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## Vote Wednesday for court reform

Years have passed since "judicial reform" has been a goal of Student Government leaders—an unreachable goal. But this year for the first time, a reform bill will be up for student approval in a referendum Wednesday, along with the student body elections.

The proposed reform must be passed by the students before the Faculty Council makes the final approval.

The proposed reform is not perfect by any means but it would be remarkably better than the present court system. It would be foolish of students not to pass the reform in their only chance so far to change the present inequitable system.

The reform would eliminate the "automatic Fs" given students convicted of academic violations under the current system and it would end the expelling of graduate students convicted of academic violations.

All penalties and punishments are clearly defined in the reform document, unlike the current court set-up.

The reform has a statement on student rights of privacy and

expression, unlike the present system.

The districts for Honor Court seats are altered so that they are the same as the districts of the Campus Governing Council. This change will make election of Honor Court justices much easier and will make it much easier for students to know who is representing them.

Probably the most important changes made in this reform document is the inclusion of students on the appeals board. The present board is composed of three faculty members, which means there are now no students to represent those facing penalties of automatic Fs and other punishments that affect students' lives directly and adversely.

The proposed reform would give students 50 per cent representation on this board.

The document would also protect the rights of minorities on campus in prescribing representation on courts of minorities and women on trial.

Reform of the judicial system here has been too long in the making. Students should do their part to change the courts that judge them into fairer and more manageable groups. Vote for reform Wednesday.

## RHA candidates cite issues

### Jones

It's incredible, but true, that freshmen at UNC are required to live in University Housing. As legal adults, the students in residence halls are, across the board, deprived of rights. Our visitation and co-edding policies do not reflect student desires for living arrangements. Working with the RHA Housing Alternative Committee survey, I have studied students' priorities and propose a system of alternative lifestyles to meet student needs. Students at NC State have informed us that their Administration is using the recent publicity on room by room co-edding at Carolina to deny them progress in this area. One concrete solution to this is the formation of a Consolidated University Action Group to educate the public and develop a pressure group for implementing change.

The creation of a Program Board, involving social activities officers, will provide a means for the exchange of ideas about social events. Coordination with the Union could mean that dormitories would hold receptions for national personalities.

Overcrowding is an issue that must no

longer be tolerated. RHA should plan now to take legal action against the University if this situation continues. We know from previous court cases that there is sufficient legal justification to stop this atrocity—now. Students do not have power. We only have our numbers to affect change. It is for this reason that I believe the massive upheaval in residence halls my opposition proposes is naive.

We must work for trust-building with the Housing Department to strike at the one factor that inhibits our growth. Whether it's mismanagement of funds or fear of a budget cut from State Legislature, the crucial reason for our failures in the past have been financial. Generally, more can be accomplished when there's a feeling of trust than when there's a sense of antagonism.

In my work with the Budget Advisory Committee, we have built the foundation for students to set priorities for physical improvements, and to determine if, when, and why there is to be a room rent increase. The efforts of this committee represents the first time on this campus a student group has aided in drawing up the \$2.5 million Housing budget. I plan to further RHA's input in budgetary decisions to insure careful

management of student room rent monies and to make RHA a viable for assisting in all residence hall students' complaints.

### O'Neal

Room rents up 20% in two years. Parking permits set to rise to \$45 a semester. Room by room co-edding in Winston ended without even a single consultation with students.

Where was the Residence Hall Association when residence hall students needed it and more importantly where will it be in the year ahead?

The new Residence Hall Association President must face an awesome responsibility in helping manage 8,000 dormitory students, 30 residence halls and within his first week in office help direct and prepare the nearly \$2 million dollar annual housing budget.

Having worked three times longer in UNC residence hall affairs than the current Director of Housing, I feel that the often missing knowledgeability and aggressiveness in RHA in the past can be done away with.

With that knowledge we no longer should have to accept room rent hikes that result in decreased services, unexplained inefficiency and dwindling student input.

Furthermore, we can substitute action for inaction with a daily RHA telephone action line to help students combat endless red tape, run around and poor housekeeping and maintenance.

But above all, students must be willing to work and fight for their rights. As long as the current administration is content to move outside the system—like in the Winston controversy—then RHA and students should be prepared to carry the fight there also.

