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### THE BALL IS IN YOUR COURT

STUDENT ELECTIONS  
VOTE TODAY  
ON STUDENT CENTRAL  
FROM 7 A.M. TO 10 P.M.



#### NICK NEPTUNE

**Hometown:** Winston-Salem  
**Major:** American Studies  
**Four endorsements:** OBT, Di Phi, BSM, Bounce  
**Slogan:** Create, collaborate and continue  
**On his preparation:** "After three years, I've had the opportunity to develop meaningful relationships with students, faculty, staff and administrators through my experience in the executive branch, through public service, through my involvement in this campus and community, and I believe that the platform we put together is entirely feasible because of it."

#### JON KITE

**Hometown:** Charlotte  
**Major:** Communication Studies  
**Two endorsements:** Greek organizations, GPSF  
**Slogan:** Making UNC more left-hand friendly  
**On the meaning of his slogan:** "As students, we are lefties of this University, and the administration and (student government) just run around patting each other on the back in all their right-handed glory. We can change that because as ridiculous as promising to make UNC more left-hand friendly is, it's just as ridiculous to make fourth-grade promises of food venues on campus."

#### EVE CARSON

**Hometown:** Athens, Ga.  
**Major:** Political Science  
**Six endorsements:** FSU, OSSA, CHisPA, environmental groups, GLBTSA, Sports Club Council  
**Slogan:** efficiency, vision, everyone.  
**On having the most endorsements:** "Our ideas have been compiled through hundreds of hours of research with students, administrators and researchers. We're really proud of our platform and our ideas. ... Our platform is our strength."

#### CAROLINE SPENCER

**Hometown:** Wilson  
**Major:** History/Political Science  
**Two endorsements:** YD, CR  
**Slogan:** Caroline for Carolina  
**On the support of two political parties:** "Getting both sides shows that I really am united for change, and I really am proud to pick up both parties."

See page 8 for a full list of candidate goals for all the races including ...

- CAROLINA ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT
- COLBY ALMOND
- MARCUS CARPENTER
- SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS
- SADE CARTER
- BETH HOPKINS
- KAREEMAH LEWIS
- NICK HARPER
- ASHLEY SHORES
- VERONICA MORA
- GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT FEDERATION
- LAUREN ANDERSON
- DOUG WHITFIELD
- RESIDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT
- BRIAN SUGG

### UNIQUE STRATEGIES DEFINE YEAR'S RACE

BY WHITNEY KISLING, ASSISTANT UNIVERSITY EDITOR

The four candidates in this year's race for student body president are playing on different sides of the playground.

With some stressing their experience in student government, others noting their network of constituents and another taking an unconventional approach to the race, each is offering individual ideas.

The varying campaign tactics that hopefuls Eve Carson, Jon Kite, Nick Neptune and Caroline Spencer have used reflect their personalities and goals for the office.

"Overall strategies are absolutely 180 degrees different — just because their backgrounds are so different," said Jim Brewer, chairman of the Board of Elections.

Students will decide today which strategy they support. Barring one hopeful receiving more than 50 percent of the vote, the top two vote-getters will enter a runoff set for

Feb. 20. Previous years have seen tensions, as candidates race neck in neck. In other elections, a clear frontrunner has emerged early on, but this year's contest has taken neither of those directions.

It's been the backgrounds and personalities of the candidates that have defined the race. Since officially announcing their presidential bids last month, each candidate has been pegged with a specific, almost stereotypical, personality.

"We were each given our own caricature," Carson said. "I think people probably associate me as the bubbly one."

Unlike the traditional candidate that Neptune has portrayed, Kite entered the race as the anti-establishment hopeful. Spencer has kept her face-to-face campaigning to a low in comparison, focusing more

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### EXECUTIVE PERKS ON THE LINE TODAY

BY ERIN ZUREICK, UNIVERSITY EDITOR

A place at the Board of Trustees' table isn't the only perk voters get to award today.

When all is said and done and the next student body president is crowned, the doors of power will swing open, and the executive branch's head honcho will gain access to top information and officials at the University.

And that doesn't even include the other perks of power: a parking permit for any non-handicapped campus spot, lower-level seats to all home men's basketball games, and a \$300 per month stipend.

Student Body President James Allred said that while these extras are nice, they aren't his favorite part of the job.

Probably the best part is getting to be part of so many programs and decisions at Carolina, Allred said.

The student body president also serves on more than 30 campus committees, including the tuition and fee advisory committee, the Carolina Union Board of Directors and the Enrollment Policy Advisory Committee.

"I think the student body president, and student leaders in general, have a huge influence on the administration because they convey the student opinion to us, and they help shape policies and programs at the University," said Margaret Jablonski, vice chancellor for student affairs.

As an ex-officio trustee, the student body president also takes part in

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### Council votes for Lot 5 agreement

Some not happy with draft wording

BY KAYLA CARRICK, CITY CO-EDITOR

Chapel Hill town council member Jim Ward called language in an agreement for the lot 5 development, which passed Monday, "a charade."

The agreement with Ram Development Co. calls for a mixed-use development, slated to go in at Franklin and Church streets, that will include an approximate 330-space

underground parking garage, almost 30,000 feet of retail or commercial space and 137 condominiums.

The agreement also calls for the development to achieve a certain level of energy efficiency, "if the project budget permits."

Those five words fueled most of Monday night's discussion.

Ward, along with council members Ed Harrison and Laurin Easthom, spoke against the clause.

"Unless these items are priority, they never make the budget," Ward said. "It will not happen."

The council voted to authorize town manager Roger Stancil to sign the proposed agreement as

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#### The Lot 5 project will consist of:

- An about 330-space underground parking garage (the "Lot 5 Parking Garage") of which not less than 161 spaces will be owned by the Town and available for public use, plus 10 to 15 on-street parking spaces.
- About 28,540 square feet of retail/commercial space.
- 137 "for sale" condominiums of which 21 will qualify as affordable housing.
- About 27,215 square feet of public open space.
- The buildings will be LEED-certified and will achieve silver certification with a 20 percent increase in energy efficiency, if the project budget permits.
- A public arts budget equal to 1 percent of the total development budget.

### Ben Folds coming back home

Cat's Cradle joins CUAB for show

BY MARGARET HAIR, SENIOR WRITER

Try to pin down the names that have defined the Chapel Hill music scene and a few mainstays come up.

Southern Culture on the Skids, Superchunk and modern-day piano man Ben Folds have all influenced the local music scene in some capacity.

On March 28 the Winston-Salem-born, Chapel Hill-infused Folds will bring his bouncy piano rock to the Memorial Hall stage, returning to the town that spawned the 1990s band Ben

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Ben Folds performs in Japan in July 2006. The pianist, who honed his craft in Chapel Hill, will take the Memorial Hall stage March 28. COURTESY OF BENFOLDS.COM

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**PLAYING HOUSE** Local teenagers get an inside view of Carrboro government

**MOVIE TALK** A writer for Blazing Saddles discusses the iconic movie with students

**HOME FOR FURRY HOMELESS** County Commissioners discuss new animal shelter



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**BREAKING WINDOWS** Microsoft Corp. says Vista is a revolutionary, new operating system, but some are hesitant to make the leap to the system too soon.

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**DARK BLUE INVASION** Greek houses put up with Duke University signs in their yards because it's for a good cause; a donation to Relay for Life will get them moved.

this day in history

**FEB. 13, 2001 ...** Students overwhelmingly pass a referendum to support paying an extra \$8.49 each semester to allow all Chapel Hill Transit Authority buses to operate with no charge.

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