

2 Announce ASG President Candidacy Campaign Finance Plan To Face Heated Debate

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PEMBROKE — Two students, including the current president, will vie for the presidency of the UNC Association of Student Governments during the next three weeks.

David Chesley, a junior at Western Carolina University, and current ASG President Andrew Payne, a senior at N.C. State University, were nominated for president during the monthly ASG meeting, which was held at UNC-Pembroke.

Chesley, who is currently ASG vice president for legislative affairs, said he would not comment on his candidacy. UNC-P Student Body President Veronica Hatton is running for ASG vice president on Chesley's ticket.

Payne said he is running for president again to continue working on issues vital to student interests, such as additional funding for need-based aid. "I think we've made so much progress this past year," he said. "I don't want the momentum to die."

Payne said he wants to increase the budget of the financially strapped organization by seeking out grants.

Payne said he also wanted to continue Students' Day at the Capitol and to prevent UNC-system schools from raising undergraduate tuition.

The current tuition policy, which the Board of Governors plans to review at its April meeting, allows individual system schools to request tuition increases under "extraordinary circumstances."

Payne's running mate is Sonja Blanks, Fayetteville State University student body president. ASG delegates will elect the next president April 21.

Current ASG vice president Liz Gardner, who ran for president against Payne last fall, said she would not seek the position of president because she thought it was beneficial for the organization to have a president serve for two terms in a row. Gardner also said she would not make another bid for the vice president post because it was important to have student leadership from a historically black university in the organization.

At the meeting, the delegates also reviewed survey responses concerning

Students' Day at the Capitol, when students from across the state gathered in Raleigh on Feb. 20 to discuss issues with state legislators such as an increase in need-based financial aid and a student vote on the Board of Governors.

Chesley, who helped organize the event along with Payne and others, said the day was positive for the most part, but there were several things that could be done to improve it. Chesley said the rally, which was dominated by speakers, should be tweaked. "I think so many speakers, the continuing motion of going up and back, didn't work out that well."

Chesley also said that the rally also should feature fewer "big-name speakers" and that the speakers present should tailor their message to students.

UNC-Chapel Hill Student Body President-elect Justin Young also attended his first ASG meeting. Young, who will have an ASG seat after taking office, spent part of the time getting to know student body presidents. "It's nice to find out what's going on at other universities and to go see other campuses."

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WASHINGTON — Previewing the second week of campaign finance debate, Republican Sen. John McCain on Sunday predicted more "as we come closer to passage" of his bill to ban soft money and also fought to head off momentum for a rival plan.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said he liked an alternative that would limit, not ban, soft money. Sen. Mitch McConnell, who opposes McCain's leading proposal, also endorsed the cap.

Senators hope to reach a compromise on campaign donation regulations by the end of the week. Lott said on CNN's "Late Edition" that a proposal "might have a chance" only if it increases individual contribution limits.

McCain, R-Ariz., continued to press for a full ban on soft money, the loosely regulated, unlimited donations that unions, corporations and individuals make to political parties. The plan that he and Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wis., are

sponsoring does not increase the amount that an individual can contribute to a candidate.

McCain said the rival measure by Sen. Chuck Hagel, R-Neb., does not go far enough.

"I don't underestimate the difficulty here," McCain said on CBS' "Face The Nation." "We are threatening the system that keeps these people in power. We are threatening incumbency. ... Have no doubt what is at stake here. So you can probably predict more of this kind of hysteria as we come closer to passage."

Hagel's plan would restrict soft money donations and raise the limits on donations that individuals make directly to candidates. Hagel said on NBC's "Meet The Press" that his plan is a constitutional one, "but more importantly, one that will get the signature of the president."

After a fairly genial first week of debate, senators signaled that the second week could be more difficult.

"The real story is going to be this week," McConnell, R-Ky., said on ABC's "This Week."

He said on CNN that the Hagel bill would address any "appearance of corruption that concerns people."

Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., countered that the Senate should do better.

"Today we're talking about millions and millions of dollars being spent on politics in this country, and people are getting sick of it. And we need to do something to put the brakes on to slow this down," he said on CNN.

Federal Election Commission records show Republicans raised about \$244 million and Democrats \$243 million in soft money during the past two years.

Campus Calendar

Today

10 a.m. — Alpha Phi Omega, Phi Beta Sigma and the NAACP will sponsor "Everyone Bleeds the Same Color" from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Union. Come donate blood and help save lives.

noon — PUPA Majors Union members, come join us at the Student-Faculty Luncheon! Free pizza and refreshments will be provided.

3 p.m. — Award-winning author Sandra Jackson-Opoku will be reading from and signing her new novel, *Hot Johnny (And the Woman Who Loved Him)*, at the Bull's Head Bookstore.

3 p.m. — Freshmen and sophomores interested in majoring in nutrition are cordially invited to attend a social sponsored by the Department of Nutrition in Room 109 Mainstreet in Lenoir Hall.

Faculty and advisers will be present, and information on course requirements and career options will be available.

4:30 p.m. — Interested in art history or Judaic studies? Then join N.C. Hillel for a Judaic art tour.

We will be meeting first at Hillel on 310 Cameron St. (behind Granville Towers) and proceed over to the Ackland Art Museum. For more information or if you would like to come, call Judy at 914-2816.

5:30 p.m. — The Dinner Discussion and Criminal Justice Action and Awareness committees of the Campus Y will present a dinner discussion on "The War on Drugs" in Carmichael Fishbowl.

A free meal will be provided for all participants.

7 p.m. — Do you know about the ethnic conflict going on right now in Sri Lanka? Human Rights Week is proud to sponsor Father Emmanuel, who will speak about his personal experience and the current situation in Sri Lanka in 103 Bingham Hall.

There will be a discussion following the talk, so come join us!

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7:30 p.m. — The Dialectic and Philanthropic Literary and Debate Societies will hold their annual Bicentennial Debate in 308 New West.

The debate, discussed by the societies 200 years ago, is "Can civilized society exist without religion?"

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Tuesday, March 27th

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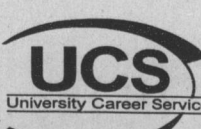
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