students can check the CAA Web site to find out what happened. Communication Communication is the key to any successful organization. RHA is a large association and in order for it to reach its maximum potential, communication must be improved! As construction throughout our campus continues, area governments will need to be well informed about the construction developments affecting their residents. Information: RHA needs to give the area governments, and through them the residence halls, the information necessary to develop and execute the best possible events in their area. RHA and Residents: RHA must increase communication with the residents. The average student should know what RHA is, what it does and why it's important. RHA can do this through RHA awareness events and increased publicity about the newly constructed RHA Web site. Publicity: RHA has always struggled to inform students about events occurring in their area. In order to better publicize the events occurring in the South Campus residence halls, I propose that RHA erect cubes, similar to the ones near the Student Union, near Chase Dining Hall. When South Campus RHA is not using the cubes, other student organizations may use them to publicize their events. Web Site: RHA needs to increase the amount of useful information on the RHA Web site. It also must update the site regularly so residents can check it to find out about events occurring in their area. Internal Communication: RHA executives have too many ways to send e-mail to one person, so many times one member will receive the same e-mail multiple times because he or she is on multiple listservs. This communication process needs to be streamlined. Relationships Every student that lives on campus is a member of RHA; however, most students either do not take advantage of their membership or do not know how. In order to emphasize RHA and its benefits to the students, it is important for it to build relationships with students, organizations and the Department of University Housing resident assistants. RHA must foster a strong relationship between RHA and the resident assistants. Working together, I believe that RAs and RHA maximize the effectiveness of both institutions, resulting in a better living environment for residents. I will also strongly encourage area governors to attend the resident assistant meetings in order to become more aware of the events affecting their area. Handling Construction: In order to increase the organization's efficiency, RHA needs to form a close relationship between RHA executives and housing officials, RHA executives and area governments, and hopefully housing officials and area governments. Student Organizations: In order to expand our program ideas and possibilities, RHA should build upon the existing relationships with student organizations, and develop new relationships with other campus groups. Housekeeping: Residents need to live in a clean environment. However, if the housekeepers are not earning a wage that reflects the hard work they are doing, then sanitation in residence halls will suffer. In order to maintain a necessary standard of living, RHA needs to address this housekeeping issue. Endorsement Letters The Daily Tar Heel accepts endorsement letters for student elections. Letters should be no longer than 350 words and signed by no more than two people. Students should include their year, major and phone number. Faculty and staff should include their title, department and phone number. The DTH reserves the right to edit letters for space, clarity and vulgarity. Publication is not guaranteed. E-mail forum to: editdesk@unc.edu. For any questions, contact Editorial Page Editor Jonathan Chaney jhchaney@email.unc.edu.



Michael Songer



Stanley Olshefski

Sole RHA President Candidate David Cooper's Platform

David Cooper for RHA President Programming In the past, the Residence Hall Association has always offered many programs. As a general rule, these programs have not had high attendance records. I believe the lack of student participation comes from insufficient publicity, programming that does not fulfill residents' needs, and the lack of support from area governments for campuswide events. Event Turnout: My goal is to have better turnout at events that we organize. RHA needs to organize events earlier and publicize them early enough to give students time to find out about them. Events: A larger variety of programs become available for residents when RHA has a more balanced state of educational, social and community service programming. Every student should be able to find a program that interests him or her. Event Planning: I will endeavor to increase the amount of work done with other student organizations, as well as with other residence halls, to put on



David Cooper

better-attended late-night events. Tutoring: Dey Hall offers tutoring in many different subjects, but the majority of students who would benefit from this extra help live on South Campus. Through RHA, I propose to make this tutoring program available in South Campus residence halls. Enhancements The process of obtaining enhancements has been difficult and time consuming. When an enhancement breaks, it is imperative that RHA is able to replace or fix it quickly. Under the current process, it takes at least a month for the problem to be remedied. RHA needs to streamline this process so area governments can use it in a more timely fashion, and make it easier for them to access the money they have been given. Process: RHA needs the enhancement budget process to become more regulated, therefore fairer to the residents. I will make sure that all of the area governments report the exact enhancements they have, including the condition of that equipment, on a standard form three scheduled times per semester. This information will then be compared with other residence halls in order to distribute money specified for enhancements more equitably. Fund raising: RHA will continue the current fund-raising events of selling Microfridges, residence hall room carpeting and diploma plaque fund rais-

ing. I would also like to hear other ideas for fund raising, and consider their applicability to RHA. Strength From Within Currently RHA offers social, community service and educational programming on the individual residence hall, area and campus level. As the present area governor of Hinton James Residence Hall, I know the heart of RHA comes from the area level. Area Strength: RHA needs to develop and maintain strong area governments to encourage resident involvement and to guarantee that residents' needs are met. Who better knows the needs of a resident than the area government representatives who live and work in that resident's area? I will work to recruit qualified and deserving area government representatives who care about their fellow residents and community. Accountability: Area governors have a lot of freedom when it comes to spending the area's money. With this freedom comes the power to use it effectively or to misuse it. Just as the RHA president must be accountable to the campus as a whole, the area governors must be accountable to their residents. I would like to see all area governors submit a fall budget proposal before the closure of spring semester. If their programming has deviated extraordinarily, then that governor will have to meet with RHA executives in order

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