Student's collective financial muscle has always been stronger than their political muscle but has of yet gone unflexed. We should not be afraid to use that financial pull when we need it.

There are many other issues this year such as a revitalized Program Board to bring better social and academic events to residence halls.

But the main issue remains unclouded. The Residence Association needs knowledgeable and aggressive leadership. We can all take a stand together in that direction on Wednesday.

### Williams

I intend to work to prevent the continuation of the tripling policy so that students can escape the hardships of past years. Self-determination by dorms as to visitation and coed living policy is another of my priorities.

Too often students become aware of room rent hikes after they occur, without being forewarned. It is necessary that students be informed of the reasons for these rate hikes. It is also necessary for student input to be utilized in these decisions. Only in these ways can misunderstanding and resentment be avoided.

It is necessary to get the residence enhancement funds for dorms either transferred to the Student Activities Fund office or streamlined so that dorms can use their funds more easily. These funds are for physical improvements in dorms, yet many people know little or nothing about them.

In connection with this, I would clear up the misunderstanding that currently surrounds the \$17,000 overdraft in social fund allocations that the dorms must pay back. The endless bickering and accusations must be ended.

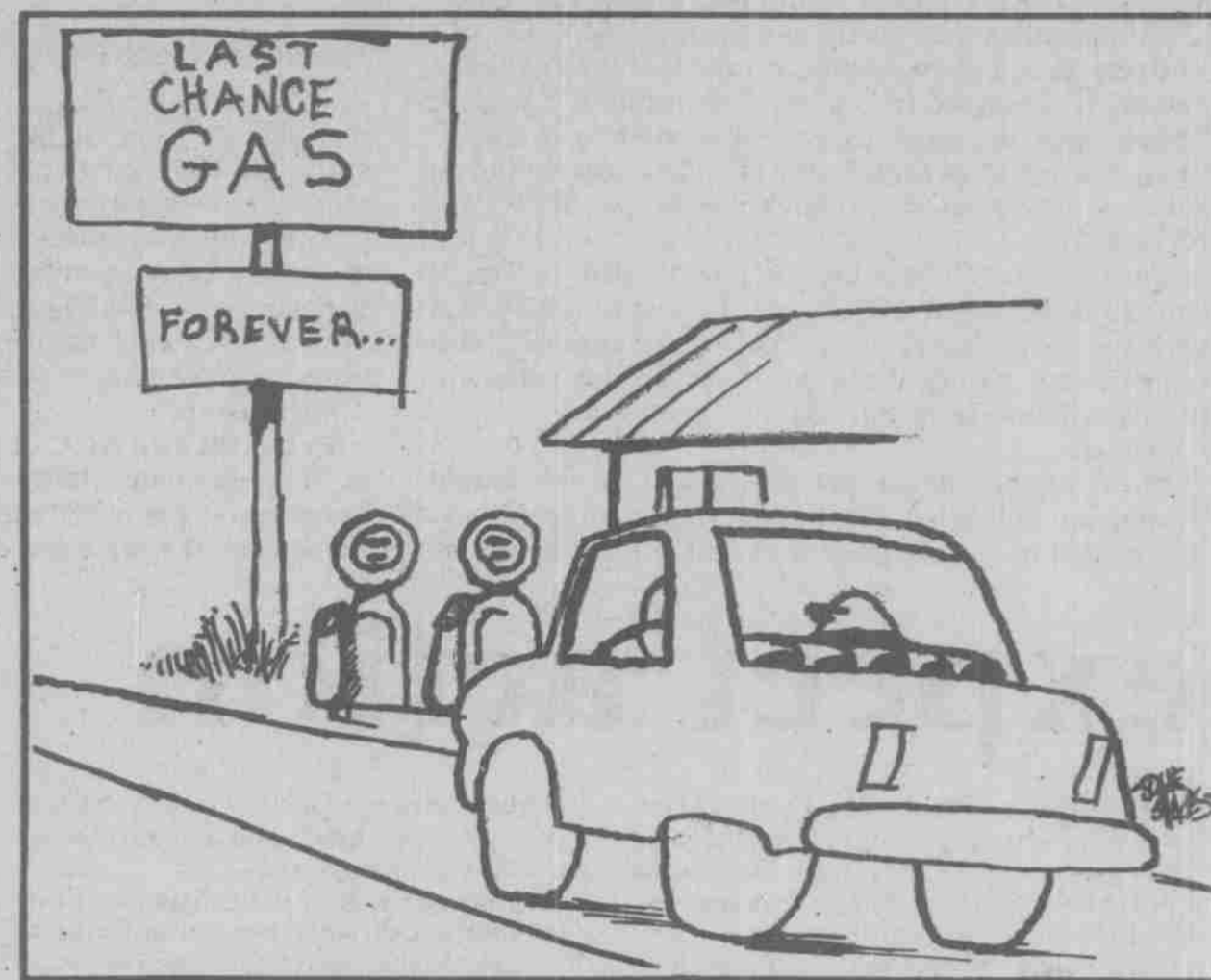
Stabilization of the Campus Escort Service is another necessity. This could be done by converting it to a work-study program of some type or by funding it from Student Government. This is an important service that must be strengthened.

