

Student Congress candidates

District 1

David Edquist

David Edquist did not attend the interview and photo sessions.

Jamie Thomasson

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District 4

Jurgen Buchenau

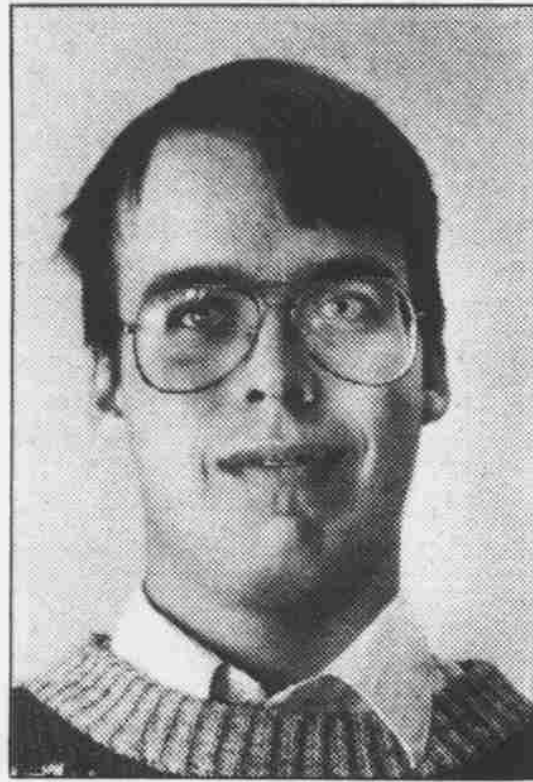
Jurgen Buchenau, a Latin American History graduate student from Cologne, West Germany, is running for re-election to Student Congress (Dist. 4).

Buchenau said he plans to publish a bi-monthly bulletin listing bills pending in Student Congress. Through such increased publicity, Buchenau said he hopes to promote student awareness and involvement in Student Government.

Buchenau also said he plans to establish a meeting place in the Union for groups, like S.A.F.E. Escort, which address women's issues.

Buchenau also said he supports the Carolina Gay and Lesbian Association. "I will vote for CGLA funding regardless of referendum funding," he said.

Buchenau has served as a Student Congress representative since



October and is now co-president of the Association of International Students.

District 5

Curtis Small

Curtis Small, a graduate student from Durham, is running for re-election to Student Congress (Dist. 5).

Small said he would like to make the administration more responsive to students and pointed to the recent parking controversy as one problem.

He also said he would work to provide better representation for graduate and minority students.

"Graduate students are a minority, and they're not heard from too often," Small said. "I want to make sure minorities get a fair shake."

He said he has written bills in favor of both the Black Student Movement and Sangam, an Indian cultural group.

Small is currently serving his first term on the congress and is a member of the Rules and Judiciary Committee.



District 6

Jim Mock

Jim Mock did not attend the interview and photo sessions.

District 10

Rob Benton

Rob Benton did not attend the interview and photo sessions.

Ken Costner

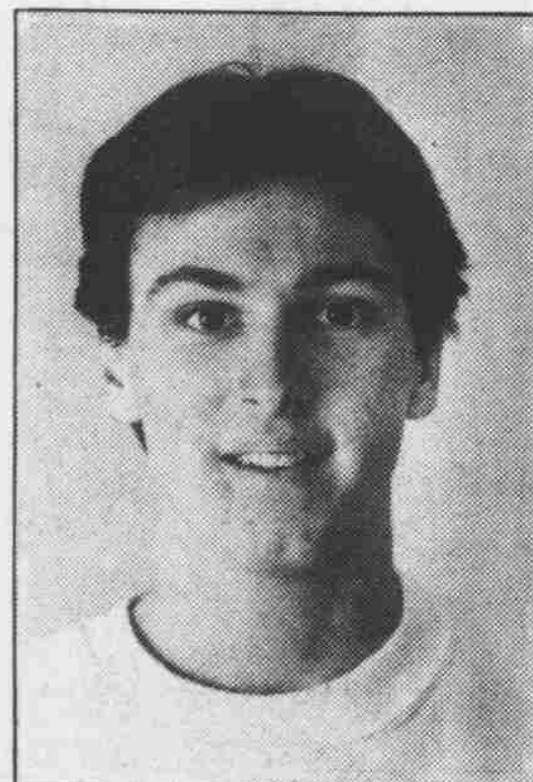
Ken Costner, a freshman from Graham, is running for election to Student Congress (Dist. 10).

