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CAMPUS ELECTIONS TODAY

Vote online at studentcentral.unc.edu between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m.

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A RACE TO THE FINISH

Candidates hope students sign on to their message

BY KATE SULLIVAN
ASSISTANT UNIVERSITY EDITOR

They all want the same thing: to represent a mere 28,000 student voices.

But what separates each student body president candidate from the others is their personalities.

Kristin Hill, Logan Liles and J.J. Raynor each drafted multi-page documents laying out their visions for next year. And in comparing one to another and all to the past, it becomes apparent that none stray far from each other.

"Each president has not just their platform of initiatives, but they bring their personality and their approach to the role," said Margaret Jablonski, vice chancellor for student affairs, who works closely with the student body president.

With only a year to accomplish the goals they outlined in platforms, as well as serve the other needs of students and the University, presidents are forced to make the position their own.

After watching three past administrations, each of this year's candidates have their own ideas for how they will tackle some of the challenges.

"The only people who know what it's like to be student body president are the people who have done it before," said Matt Calabria, student body president in 2004-05.

Preparation, teamwork and collaboration are mentioned as some of the key elements to succeeding as a new student body president.

"We're going to come in, and we're going to know the ropes," Liles said, stressing the need to learn from previous failures and successes.

A self-professed "fighter," Raynor is confident that her preparation and past experiences will help her lead and advocate for the student body.

"My biggest asset is I can get done what needs to be done," she said.

All three candidates have acknowledged the merits of their large campaign staffs, a trend they said will carry over to their administrations.

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Perks of being the SBP:

- ▶ Two lower-level basketball tickets for each home game
- ▶ Parking permit for any campus parking spot
- ▶ \$300 per month stipend
- ▶ Ex-officio member of the Board of Trustees
- ▶ Co-chairman of the tuition and student fee advisory committee
- ▶ Member of numerous committees, including Commencement speaker selection committee, ticket advisory committee and Carolina Union Board of Directors



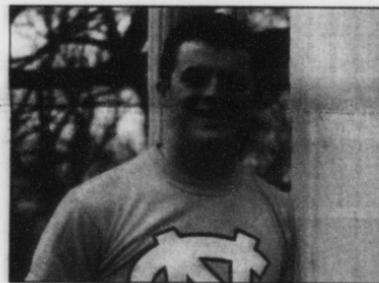
Student body president candidates race to the end with the prize in sight. Students will vote today to send a candidate on to the next level. Candidates must get at least 50 percent of the vote in order to win, otherwise the two top vote-getters will get a week to continue campaigning before a run-off vote.



DTH/ALLIE MULLIN

Kristin Hill

Hometown: Charlotte
Major: Advertising
Endorsements: four
Slogan: Hill'z got Skillz
On the key to success: "It's important to have a team around you. Basically you have to assemble a well-oiled machine."



DTH/LOGAN PRICE

Logan Liles

Hometown: Zebulon
Major: Political science and history
Endorsements: five
Slogan: Connected to Carolina
On leading students: "Student government is supposed to do what students want it to do."



DTH/KRISTIN WILSON

J.J. Raynor

Hometown: Charlotte
Major: Economics and peace, war and defense
Endorsements: five
Slogan: Make it rain with Raynor
On dealing with administrators: "Deep down, I'm a fighter. I won't back down on the issues that are important to students."

Fee and Code changes up for vote

BY MEGHAN PRICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Today's ballot includes four proposed amendments to the Student Code and a referendum that would increase the safety and security fee by 25 cents.

Referendum: Safety and security fee increase

What it does: The fee increase would provide funding in part for the victims assistance program, which provides rape kits for UNC students.

The controversy: The fee increase has caused

some disagreement within Student Congress.

Congress Speaker Tyler Younts opposes the referendum because it is "unnecessary" and "unjustified," he wrote in a Feb. 6 letter to The Daily Tar Heel.

"Even without an increase, the budget will have a surplus of over \$10,000," he said in an interview this week. "I don't see why they need the money."

But Student Body Treasurer Jordan Myers said that the program was in debt \$11,000 last year and that it will benefit from the fee increase. "I don't think we should hinder the ability to raise awareness about

any safety issues on our campus," he said, adding that the fund served about 15 victims this year.

Amendment: To allow students to approve by referendum all eight student fees, three of which currently can be raised without a student body vote

Additional section: The amendment also removes one fee, the Student Recreation Center fee, because it does not exist anymore.

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THE OTHER RACES

Senior class officers

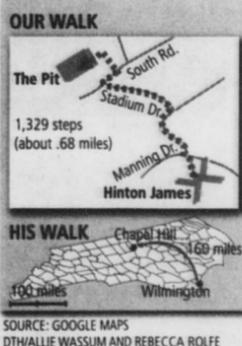
Josh Criscoe & Megan Compton
Rachel Moss & Stephen Barber
James Shelly & Pinar Gurel

CAA president GPSF president

Andrew Coonin Cindy Spurlock

RHA president

Michael Miller



SOURCE: GOOGLE MAPS
DTH/ALLIE WASSUM AND REBECCA ROLFE

UNC celebrates anniversary of its first student

BY ANDREW RYAN COSGROVE
STAFF WRITER

It was 213 years ago today that UNC's first student, Hinton James, ended his long journey to campus.

James arrived at UNC on Feb. 12, 1795, and legend goes that he walked from his home near Wilmington in New Hanover County — now Pender County — to Chapel Hill.

Because of this legend, the southernmost dormitory on campus was named in his honor.

Students who have walked from Hinton James Residence Hall to main campus said they feel the pain James felt in his feet each day.

"It is a pretty far walk, but the more you walk it the shorter it seems," said junior Christina Shupe, a former resident of Hinton James Residence Hall.

University archivist Janis Holder said there is no documentation proving or disproving James' trek across eastern North Carolina.

"Records do show that it was a very harsh winter and roads were impassible," Holder said.

Still, in honor of James, the General Alumni Association will hold events throughout the day.

Students can join the GAA in the Student Union breezeway for hot cider, apple pie and cookies, as well as drawings each hour for prizes. Other activities will include corn hole, horseshoes and pin the boots on Hinton James.

ATTEND THE CELEBRATION

Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. today
Location: Union Breezeway
Info: www.alumni.unc.edu

"Throughout the years the University has had celebrations about his arrival day, and it seems to get students interested in the history of the University," Holder said.

James arrived at UNC when there was only one campus build-

ing. That building was Old East.

Holder said that James probably stayed in Old East but that he also could have stayed with a professor.

James lived at UNC as the only student until two additional students arrived two weeks later.

University archives show that James was an exemplary student during his time at UNC. The faculty records mention James several

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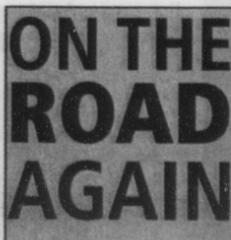
HEELS FACE VIRGINIA

The men's basketball team will travel to Charlottesville, Va., to square off against ACC foes the Virginia Cavaliers. Read a prediction about the matchup at dailytarheel.com.

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PREPARING FOR CAREERS

Local artists and organizations come to campus to network with students and offer advice about how to turn artistic talent into a successful career.



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SPRING BREAK

For those of you who don't want to appear on Girls Gone Wild — or who can't afford an exotic trip this year — here are some alternative Spring Break options.

this day in history

FEB. 12, 1958 ...

Natives of six foreign nations who are either working or studying at UNC come together on a panel to discuss the theme "Mutual Understanding in the Nuclear Age."

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