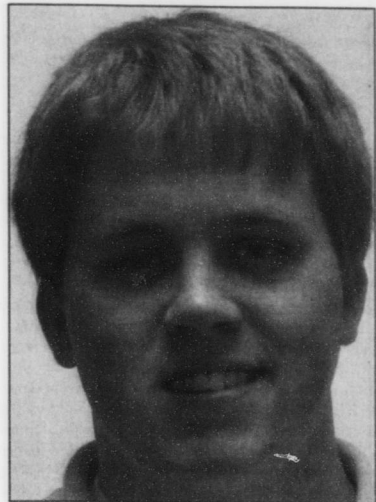
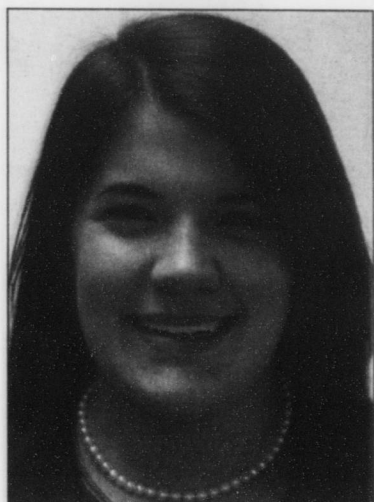


Criscoe and Compton tout preparation, practicality

The senior class president candidates, part 1 of 3



Josh Criscoe
Senior class president candidate



Megan Compton
Senior class vice president candidate

BY MATTHEW PRICE
STAFF WRITER

For Josh Criscoe and Megan Compton, being a UNC senior shares something in common with being a senior in high school — the chance to be back at the top of the social and academic food chain.

So last August the two candidates, who have known one another since their junior year in high school, decided to run as senior class officers.

They stress their long preparation period and the importance of practical ideas as the keys to improving the senior experience.

"The biggest thing about our campaign that we like to stress is the amount of preparation that we've gone through," said Criscoe, a Wilmington native. "Every single thing on our platform is feasible and can happen. It's not just empty promises."

Their platform planks are organized into four main elements: privileges and perks, retrospection, philanthropy and career preparation.

The theme is getting "back to the core" of senior year.

"The student body president is focused on long-term changes, but we're only focused on next year and how to make it the best year for the senior class," Compton said. "Our long-term goals are to help people get things accomplished in the future."

Compton, of Lexington, said her experience as the chairwoman of the membership board for the General Alumni Association has prepared her to plan activities and establish contacts for career preparation events such as networking nights or etiquette dinners.

Criscoe also said his experience as co-president of the Campus Y gives the pair a head start in navigating the bureaucracy of the University.

"We've already reserved the Pit to make sure seniors have a presence there every two weeks," he said. "We're promising tailgates before every home football game, and we have a house for that idea."

Senior Sarah Schuyler, Campus Y co-president, said Criscoe's strengths revolve around working his ideas into reality.

"Josh's signature is how he puts his resources to good use," Schuyler said. "We had a lot of fun and new opportunities this year because he decided to look into things further."

The pair also wants to see more emphasis on the group participation aspect of the senior service project.

Criscoe said that a revamped Web site and an increased Pit presence are crucial for providing information to busy seniors, who might otherwise be apathetic to a service project.

Overall, Criscoe and Compton said they hope their months of thought and planning will convince next year's seniors that their ideas are feasible.

On their Web site, they list more than 15 University and community officials they have consulted during their campaign.

Criscoe said the extensive preparation works toward having the best possible senior year.

"It's just like in high school, where seniors were the top of the school and came into pep rallies yelling and everyone respected the seniors," he said. "We want to bring that stuff back."

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Uncontested candidate promotes RHA's role

BY KELLEN MOORE
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It's another uncontested race for president of the Residence Hall Association this year. So instead of promoting his own name or specific platform points, Michael Miller says he wants to get the word out about the often overlooked student group.

This marks the fifth straight year that the position has been uncontested. And last January then-President William Thompson resigned mid-year after deciding to study abroad.

"I'd like RHA's name to be more recognized on campus," Miller said, adding that he thinks students are unaware of the group's purpose.

RHA seeks to represent student housing concerns, host social, educational and service programs and provide enhancements such as DVDs and cooking utensils for residents of the 14 UNC communities.

"We're trying to make the on-campus life more of a home for the students," Miller said, putting it simply.

And as a rising junior, Miller is no stranger to life on campus, calling Ehringhaus Residence Hall



Michael Miller is running unopposed for the position of Residence Hall Association president.

home since his freshman year. The prospective business major from Morehead City became Ehringhaus community governor in fall 2007.

"I've definitely been able to hear directly from the residents what they'd like to see from the on-campus experience next year," he said.

As governor, Miller gives updates about what's happening in his community at weekly RHA meetings, and his attitude toward the task has garnered peers' respect.

"He's very on-the-ball with getting things together and making sure we're not leaving anything out in planning big events," Craige Community Governor Conor Farese said.

Planning collaborative events is exactly what Miller hopes to do if elected president.

"It seems like the RHA, at the moment, is just a collection of residence halls," he said. "If the community governors were to pool their resources and ideas, they'd have much more exciting programs and pull in the student body."

Although he doesn't have a concrete platform, Miller said he'll put his ideas and notes together and post them online in the next few days.

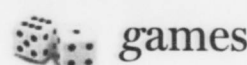
Some of Miller's specific programming plans include a speaker series and more service-oriented projects.

He also said he wants to continue some of current RHA President Brian Sugg's initiatives, such as replacing VHS tapes with DVDs and updating the computer system that records enhancement checkouts.

With possible changes on the horizon, Miller said RHA's basic goal is to change students' ideas about on-campus living at UNC.

"I absolutely love Carolina," Miller said. "I really feel that this campus is what separates us from other university experiences."

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Sudoku

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Solution to Tuesday's puzzle

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Tennis starts strong

The men's tennis team won its first two matches of the season Tuesday. See pg. 7 for story.

Arts in Common

Construction is set to end in the fall for a new music building, part of Arts Common. See pg. 4 for story.

Cleaning up

More students are signing up for a drop-off laundry service. See pg. 4 for story.

Cutting flights

ExpressJet will no longer fly directly to Birmingham, Ala., from RDU. Go online for story.

For a good cause

Several local organizations will be training volunteers in the coming weeks. See pg. 7 for story.

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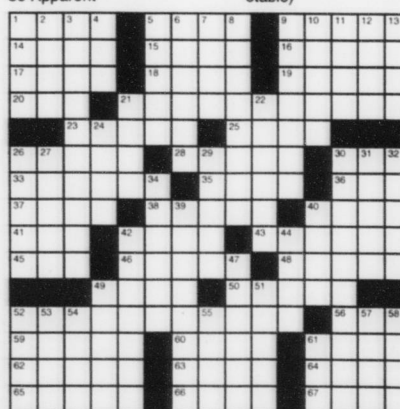
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