I would work for the creation of a full-time University paid Academic Co-ordinator, who would work with the residence halls to set up University accredited courses and seminars to be taught within the dorms. Henderson Residence College has an academic advisor now, and I feel that this program can be expanded soon.

We need to work for the equalization of room rent between that paid by men and women, in order to make the physical facilities comparable. This is a definite possibility for the near future.

The failure of having a quorum at RHA meetings can be attributed to a lack of decision on the part of its members. When elected I intend to have a committee oriented leadership to insure interest and responsibility. The students will be kept informed of RHA actions and goals through the DTH.

As president of Winston dorm, I am painfully aware of how the administration has worked with regard to students. Allow me to work so that student input can be utilized.



## Candidates for DTH editor present platforms

### Campbell

Most of the eight candidates for editor have advocated better editorials, "new blood" and student input, improved distribution, and broader coverage of blacks, women, grad students, Greeks, athletes and other large voting blocs on campus. How these candidates are going to convert these goals into action is unclear. My campaign has centered on the following specific actions:

**DISTRIBUTION OF DTH**—Increased circulation and coordination of effort with the DTH business manager.

**EDITORIAL POLICY**—Establishment of an editorial pool composed of student journalists and any interested student and the requirement of critical comment in all editorials.

**NEWS FEATURES POLICY**—Use of investigative reporting teams for in-depth reporting. Special training of reporters for specialized beats to insure intelligible coverage. Special off-campus correspondents to cover actions in the state legislature and on other campuses like Duke and NCCU.

**QUALITY CONTROL OF REPORTING AND WRITING**—Use of special journalism seminars conducted by professionals to revitalize staff concern for high standards of journalism. Extensive rewriting and review of material. Solicitation of outside contributions from students to prompt staff self-improvement. Hiring of an ombudsman to respond to student grievances and increase accessibility to the editor.

**SERVICE TO STUDENTS**—Utilization of the DTH forum to expose abuses and prompt reforms in all areas of university life, particularly abuses against students as currently perpetrated by administration policy-makers and by "student services" (food service, housing office, infirmary, etc.).

**ENTERTAINMENT**—Rotation of entertainment features and of reviews (and reviewers) on cinema, theatre, books, music, and other forms of artistic expression.

As a part-time journalism student, former high school editor, editorial staff member of a Chapel Hill publishing company, and current editor of *The DTH Alternative*, I have the requisite background and knowledge to make the DTH a worthwhile publication. The DTH should be a vital and creative force in the UNC community. It is not now. I hope to make it so.

### Cavin

The editorship of *The Daily Tar Heel* is a tough job. It is a job that requires training and background, coupled with positive ideas for innovation and improvement.

All candidates for editor want to improve the paper. Here are some of my ideas for doing just that:

- Improving delivery of the paper. Distribution is not a simple problem, but I am prepared to work with the business manager to do anything necessary to get the paper delivered properly.
- Improving the editorial page. The

editorial page should be a forum for all campus opinion, not just those of the DTH staff. I will work to give balanced and fair representation to opinions held by organizations and students of UNC. By allowing more voices to be heard, the edit page will become much more enlightening and interesting.

