Candidates' platforms very similar

Bilionis, Holleman compete for DTH editorship

By JACI HUGHES Staff Writer

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

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

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 reasses 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 frm 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 ha 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

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 splotchy 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

Editorial candidates





Holleman

Editor, high school

Lack of a cohesive

Most important focus of

DTH should seek input

editorial policy.

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English/economics Assistant press secretary. Massachusetts state government: writer,

yearbook. Carolina magazine: associate editor, DTH.

Major criticism Too many mundane stories on Faculty Council, CGC, etc.

Major proposed Broaden coverage. Establish editorial board improvement: of organizational leaders.

Position on:

Economic

stability:

Major:

Journalistic

background:

of DTH:

Most important focus of Campus news: DTH but coverage must be broadened.

DTH should be voice of Editorial policy: student body as a whole.

Distribution: Staggered distribution at often-used drop boxes.

in the spring.

No suggestions.

organizations.

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Run smaller papers in the fall thus making it possible to use the money saved to run larger papers

No suggestions.

Bilionis: Holleman inexperienced Holleman: Bilionis 'DTH' insider

By JACI HUGHES Staff Writer

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.

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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

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

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-thecandidates night. Bilionis outlined to Holleman also criticized the DTH for the sparse crowd his plans for broader news coverage. "It really is a travesty students. "If you want solid hard news, when someone picks up the newspaper

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and sees the same old things. They read too much about the Campus Governing Council and WXYC. 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 contace 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

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 Staff Writer

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

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

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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

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 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

"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.

Sonya Lewis told the BSM members she planned to renew efforts for a race relations conference at Camp New Hope. Student Government plans for a similar conference this year fell through.

Border told the group that he would support full funding of the BSM and Black Ink, the BSM publication, but that the budgetary process was "rife with problems" that needed to be straightened out.

The candidates met with approximately 40 residents of Connor, Alexander and Winston dorm residents Feb. 9 in the

Connor lounge. Bruce Border told the Henderson residents his administration would emphasize his goals of openness and accountability, academic and budgetary

Sonya Lewis said she won't support continuation of the Resident Unit Grant and Loan Fund, a fund used by the Campus

Governing Council to make physical improvements in student living areas such as dormitories and fraternity houses.

Robert Lyman, candidate for the Blue Sky Party, told the Henderson that the primary goal of his administration would be the construction of a large geodesic dome over Chapel Hill.

Lyman criticized the platforms of the other candidates. "If you're in the market for a joke candidate, don't automatically look to me," Lyman said. "There are six other clowns running."

James dormitory was the only other forum held in a residence hall besides Henderson where any residents showed up to hear the candidates and ask questions. No students attended forums scheduled for

Morrison and Ehringhaus dormitories. The candidates outnumbered the residents at James, but they fielded several questions from the residents about campaign

Cureton presented to the James residents his idea of a two-way communications network between residents and Student Government.

"As student body president, I think it would be neccessary for a communications network to be set up where the key figure would be the Campus Governing Council representative," Cureton said. "The CGC representative would gather input for Student Government on a grass-roots level.

"We talk about apathy, but no person is apathetic in every area. If something affects you enough, they you're going to react and do something about it."

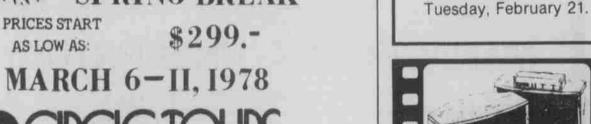
Jeff Ellington defended his stance against funding for the Carolina Gay Association. "My justification for student fees not going to the CGA does not reflect an anti-CGA stance," Ellington said. He contended that further CGA funding would serve only to further anti-CGA sentiment within the student body.

The candidates will appear in three more residence hall forums tonight: the Morehead Confederation in the Cobb basement at 7:30; Olde Campus housing at 8:45 in the Mangum Lounge; and Whitehead at 9:45 in the Whitehead lounge.



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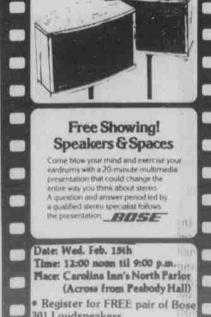


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The Black Student Movement voted Monday night to endorse Gordon Cureton for student body president and Jim Holleman for Daily Tar Heel editor.

"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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