Costner said he would represent the students in his district with an open mind and fresh ideas.

"I wish to represent the students of Granville with a conservative Christian view, to always be available for ideas, and to have an open mind," he said. "I will give 110 percent effort and work."

Establishing firmer ties between his district and the rest of the campus is another of his goals, Costner said. "I plan to have a better link between Granville and the main campus," he said.

Costner is a James Johnston Scholarship recipient and a member of the N.C. Student Legislature and the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship.



David Turlington

David Turlington, a sophomore from Tarboro, has announced his candidacy for Student Congress (Dist. 10).

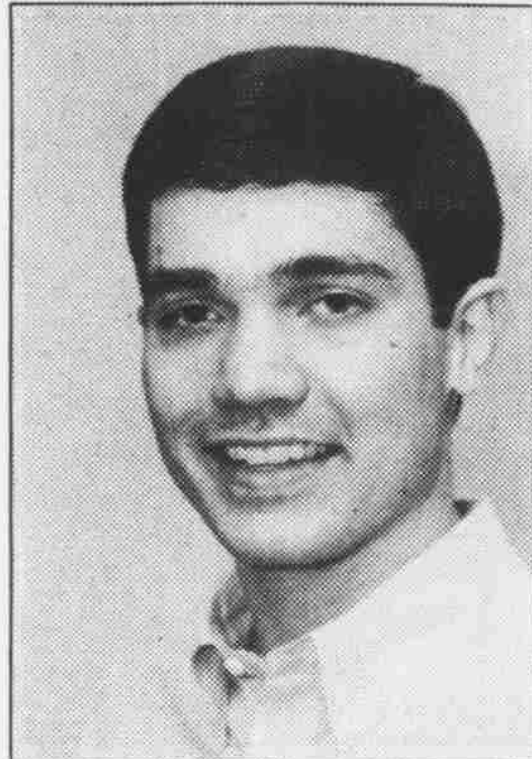
Turlington said he is concerned with many University problems, including foreign teaching assistants who aren't proficient in English and Student Stores book prices.

"They (book prices) seem to be unrealistically high," he said. He said he will look into lowering prices. "That's something probably 22,000 students would be in favor of."

Turlington also expressed concern about University funding procedures.

"We need to make sure students' money is being spent for their benefit," he said.

Turlington is a member of the Executive Committee for Granville Residence College and the Granville Constitutional Revision Committee.



District 11

Carolyn Corr

Carolyn Corr did not attend the interview and photo sessions.

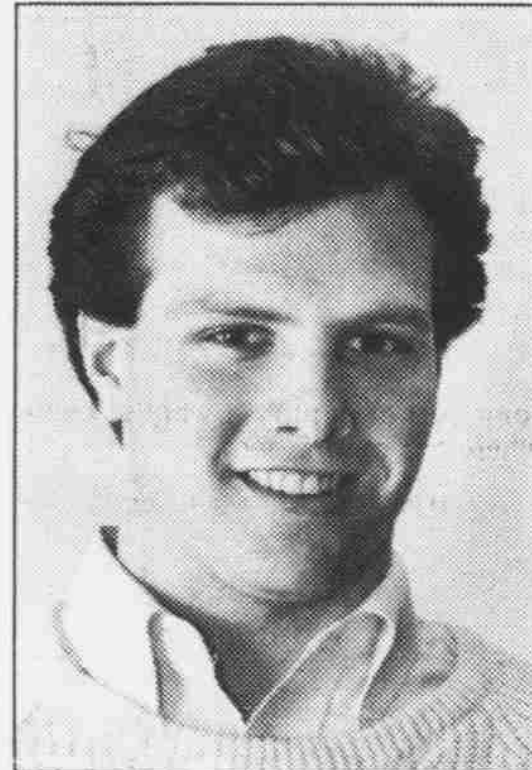
District 12

Donnie Esposito

Donnie Esposito, a freshman history and English major from Clemmons, is running for Student Congress representative (Dist. 12).

