

# Stallings - Student Government 'not an island'

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"Student Government is not an island separate from students, in fact, it is nothing more than students."

Student Body President Joe Stallings outlined his plans for fulfilling the promises made in his campaign for election last March.

"Putting those programs I propose into action is a part of the creative function I have in mind for Student Government," he said in a recent interview. "The creative function is the most important one of any student government, because only by creating new programs and moving ahead can a university have services and programs relevant to the students at a particular time."

Stallings, a senior political science and economics major from New Bern, and Chris Daggett, his vice president, plan to find out what services and programs this year's students want by visiting each residence college, fraternity, sorority and many apartment complexes before the end of September.

"We want to talk to students on an informal basis to get information and

ideas on programs and to get reactions to our activities of last spring," Stallings explained.

He called this the communication and feedback function of Student Government.

"This way Chris and I will develop services and programs meaningful to the individual," he said. "We hope to decentralize the services and personalize the new programs."

One method of receiving feedback as well as providing a service to students is by his information and complaint bureau. "Chris and some others of my staff have been working since last spring on this. Plans have begun to gather information on all University areas, such as academics, student health services and extracurricular activities."

Two major obstacles are in the path of forming the bureau, though. One is finding the adequate space in some central area of campus.

The other obstacle is finding the finances. "We need the services of a well-trained librarian to catalogue the information," Stallings said.

He hopes to clear the problems and have the bureau in full operation by the beginning of second semester.

Forming a student co-op for purchase of school and personal supplies was another of his campaign pledges. "This will be running this semester," he said. "We have increased the rental products available to students."

The co-op is renting rugs and other room items to students. Wallboards, lightweight paneling that can be removed when the student vacates his room, will be offered second semester.

Stallings also expects to lower refrigerator rental prices and increase the number of permits per dorm hall.

Full operation of a co-op, however, has run into a national problem—the situation of the economy. "Over 25 percent of the student co-ops in the country folded the last month of school last year. It requires a significant amount of capital to begin a co-op," Stallings related.

Duke University, N.C. State and UNC-Greensboro are working with UNC to work out problems of a co-op and perhaps to set one up jointly.

The student co-op idea was developed last spring after Student Government received "a lot of complaints about the service of student stores," according to Stallings.

"Student Stores has to become more responsive in administration, products, services and prices to students," he said. "We are the ones buying the products and paying for the building."

Student Stores profits go to scholarship funds, but Stallings contends "it is absurd student scholarships have to be so high because the cost of books and supplies is so high his staff will work on."

"We want a group of students and faculty to completely review the academic structure and suggest alterations in the undergraduate curriculum. We want to review not only the required courses but also the content of the courses we presently have and the need for new courses to be established," he said.

An Urban Studies program is one example he gave of new courses. "This program would attempt to offer solutions to many of the problems crippling our large cities today," he said.

The advisor system also needs revision, according to Stallings. "It is non-productive to both students and faculty. Each student should be given an opportunity for more personalized attention."

Students' legal rights will be a big issue this year for Student Government.

Student Legislature voted last spring to appropriate \$9,000 to hire a lawyer on retainer, that is, as the need arises.

"We will hire a lawyer this semester to review positions of students in terms of legal rights on this campus," Stallings said.

Issues the lawyer will review cover a broad spectrum, including the privacy of dorm rooms, the legality of dorm resident contracts and the legality of parking regulations and sanctions.

"After the lawyer has pointed us in the right direction," said Stallings, "a committee of students will pick three or four major areas of concern and follow those issues to their resolutions."

Stallings stressed that Student Government does not want to go to court on any issue. "Litigation is our last-ditch effort. We hope to resolve our problems on campus."

The Chapel Hill housing situation is also of concern to Stallings. "We conducted an extensive survey in the summer and catalogues information and pinpointed problems," he said.

The survey looked into problems such as the number of units available, services and facilities, costs and complaints by residents of treatment.

"We will provide this information to students so they can assess their problems themselves," he said.

One housing problem, according to Stallings, is that the law of supply and demand works against students in Chapel

Hill. "In terms of rental costs, Chapel Hill is near the top in the state," he said.

Student Government itself will come under evaluation during Stallings' term in office. "We need to study its goals and structures because the types of services and programs demanded by students as well as the students themselves have changed," he said. "We should be responsive to the change in constituency on campus."

Stallings sees Student Government's third function as the "necessary evil," or reacting to administrative decisions, such as visitation, out-of-state tuition and student fees.

The problem of requisitions of student fee money by student organizations from the University trust fund has still not been resolved since last spring, according to Stallings.

Student Government plans to take action on the raising of out-of-state student tuition on two grounds, said Stallings. One is President Nixon's call for a 90-day wage and price freeze.

The other is fighting the increase in court on the basis of the unconstitutionality of the residency requirement for in-state status.

"The state legislature has considered finances more important than the excellence of higher education," Stallings said.

Under Stallings, Student Government's main goal for this year is to "maintain the integrity and excellence of the student body."

## Daggett asks student involvement

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"There's a helluva lot to do at this University," said Chris Daggett, vice president of the student body, in issuing his "plea for involvement."

"I don't care where a student goes, but I want him to get along," he added.

Daggett stressed decentralization of Student Government and getting students stimulated in some area for involvement as he discussed his ideas and goals for this year.

