

Candidates' platforms very similar

Bilionis, Holleman compete for DTH editorship

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Although the race for *Daily Tar Heel* editor has been characterized as one between an insider and an outsider, the platforms of candidates Lou Bilionis and Jim Holleman are essentially the same.

Both Holleman and Bilionis have called for broader news coverage to include more feature stories and less emphasis on academic and bureaucratic matters which they say have monopolized the paper's space.

"The *DTH* has placed a great and needed emphasis on academic issues," Bilionis said. "But that just scratches the surface. We should broaden the coverage away from the mundane

institutions such as the Campus Governing Council, the Faculty Council and the Educational Policy Committee that are taking up too much space in the newspaper.

The paper should include other areas — for instance, in-depth stories about lifestyles, fraternities and apartment life. The paper should cover all issues that affect students on this campus."

Holleman also has criticized the paper's news coverage. "The paper needs to reassess the way space is used to include a wider range of campus news so some more areas will be covered faithfully as opposed to certain ones," Holleman said. "The purpose of the paper is to inform students about news that is of interest to them. The *Tar Heel*

has not faithfully done that."

Holleman said his lack of experience with the *DTH* would allow him to take a fresh approach to its editorship. "The fact is, when you have an editor who year after year is elected fairly much from staff at hand, there is a tendency for the publication to lose any clear sight of the changes needed to be done."

Bilionis said he saw the race as one between an experienced candidate and an inexperienced candidate. "What the *DTH* needs is an editor who can come in two weeks from now and make the necessary changes, not an editor who will require months to learn the job," Bilionis said.

"I feel my experience and ability mean I can approach the problems

immediately. More importantly, my experiences give me an understanding of the workings of the newspaper and the tools we need to make the changes.

Holleman has had no journalistic experience on the collegiate level but was editor of his high school yearbook. Holleman said that because of his lack of experience he cannot recommend specific improvements in distribution or finances of the *DTH*.

Bilionis has proposed a system of staggered distribution at often-used drop boxes to replenish the supply of papers throughout the morning. If elected, Bilionis said he would increase the press run on high-readership days such as Mondays and days after basketball games.

Bilionis also has proposed a plan to eliminate small papers. Under the plan, smaller papers (eight pages instead of 10) would be printed in the fall when monies from advertising are greater. In the spring months, Bilionis said the money saved from running eight-page papers rather than the 10-pagers could be used to expand four-page papers to six pages.

Holleman's chief criticism of the *DTH* concerns its editorial policy. "What you need is one solidly founded, comprehensive, well-thought out policy instead of something patchy and hazy," he said.

Holleman would create an editorial board that would meet once a week to set the editorial policy of the paper. "I'm not saying specifically that my editorial board would include members from special-interest groups but a wide range of people with varying viewpoints," he said. "They would have some input in the editorial policy of the paper."

"Holleman's editorial board is not a new idea," Bilionis said. "Anyone familiar with the workings of a newspaper would realize it is unrealistic. I certainly want input from a wide range of groups on this campus, but it is impossible to conduct it in a rigid format. The news business does not run on a once-a-week meeting. Editorials are written in response to breaking news."

Bilionis: Holleman inexperienced Holleman: Bilionis 'DTH' insider

By JACI HUGHES
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Lou Bilionis was without competition for the *Daily Tar Heel* editorship race for two weeks, but since Jim Holleman announced his candidacy last Wednesday, the two have battled it out at candidate forums.

Holleman describes the race as insider vs. outsider. Bilionis says it's experience vs. inexperience.

Holleman admits he has no experience in newspaper journalism. "It's going to take me awhile to learn how to run the paper," he told the Black Student Movement. "But the editor is not the only one who handles things. The *DTH* does have a full-time business manager. What I lack in experience on the staff, I can make up for in aptitude and imagination."

Bilionis stressed his theme of broader news coverage in the *Daily Tar Heel*.

"I want to broaden coverage across a wide area," Bilionis said. "I would bring in at least 15 more staff writers. The biggest problem is that the *DTH* isn't finding out what's going on. If it doesn't know what's going on, it can't report it."

Holleman proposed to broaden news coverage by providing more space in the paper for feature stories. "Instead of running five or six articles on the shared-ride taxis, why not have a feature article of interest to students," he said.

Holleman also criticized the *DTH* for not providing entertainment for students. "If you want solid hard news,

you should buy the *Charlotte Observer* or the *News and Observer*," he said. "The *DTH* is a campus newspaper."

At the AWS forum Feb. 8, Bilionis stressed his platform of broader coverage, more student input and improved distribution. He also emphasized experience.

"We've got to realize that the *Tar Heel* is a big business now," Bilionis told AWS. "The editor has to be able to work with all facets of the *Tar Heel* and be knowledgeable about all these fields."