Esposito said he plans to make the Student Congress more visible to students, so they will know more about what it does and take it more seriously.

"I feel that students don't know what the Student Congress is up to," he said. "I would like to change the focus on the Student Congress in order to make it open to the general public." He added that because people do not know about the Student Congress, it is generally ignored by the student body and others. UNC administration "does not recognize the Student Congress as a voice on campus," he said. A focus on the Student Congress by the student body could lead to more effectiveness and action by the congress.



Esposito is a member of the Carolina Union Forum Committee and S.A.F.E. Escort and vice president of Lewis Residence Hall.

Paul Holcombe

Paul Holcombe, a freshman from Raleigh, has announced his candidacy for Student Congress (Dist. 12).

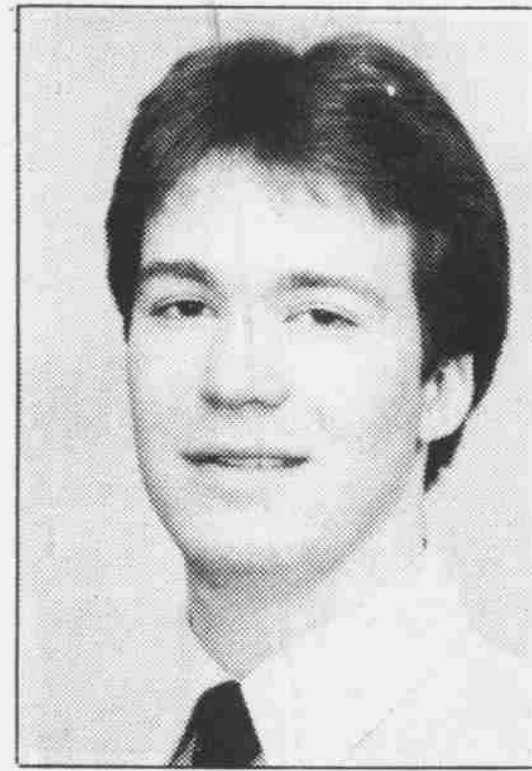
"I believe that representatives need to make a greater effort so that students will be more aware of and more comfortable with the workings of Student Congress," Holcombe said. "As a congressional representative, I would make a great effort to hear what the constituents' opinions are before representing them."

Holcombe said he would vote for student fee increases only if the majority of his constituents were convinced that such an increase would improve the University.

"Only would be a key word because I would normally oppose increases," he said.

If elected, Holcombe said he would support the target pass/fail option and the phone-in registration system.

Holcombe said that he opposed any change in his area's parking situation. "I would work to keep spaces in my area for students, rather



than for faculty members," he said. Holcombe said that he was elected as Lt. Governor at Boys' State and student body president at Governor's School West.

Neil Riemann

Neil Riemann, a political science and math major from Misenheimer, has announced his candidacy for Student Congress (Dist. 12).

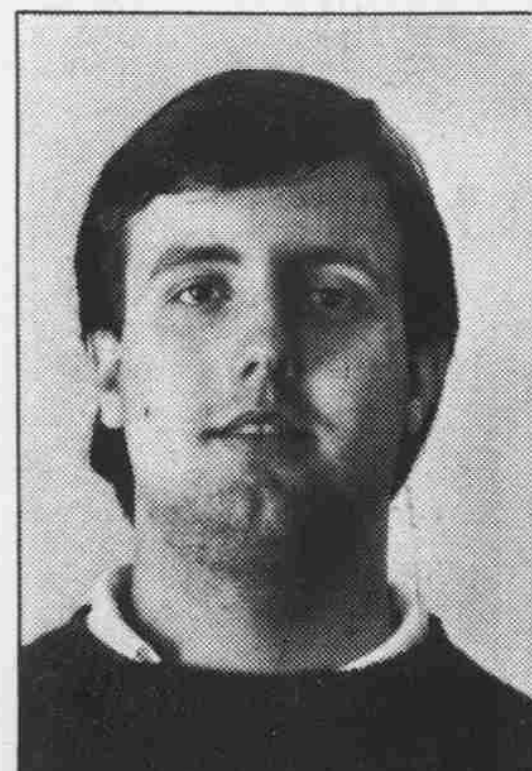
Riemann said he is the longest-serving candidate running for re-election. A more efficient and professional legislature and cooperation with other interest groups, especially faculty, are issues he plans to focus on, Riemann said.