President Joe Stallings and Daggett ran together as independents last March. Daggett was elected vice president over two other candidates.

Both Stallings and Daggett will be visiting dorms, sorority and fraternity houses and some apartment complexes in September to explain Student Government, its problems, what they are doing and where they are headed. They also expect to receive information and new ideas from the students.

Daggett will concentrate on the educational angle and the information and complaint bureau as his areas of activity and involvement.

A senior from Millington, N.J., Daggett helped develop the interdisciplinary major degree program. A student who pursues this plan selects fields of study not offered by the



Chris Daggett

University. Daggett's program centers on educational reform.

A 3.0 quality point average is required to enroll in this major. "It shouldn't be just for those with a 3.0," said Daggett. "As long as a student has the initiative and desire to do it and can develop a program the University doesn't offer, he should be able to do it."

Daggett and his staff hope to review the entire undergraduate curriculum. "We'd like to expand independent study

and the interdisciplinary major. We'd also like to see the University give academic credit for community-based learning experiences."

Community work credit would be integrated into the liberal arts program.

A massive teacher evaluation is another idea Daggett would like to put into action. The evaluation would be the product of the majority opinion of a cross-section of a teacher's students. If an evaluation is conducted, the results will be published in booklet form.

"This will provide a stimulus to keep teachers from being lax, an incentive to improve their quality of teaching," Daggett said.

"The reorganization of higher education may turn out to be one of the most important issues on campus this year," he added. "Chapel Hill stands to lose. We should do something about it."

Daggett is privately studying information on higher education to decide what direction his action should take.

Daggett has been working since his election last March on an information and complaint bureau. "This is something that we've got to do right the first time," he said.

The bureau will contain information on all areas of University and surrounding community life. The service will include information from courses that are closed out to health services.

"It will be a major expansion of the Student Union information desk," he said.

Daggett could not speculate on when the bureau would be in full operation. "It may be after I leave office before it can really get off the ground."

Student Government will be examined by Daggett and Stallings during their terms in office.

"The entire Student Government staff will be examining its roles and making recommendations on how SG can be improved," Daggett said. "We are not against total revision of Student Government if that's what's needed."

As vice president, Daggett also is speaker of Student Legislature. "My goal there is to see more people get involved who have an interest in legislature and are responsible and will do some work," he said.

He hopes to present a "crash course" in parliamentary procedure to legislature early this semester to make meetings go faster and accomplish more.

Daggett has set some ideas in the making for his year in office. His main goal in all his plans, though, is to get students involved in any area of interest from Student Government to music to educational reform.

"If kids get together working on some kind of reform, on anything, we could make a big difference."

## Student secretary is Mary Fontaine



Mary Fontaine

Mary Fontaine, a junior from Raleigh, serves the student body as its secretary.

Her task, according to Joe Stallings, president, is "basically that of a problem handler. Any student who has a problem or needs information should ask for her to refer him to the appropriate office."

Miss Fontaine will greet students coming to Suite C in the Student Union with questions concerning Student Government, problems or difficulties they have met which can be solved by Student Government, suggestions or ideas for student leaders and requests to become involved with Student Government.

She spent last spring getting oriented to the names, faces and functions of the Student Government leaders and organizations in order to know where to send students who come to her.

Miss Fontaine was elected last spring on write-in votes since no student filed for the position.

The secretary can be found in Suite C weekday afternoons.

## Bolick, Slaughter work to improve effectiveness

Among Student Body President Joe Stallings' presidential staff are Stephanie Bolick, director of internal affairs, and Bob Slaughter, presidential assistant.

Miss Bolick, a sophomore from Hickory, performs three functions, according to Stallings.

"As office manager, she makes the internal workings of the presidential office function smoothly," he said. "She also represents Student Government in many committee meetings."

Her third function is to work on

communication between students and Student Government. She will periodically prepare a newsletter from Student Government and make plans for both Stallings and Vice President Chris Daggett to visit the residence halls, sororities and fraternities this month.

"Communication as a concept has become trite to many students," said Miss Bolick, "but I hope through creative methods we will be able to depict an accurate picture of what Student Government is doing for students."

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"Unless meaningful give and take goes on between Carolina students and those in Student Government that are working for them, very little can be accomplished in the coming year," she added.

Miss Bolick was a member of Freshman Council last year. The group was brought together by former president Tom Bello to provide information to freshmen about University workings and avenues of involvement open to them.

"We will continue the Freshman Council this year," Stallings said. "In addition, we hope that last year's council will become a Sophomore Council and take on new projects," he said.

Slaughter worked last year in Student Government to help raise scholarship money through the Carolina Opportunity Fund for disadvantaged students.

"He will continue to explore avenues of raising money for disadvantaged students," said Stallings. "Additionally, he will work with a Student Government lawyer in several areas of student legal rights."

"I feel these two areas are of great concern to students in that no one should be denied an opportunity to a higher education because of financial difficulties," said Slaughter.

"Neither should any student be required to forfeit any of his basic legal rights upon becoming a University student," he added.

## Feast, concert slated tonight

A concert and watermelon feast will be held at 7 p.m. today on the front lawn of Spencer Dormitory.

The activities, sponsored by King Residence College, feature Rock E Faith and the Superboppers, a group known for such classics as "Teenager in Jail" and "Don't Spit in My Kazoo," which they performed last spring in The Pit and for King Nyle at the statewide picnic.

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