

Spurlock looks ahead to tuition remission

BY KELLEN MOORE
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Cindy Spurlock couldn't attend the official announcement naming her president of the Graduate and Professional Student Federation.

An early meeting Wednesday to discuss her dissertation — and whether she could become an official doctoral candidate — kept the sole candidate in the GPSF president race from attending Tuesday night.

"I would have loved to have been there tonight," said Spurlock, a communications doctoral student. "I see this as the first step forward of many. It's a little relieving to have the pressure of the election calendar off, but on the other hand, there's a whole new set of obligations."

Spurlock, who garnered 319 votes, said one of the first obligations she'll have is to tackle the



Cindy Spurlock was unopposed and received 319 votes to earn the GPSF presidency.

issue of tuition remission.

"I think we really need to get this on the agenda while the University is finalizing the positions of the chancellor and the dean of the graduate school," Spurlock said.

She also hopes to use next year — her final year at UNC — to bridge the gap between undergraduate and graduate students and to make campus more environmentally friendly.

Although she will serve as the voice of more than 10,000 graduates and professional students,

Spurlock said she isn't nervous about representing a large group.

"But I wouldn't say I'm fearless, either," Spurlock said. "I'd say I have a healthy respect for the size of the job."

Spurlock said she will gain perspective from Lauren Anderson, who has been president since 2006.

"Lauren leaves really big shoes to fill," Spurlock said. "She has done an extraordinary job of creating lasting relationships."

Spurlock said her weakness is trying to take on too many tasks at once, an issue she'll try to avoid by delegating tasks to others.

"I love to be involved and to volunteer," she said. "Sometimes I don't know when to say no."

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could have done," Moss said. "We look forward to working with Pinar and James. We think they're going to do a good job."

Criscoe and Compton said it is still too early to say whether they will apply to be marshals. Compton said she will continue to work with next year's senior class officers through her involvement with the General Alumni Association.

Shelly said the secret to their success was that they used the last day of campaigning to reach students at bus stops instead of only the Pit.

"The first thing we're going to do is celebrate with the guys and gals of our team because this was truly a team effort," Shelly said.

Shelly and Gurel's plans include many social activities, such as the popular senior bar night and a new murder mystery night.

"The first thing we'll want to do is increase communication with next year's seniors," Gurel said. "And we want to assemble a great group of senior marshals."

In their platform the pair also stressed the importance of finding an appealing Commencement speaker.

Additionally Shelly and Gurel want to help seniors leave their mark by reinstating a physical senior gift, as well as a monetary donation to a student organization or charity.



James Shelly and Pinar Gurel celebrate after finding out they won the election to become senior class officers. They earned 52 percent of the vote.

Shelly said he hopes that he and Gurel can incorporate Criscoe, Compton, Barber and Moss into their efforts.

"There were three great pairs of candidates, and we hope they can help as much as they can," he said.

Barber and Moss said they want to discuss some of their platform ideas with Shelly and Gurel.

"We plan to talk to them about networking nights and job interview tips," Moss said.

Shelly and Gurel officially decided to run in October, sitting on the back deck of a fraternity, Shelly said.

The pair said its biggest weakness will be having less experience

in student government.

"We have to get into the swing of things," Gurel said. "We weren't doing this the past four years, so we'll have to get used to it."

Their success, however, they attribute to the diversity of their voters, Shelly said.

"We felt that we represented a large cross-section of the student body," he said. "And that was proven true."

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with the other officials elected Tuesday night, including Carolina Athletic Association President-elect Andrew Coonin, and future senior class officers James Shelly and Pinar Gurel.

After she assembles her administration, Raynor said her first goal in office will be to get involved in the process of selecting and working with the new chancellor.

"I want to get my hands into the chancellor process," she said. "The first voice he listens to should be ours."

Her other major platform points include creating a greater sense of community for students and hold-

ing professors accountable for their teaching.

The results of the election are pending review of the financial statements of all candidates by the elections board.

The campaign season ran smoothly this year with few violations by the candidates, save a \$3 fine levied on Hill for improperly formatted A-frames.

Liles said that he was disappointed with the results but that he plans to work with Raynor's administration to achieve some of his own platform goals, though he said "things are up in the air" as far as exactly what he will do next year.

"We're going to give J.J. all the support we can," Liles said. He said he would like to see the

complete audit of student fees and revisions to the fee creation process, as well as the creation of an advisory committee to the Board of Trustees and the push for a Styrofoam-free campus.