Riemann said he does not want to be stereotyped as liberal or conservative. "I am someone who will look at each issue as it comes up and handle it the best way for my constituents and the student body as a whole," he said.

Parking in A-lot is a problem that pits faculty against students, and neither has enough parking spaces, he said.

Unlike some people who find out that Student Congress is not for them, "I've put the time in it, and I do like it, and I want to be back there," said Riemann.

Riemann has served two terms on



Student Congress. He has been chairman of the Finance Committee, a member of The Daily Tar Heel Board of Directors, the student broadcast regulation board and the finance ethics committee.

District 13

Brock Dickinson

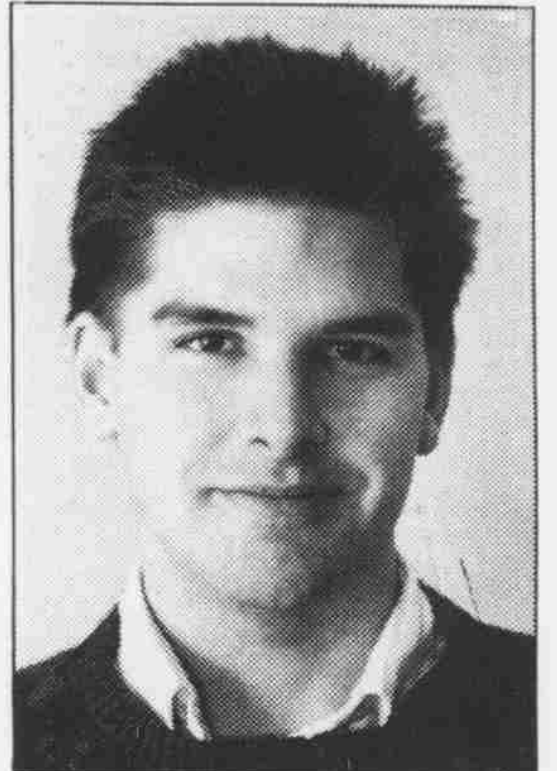
Brock Dickinson, a junior English and history major from St. John, Canada, has announced his candidacy for Student Congress (Dist. 13).

If elected, Dickinson said he will continue funding for Springfest, S.A.F.E. Escort and the Carolina Gay and Lesbian Association (CGLA). He also said he will focus on building a better relationship between graduate and undergraduate students.

"We need to create a greater degree of cooperation between different groups, such as foreign students, minorities and graduate students," said Dickinson.

Installing air conditioning in some North Campus residence halls will further polarize the student body, Dickinson said, because the increased rent will force those who can't afford it to move to South Campus, concentrating the wealthy on North Campus.

"UNITAS brought minorities back to main campus, but the higher rental fee may delete this trend," he said. "We are falling into factions; we need



to use shared resources, and that will decrease tensions."

Dickinson has served as speaker pro tempore of the Student Affairs Committee and on the executive branch under former Student Body President Bryan Hassel.

District 14

Stephanie Ahlschwede

Stephanie Ahlschwede, a sophomore from Lincoln, Neb., is running for re-election to Student Congress (Dist. 14).