- Formation of an investigative reporting staff. There are people on the staff who can do much more in-depth, news analysis reporting than is being done now. We will work to get below the surface and give a behind-the-scenes look at the news.
- Establishment of a news co-op between newspapers at the Big Four schools and East Carolina. Carolina students can benefit greatly from finding out what's going on at these campuses.

- Financial independence for the DTH. Whoever is elected editor should work toward this goal. Great strides have been made toward independence this year, and we must continue to push for this.

Having worked for the DTH at every level over the past three years (as news writer, sports editor, columnist and managing editor), I feel I have the necessary tools for the job. In order to improve the paper, the editor cannot be hindered by a lack of experience.

The DTH can always stand improvement, and the paper has potential to be better next year. But a program for innovation can be best carried out by someone who has the knowledge and background to make such a program work.

Vote for a change Wednesday... change for the better.

### Cooper, Turosak

We, Jim Cooper and Greg Turosak, are running for co-editors of the *Tar Heel* for two reasons: one is to improve the paper, and the other is because of practicality.

Improvement means broadening the content of the paper and opening it up to more of the writers on campus. Many people would like to write, but they feel the *Tar Heel* is a closed shop, insensitive to anyone outside a small group of journalism students.

The idea of a co-editorship is a change in itself. Cooper and Turosak provide, respectively, a non-journalism major who is not a DTH staff member, and a journalism major who has been a long-time DTH staffer. Cooper, a history-economics major, was co-founder and fiction editor of *Cellar Door*. Turosak knows the DTH staff and is familiar with the technical aspects of the *Tar Heel*. As a combination, they provide both an outside and an inside perspective.

Areas of improvement must include: the use of varied, intelligent editorials; the maintaining of a backlog of columns, from which the best may be chosen; the providing of more interpretation and explanation; the expansion of the Campus Calendar to accurately reflect what is going on about campus; having more people distribute the *Tar Heel* so it will be out earlier; a change in application procedure allowing applicants to choose their own story idea when applying; and an openness to broader coverage of ignored areas and groups, in line with our policy of broadening the backgrounds of

those who work for the paper.

On the practical side, the editorship is a big job for one person to do well. Two co-editors would have twice the time to manage the paper, to talk to people, and to read and do research. With two co-editors, the editorials will be more varied since two writers will be alternating, and the back page will not be one-sided in its editorial comment. Pro- and con-opposing editorials will be written during times of disagreement.

The last time the co-editorship was done was in 1964-1965. It was also done once during the fifties. According to one long-time-journalism professor, it has worked out very well in the past. There is no reason it would not work well now.

### Day

I'm tired of this campaign and I know the rest of the student body is. Enough has long since been said. I have a realistic platform readily available to anyone who hasn't already seen it and an adequate list of qualifications. All that's needed now is a majority of the votes the first time around and I'll save us all the trouble of a run-off.

### Fawcett

Elections is a time when so many people "come forth from the woodwork" to declare their candidacy for some odd-job. We all know the constant "promises" campaign of candidates and the parallelism of their platforms. Once again we the people of the Blue Sky Party (BSP) come forth to assure that promises will be kept. We can promise anything that other candidates for editor throw out plus more. A vote for Blue Sky is a vote for change. What do we mean by change? Just this: more pictures, more comics, more "letters," more writers, more entertainment, more fun, more etc. Using the theme of "student input," we the people of Blue Sky can see why voters should go with BSP for 74-75 and maybe beyond.

Both C.B. Gaines and I, candidates for DTH editor on the BSP ticket, can create a new, more widely wanted paper. A vote for



one Blue Sky Candidate will insure that the other will be present for the positive revision of the DTH. Students must get out and vote this year to insure that the DTH will have the goal of student input. Students should indeed vote Blue Sky this year in order to bring the "change machine" into operation.

The previous two years have been good ones for BSP. In 1972 and 1973, the Blue Sky candidate for student body president has won in the primaries. Only because of our defeat in the runoff, has the BSP not been allowed to prove its merits. The BSP has been widely criticized in the past because of platforms, annual Town Hall Convention, and more than anything, because of its anti-political stand.