Holleman criticized *DTH* coverage of women's news such as the Women's Festival.

Excluding advance publicity, the eight-day festival received 10 articles, including three front-page articles on one day. The *Tar Heel* wrote an editorial urging people to attend the festival and ran front-page calendars of festival events for one week.

Asked about alleged sexist advertising in the *DTH*, Holleman said it has existed because of a lack of personal respect.

Concerning sexism in coverage of the news, Holleman said, "Part of the problem with sexism is the attitudes and the prejudices of the writers."

The presidential and editorial candidates outnumbered the residents at the Hinton James meet-the-candidates night. Bilionis outlined to the sparse crowd his plans for broader news coverage. "It really is a travesty when someone picks up the newspaper

and sees the same old things. They read too much about the Campus Governing Council and WXYZ. The *Tar Heel* needs more writers and new emphasis on other areas," Bilionis said.

He also discussed his plans to appoint an ombudsman to solicit student opinion about the paper at dorm meetings and through other contact with students.

At the Henderson Residence College meet-the-candidates night, Bilionis noted the *DTH* is \$250,000-a-year business. Again stressing experience, Bilionis called for a candidate with experience and knowledge about the paper.

Bilionis said he would improve distribution of the paper by relocating some dropboxes to make them accessible to more students. He also has proposed a system of staggered distribution to replenish the supply of *DTH*'s at often-used boxes.

"To vacillate your opinion within one editorial or a series doesn't necessarily represent any more people or help clarify the issue," he said.

Sometimes outnumbering crowd

Candidates move from forum to forum

By HOWARD TROXLER
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The seven candidates for student body president have been busy the past seven days seeking the support of students and student groups as they appear in a series of candidate forums.

The forums are sponsored in the dorms by the Residence Hall Association. Three student groups — the Association for Women Students, the Black Student Movement and the Sports Club Council — also have sponsored candidate forums and endorsed candidates.

The candidates are making their usual presentations to the residence hall forums, but discussion about women's problems and race relations appeared in the AWS and BSM forums.

Y Executive Elections

Applications are due
Thursday, February 16
Meet the candidates
3:00 Friday in Y building
Elections in Y office
Tuesday, February 21.

The Feb. 8 AWS forum marked the first public appearance of all the candidates together. Each candidate presented essentially the same platform he had already developed.

Craig Brown told the AWS that as president, he would work for passage of the Equal Rights Amendment in the state legislature.

All of the candidates except Jeff Ellington and Robert Lyman expressed support for ERA.

Cureton said he would search for greater diversity in his administration by active requirement of minorities and women.

Only five presidential candidates attended the Feb. 13 candidate forum sponsored by the Black Student Movement. Bruce Border, Gordon Cureton, Sonya Lewis, Jim Phillips, Robert Lyman and a representative of Jeff Ellington spoke to approximately 30 BSM members.

"I feel Student Government doesn't have the diversity it needs," Cureton told the BSM members. Cureton said he would step up active recruitment of minority members in Student Government.

Editorial candidates



Bilionis



Holleman

Major:	English/economics	RTVMP
Journalistic background:	Assistant press secretary, Massachusetts state government; writer, <i>Carolina</i> magazine; associate editor, <i>DTH</i> .	Editor, high school yearbook.
Major criticism of <i>DTH</i>:	Too many mundane stories on Faculty Council, CGC, etc.	Lack of a cohesive editorial policy.
Major proposed improvement:	Broaden coverage.	Establish editorial board of organizational leaders.
Position on:		
Campus news:	Most important focus of <i>DTH</i> but coverage must be broadened.	Most important focus of <i>DTH</i> .
Editorial policy:	<i>DTH</i> should be voice of student body as a whole.	<i>DTH</i> should seek input from various organizations.
Distribution:	Staggered distribution at often-used drop boxes.	No suggestions.
Economic stability:	Run smaller papers in the fall thus making it possible to use the money saved to run larger papers in the spring.	No suggestions.

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BSM endorsements

The Black Student Movement voted Monday night to endorse Gordon Cureton for student body president and Jim Holleman for *Daily Tar Heel* editor.

"Gordon (Cureton) came to us with the most concrete ideas," BSM chairperson Byron Horton said. "For example, he is trying to include a course out of the ethnic studies program as a General College requirement. We see this as one solution to race relation problems on campus."

Concerning the BSM endorsement of Holleman, Horton said, "The group (BSM) felt like the *DTH* needed some new blood, and he (Holleman) gave us the opportunity to have this new blood.

"We liked Lou's experience with the *DTH*. But we felt like if he had done some things in the past year as associate editor, he would have mentioned those things."

The BSM also endorsed Dan Heneghan for Carolina Athletic Association president.

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