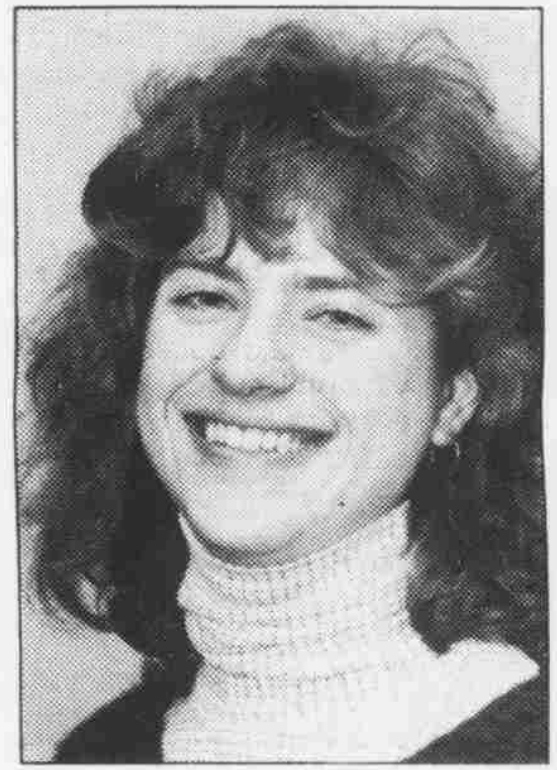
Ahlschwede said she believes in attending all area council and residence hall meetings to keep up with what's going on in her district.

"I can help the dorms with concerns they need advice on," she said. "I can represent their concerns on Student Congress."

Ahlschwede said representatives have a duty to keep students updated.

"Student Government has the responsibility to include all members of the campus community in decision-making," she said. "Members are obligated to let their constituents know about the various concepts of student government."

Ahlschwede is serving her second term on the congress and is chairwoman of the Student Affairs Committee. She said she is involved in a



variety of campus activities, including the speech team, Student Steering Committee and the school orchestra.

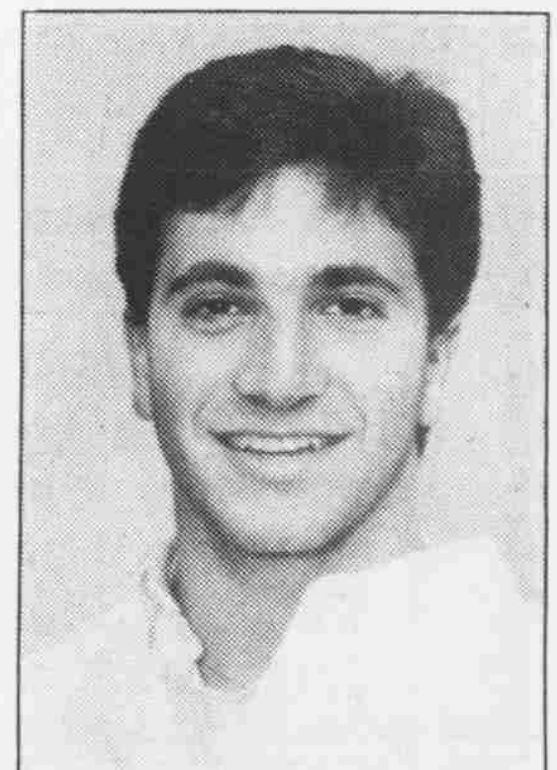
Bobby Ferris

Bobby Ferris, a sophomore from Orlando, Fla., has announced his candidacy for re-election to Student Congress (Dist. 14).

"I want to increase the visibility of Student Congress as an effective arm of student government," Ferris said. "I also want to insure that student monies are allocated to those groups which are most beneficial to the student body."

Ferris added that he wants to alleviate campus racial tensions through increased minority awareness.

Ferris served on the Finance Committee during his term as representative.



District 15

Jay Horton

Jay Horton, a sophomore from Williamston, is running for re-election to Student Congress (Dist. 15).

Horton said many of the University's problems are the result of poor administrative practices.

"With the recent air conditioning deal and the parking price increases, the administration isn't looking at all the alternatives," he said. "I don't think it's right when we're fee-paying students and there are 22,000 of us."

Horton said he would like to require officials from both University administration and the Chapel Hill Town Council to attend meetings of the congress. He also stressed the need for student involvement in government affairs.

Horton is currently serving his first term as a Student Congress representative and is a member of the Student Affairs Committee.