"Obviously there were a thousand things we wished we'd done, but it all works out," Liles said.

"We showed what it's like to run a campaign that's focused on students."

Hill said she probably won't get involved in student government next year but plans to use her newfound free time to organize a trip to Africa during the summer.

"I wasn't expecting anything," Hill said. "I had some of the best people. We had a lot of fun while we were doing it. I have no regrets."

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from voting, the interpretation of the Code — this year by Capriglione — allows Duke students to vote.

"I would argue that the interpretation in this case is definitely one of the chief reasons that the board has authority," said Jim Brewer, last year's elections board chairman.

Duke Student Government, which oversees elections, also has broached the topic of dual-registered students influencing results.

"We didn't really have a way to enforce (UNC Robertson Scholars) from not voting," said Paul Slattery, president of DSG. "The likelihood of them voting ... was so small that we

didn't do anything about it."

Brewer likened Robertsons to online students, who aren't on campus and don't pay fees, yet can vote.

"They have been here, they have a stake in Carolina, and they are going to be an alumni," he said.

Brewer also said the board should investigate the possibility of including a qualification — like the one that keeps off-campus students from voting for Residence Hall Association president — that would only allow Robertsons who are on campus or will be next semester to vote.

And Capriglione said it is a matter the board will investigate.

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Coonin celebrates CAA win

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Andrew Coonin was this year's only candidate for Carolina Athletic Association president, but that didn't stop him from leaping to his feet and cheering when Board of Elections Chairman Mitchell Capriglione declared him the winner.

Coonin, who now serves as CAA's vice president under senior Colby Almond, said he is ready to take the reins of the student-run athletic organization.

"I really care about CAA, and I want to get the most out of it," Coonin said.

The junior public policy and dramatic art major joined the CAA's Homecoming committee at the end of his freshman year and was named the organization's vice president in 2007.

Coonin, who claimed during his campaign that CAA's responsibilities encompass more than negotiating basketball ticket policy, said he will begin assembling his cabinet before he even takes office.

"I already have a retreat planned so we can come together as a group," he said. "We're definitely going to take some time to evalu-



Andrew Coonin celebrates his unchallenged victory in the race to be Carolina Athletic Association president Tuesday night in Carroll Hall.

ate what we did this year."

He also plans to revamp CAA's Web site, send out monthly newsletters on the organization's activities and coordinate volunteer projects with Special Olympics Orange County and Campus Y's Big Buddy mentor program.

Although his race was uncontested, Coonin said he enjoyed

campaigning because of the opportunities to engage with students.

"You know, it's fun," he said. "The whole process is something that you do put a lot of effort into. I thought it was my duty to the students to do that."

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Miller making RHA plans

RHA president race uncontested

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Michael Miller, the sole candidate for president of the Residence Hall Association, was elected Tuesday night. In fact, he didn't even crack a smile.

Miller said that troubles close to home distracted him from the elections but that nevertheless he is looking forward to his new position.

"It wasn't exactly a surprise, but I am excited to get started," he said.

Winning 3,172 student votes, Miller became the fifth straight uncontested winner of that office.

Miller, who is Ehringhaus Community Governor, said his first project will be to get students interested in running for community governor posts.

"Coming in, I had no idea what

was required," he said. "It's hard to find people to step up."

He also plans to improve the enhancements available to students and create events that allow greater collaboration between housing communities.

"Expect fun and diverse programming," Miller said. "We're going to be offering a variety of social, educational and philanthropic programs next year."

But before he can plan the programs for next year, Miller said he will find out from students and this year's RHA members what they want to see in the next era of the association.

And he hopes to expand the association's scope by coordinating with other campus groups.

"I feel it's an important and big step for RHA to be working with other organizations, instead of keeping it a more closed organization," he said.

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Michael Miller hears that he was elected Residence Hall Association president Tuesday. Miller was an uncontested candidate in the race.

Sudoku

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Playing around

Campus Recreation held a game night in the Student Union Underground. Go online for story.

Men's hoops

The Tar Heels eked out a win against Virginia Tuesday, 75-74. See pg. 4 for story.

Y elects leaders

Casey Beckner and Jeff Chen were elected Campus Y co-presidents Tuesday. See pg. 6 for story.

Fencing ends season

The men's and women's teams now are preparing for the NCAA Tournament. See pg. 5 for story.

Raynor to be SBP

J.J. Raynor earned 52 percent of the student vote. No runoff is needed. See pg. 1 for story.

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