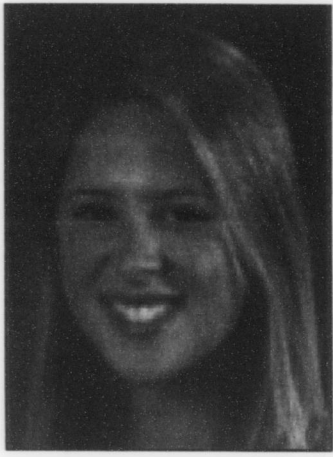


# FINAL EVALUATIONS

Campus leaders today have finally reached the conclusion of their year in office. During the course of their terms, leaders are charged with representing student interests and accomplishing the goals they set for themselves before taking office. The final evaluations on these two pages reflect The Daily Tar Heel editorial board's review of the overall performance of each leader during their terms.

In order to arrive at these assessments, the editorial board met with leaders and discussed their tenures. Leaders were given the opportunity to address their administration's successes and failures, and the editorial board followed with questions concerning specific issues that arose during the past year. After the meetings, the editorial board discussed the tenure of each administration.



## Eve Carson

STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

With the tragic events of last month, we felt that we hope will be picked up by incoming Student Body President J.J. Raynor. Instead, we have elected to provide a rundown of the major accomplishments of the administration, as well as a couple of projects for which the administration laid the groundwork and brought to the office of student body president.

### Junior Year Scholarship

One of Carson's "Big 3" platform planks, the Junior Year Scholarship is one of the biggest successes of the administration. The scholarship has secured funding, and the basic structure is in place to begin awarding it to a rising junior next year. It is a merit-based award for the student's last two years at UNC.

The original plans for the scholarship called for an endowment to be created in order to sustain it in future years, but more funding is still needed before an endowment can be created.

We hope that Raynor and her team continue to work toward finding enough funding to create the endowment and ensure this scholarship continues for years to come.

### Research Scholars

The Carolina Research Scholars program was a new initiative by the Carson administration to help put a greater emphasis on undergraduate research. The program will allow students who participate in undergraduate research to take a couple of classes, in addition to their research, and graduate with the designation of research scholar on their diplomas. The idea behind the program is to recognize undergraduates who devote their time toward invaluable research projects for professors.

The organization and implementation of the program is done and should be available for students to begin working toward starting next year.

### Town Relations

After being unable to name even one town council member while running for student body president, Carson and her administration made great strides in working with the town.

The town relations committee organized a forum on Carolina North so that students had a chance to have some of their questions answered in addition to a forum that brought in Chapel Hill and Carrboro election candidates in preparation for the local elections in the fall.

Additionally, a community dinner was organized that brought together students and the town in order to foster town-gown relations.

Carson also worked closely with the town in determining the location of the early voting site.

### Advising

Most UNC undergraduates have had at least one bad experience with advising, which explains its perennial spot in student body president platforms.

The Carson administration worked to aid the creation of a peer advising program to have students help students wade through the University red tape. This program, which was originally under the umbrella of advising, was successfully transferred to student government control.

Getting student input was another hallmark of the administration's approach to improving advising. This included setting up blogs for people to comment on, talking with students in the Pit and implementing follow-up evaluations of advisers.

### Work with the BOT

As an ex-officio member of the Board of Trustees, Carson was responsible for representing student interests to the board. That duty was borne out in large part during tuition talks in November.

Carson called for an expense report from the trustees that would outline the expenditures that each tuition increase would go toward. Her efforts did not go to waste, as trustees agreed that such a report would be beneficial.

The actual tuition talks were less successful, despite Carson's efforts, with large increases levied against out-of-state and graduate students and little attention paid to an executive branch proposal that would have helped increase tuition predictability.

### Speaker Series

The speaker series ended up being one of the less successful efforts that the Carson administration worked on, though not for lack of trying.

A speaker had been selected and had agreed to come, but the devil was in the details. Because the speaker was unwilling to acquiesce to the stipulations that the organization responsible for the funding placed on its donation, the plans fell through at the last minute.

However, the executive branch did secure Chelsea Clinton's speaking engagement Monday.

This is certainly something we would like to see picked up and brought to fruition by Raynor.

### Technology

Technology also saw success for the Carson administration. Printers were placed in almost every residence hall, and color printing and password protection for print jobs were both products of executive branch ideas.

Carson also partnered with the Carolina Computing Initiative to test out the new tablet laptops to see if students found them helpful. Weekly surveys were collected from all participants, and a focus group met with Lenovo engineers to discuss problems.

A wireless satisfaction survey was conducted to find out where greater wireless accessibility was needed. We urge Raynor to continue to try to expand wireless service so that it covers the entirety of campus.

### Environmental Affairs

Environmental affairs this year have been an exercise in bringing together environmental groups on campus for weekly meetings to help coordinate their efforts.

The Carson administration succeeded in getting large recycling bins put in Fraternity Court, so that there is an easily accessible place for them to discard their recyclables without throwing them in the garbage.

The water competition with N.C. State was also an executive branch effort, in conjunction with the Residence Hall Association. The contest resulted in the reduction of water consumption on campus by a full 25 percent.

### Nonplatform Points

Carson had an expansive and impressive platform, but it might be the things her administration accomplished outside of what it originally set out to do that is the most impressive part of her tenure.

When the early voting site was kicked out of the Morehead Planetarium and Science Center, Carson led the effort that resulted in the site moving a mere block away, to the Franklin Street post office.

When Chancellor James Moeser announced his retirement, Carson set up a student advisory committee to the chancellor search committee and stayed involved in the process from the start.

The executive branch opposed the Academic Index, which the Faculty Council eventually voted down.

### Music Festival

The music festival was another of Carson's "Big 3" ideas, and while the end result didn't match up completely with the original vision that was expressed in her platform, it was still a resounding success.

Instead of a brand new music festival, the idea was folded into SpringFest, which has brought together all five elected offices by pooling resources and cooperating to increase the scope of what any individual branch could have done.

Boyz II Men will headline SpringFest, and local bands will play in the S-11 parking lot beforehand, which should give the event a true music festival feel.

### University Services

One of the Carson administration's better ideas that went largely unappreciated by students, Sophomore Reorientation gave sophomores a centralized location to come see what programs and services the University offers.

We hope that Raynor continues and improves the event, but regardless, the Dean of Students office has said it will pick up the program.

Additionally, the Carson administration was able to get a construction map of campus put on the UNC homepage, which gives an updated look at where construction is ongoing.

The issue of late textbook requests was also addressed with a new incentive plan to encourage timeliness. We hope it works.

### Minority Affairs

Programs were what defined the minority affairs and women's affairs committees.

Mix-It-Up Day, where students were encouraged to sit with people of other races at the dining hall, and Let's Face It: Race in America, an interactive discussion on race, were put on by the minority affairs committee.

Women's affairs increased the number of HAVEN trainings, which supports victims of sexual assault, and organized a Professional Women's Dinner as a way for female students to network.

Both committees also saw an explosion in size and scope under Carson, resulting in more events being put on this year than in years past.