The BSP is truly a unique but outstanding party of Carolina natives. It has its friends in Washington and New York, as well as right here in Blue Heaven. We have tried to institute a platform that insures that students will have a voice in DTH opinions, thus preventing another DTH lawsuit. So when we have our ballots in hand, there are two things we as citizens of the UNC population can do: (1) vote for a BSP candidate or (2) tear up the ballot, to insure change.

### Gaines

Wait a minute! Don't start here. Read those other guys first. They will tell you what is wrong with the *Tar Heel* as it is. Some of them will even tell you what's wrong with the other candidates. You know what's wrong with the paper. And you can draw your own conclusions about the other candidates. As for myself...

You might be interested in knowing that I was the editor of a national newsletter, *La Telarana*, concerning Chilean affairs. And I've written. Of course I've written. For the *N.C. Anvil*, *The Hickory Daily Record*, *The Merceburg (Penn.) Journal*, and of course my high school newspaper and alumni bulletin. I've also delivered the *Greensboro Daily News* on campus, so I know the mechanics of good distribution.

And there are lots of things I'm going to do. You may have heard of some of them. 1) Free Unclassifieds for personal messages by students, 2) opinion from professors on current events topics in their specialty, 3) an exchange program with college dailies across the nation, 4) more comics, with a good serial to follow, 5) plastic papers when it rains, 6) score box for national league sports scores, 7) more puzzles—including some drawn by students, 8) sponsor the return of Jubilee, 9) Boone's Quote of the Day, 10) much less national news—you can get that from the radio or your own favorite hometown paper, and 11) more campus coverage, like residence college parties, Deep Jonah, concerts and impromptu happenings, 12) the establishment of a drug testing clinic.

That's a lot to do. And there's more. There will be no salary for editor, and a smaller paid staff. The style will be changed to invite much more contributions from the student body. And if I'm elected these other guys won't go to waste. They will be part of the paper, as all students will be. Freewheelin' Franklin will be managing editor.

Due to the interesting and unusual style of

the paper, outside subscriptions will increase. We'll make the Media section of *Time* within a year. We'll be able to draw much more national advertisers, thus assuring financial independence and even incoming revenue to finance the production of Jubilee. The paper won't just be a better paper, it will be the best paper; one you'll want.

### Hunt

First of all, I would like to thank the DTH for permitting to outline my proposals for making the DTH a better paper.

As my slogan says: Hunt wants to make the DTH a people's paper. This means simply that I want to incorporate and encompass all segments of University life into the paper. I would also like to see better co-operation between the DTH and Student government, BSM, Carolina Union, GSPF, fraternities, and sororities, so that their views can be adequately expressed in the paper.

Basically my ideas for improving the paper are as follows:

1. To completely re-vamp the editorial page:
  - a. have more input from all major groups on campus
  - b. try to inject and incorporate in addition to "The Letters to the Editor" column—a "Sound Off" column whereby people can give the members of the DTH staff an idea on what directions the paper should take
  - c. on controversial issues, have a "Point-Counterpoint" editorial, so that a person may see both sides of an issue at the same time

2. Re-vamp the feature page
  - a. have more timely and interesting articles
  - b. better coverage of all concerts
  - c. more movie, and book reviews
  - d. improve the reviews in both style and content

3. Improve the style of DTH
  - a. better headlines to fit the stories—make the heads fit story content
  - b. more diverse selection of photographs
  - c. make sure that stories don't begin or end on the fold—for convenience of reader

4. Miscellaneous
  - a. try to implement a "Hotline" column whereby people can air and receive actions to complaints
  - b. increase ad revenue
  - c. begin process of making the DTH independent—though the process will take more than a year to complete.

With a good budget, hardworking staff, and concerned students, I hope to make "Tarheel" a better paper. Remember for new blood: Vote Michael "Doc" Hunt on February 27.

### Morris

Most students may have fairly solid grounds for not feeling crushed if their candidate for student body president doesn't win; but the editorship of the DTH is another matter altogether; not only your vote tomorrow but your contributions throughout the year could make a big difference in the quality of the DTH.

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