

# The Daily Tar Heel

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## Get out and VOTE

Democracy. It's up to you to make it work. It's up to you to vote today for the candidates and referendums you support. Based on interviews with candidates, The Daily Tar Heel editorial board has endorsed Mark Shelburne for student body president, Peter Wallsten for DTH editor, Charles Streeter for Residence Hall Association president and Tracy Kirinich for Carolina Athletic Association president. The board has also endorsed the referendums, and the highest on our list of priorities is to change the election of DTH editor to a selection process. The other three referendums — dissolving the UNC Media Board, repealing last year's decision to

adjust annually student activities fees for inflation and allowing congress candidates to run for a district that they will move into — also deserve your support. But don't take our word for it. You still have a few hours left to check out the candidates and the referendums. Only you can ensure that your choice is informed. There are only six hours to vote — noon to 6 p.m. — and only six poll sites, so don't wait until the last minute to vote. We shouldn't allow the votes of a few activists on either side of the political spectrum dictate how student government will be run next year. We must all take part to make our campus government truly representative of the entire student body.

## Vote 'YES' for DTH editor selection referendum

Ruffin Hall  
Guest Writer

The Daily Tar Heel has changed considerably since its conception by the University Athletic Association in 1893. The DTH during its long history has adapted to the needs of students at UNC-Chapel Hill. It is time once again for our campus newspaper to continue this tradition by altering the editor selections process. This necessary change can occur only with voter support today for the DTH referendum. The reasons for the referendum fall under three areas: objectivity, the problems of running in an election and the mechanics of running a newspaper.

### Objectivity

One crucial component to a successful newspaper is objectivity in journalism. The editor must feel he or she can make decisions based upon an unbiased perspective of the events. This insures fair, equal and accurate coverage of news and information. The election potentially compromises the integrity of editor candidates by forcing them to make political statements. The editor should concentrate on journalistic objectivity and not focus on winning political favoritism with voters. Politics and journalism simply do not mix.

### The Problems With Elections

As everyone clearly understands by now, campaigning for political office is intense and time-consuming. The DTH suffers when senior members quit the paper to run for editor. Often, these individuals will enlist the aid of other members of the DTH for campaign support, and they must quit the paper as well. This loss of experience and leadership comes during the most difficult time for the campus newspaper

elections. In addition, staff division over the election creates controversy within the paper that occasionally prevents qualified personnel from returning to the paper. Since the DTH would have only three representatives on the proposed 11-member voting board that would replace the all-campus election process, the influence of individuals from the DTH would be limited, and staff division would be lessened.

### Mechanics of Running a Newspaper

One of the most difficult tasks for any campus voter is selecting an editor based upon a limited knowledge of the candidates or what an effective newspaper really does. Political candidates state a position, and the voter understands the ramifications of the policy. But an editor is not a political leader. We are selecting them to do a job — to run our campus newspaper effectively and efficiently. A selections board can become informed on qualifications, experience and innovations necessary to insure success for the DTH. In addition, the process would not be taken out of student hands — the selections board would have eight at-large positions. Members of the DTH or the DTH Board of Directors would be ineligible for these spots. So, the selection would still be made by the student body at-large to insure innovation and responsibility to the campus. Opponents of this change would argue a

selections board removes the component of feedback from the paper, since editor candidates would not have to campaign actively. This could make the DTH unresponsive and unaware of the readers' opinions. However, the problem with this perspective is the lack of consideration for the eight at-large positions and the need for the DTH to keep its primary readers — students — interested in the paper. Since it would require seven votes of an 11-member board, the at-large students have the ability to outvote the DTH representatives every time.

If students are unhappy about the DTH, it will certainly communicate itself from these individuals. Also, if the DTH wants to keep its readers — and its advertising revenue — it must uphold its purpose of providing quality coverage of campus and off-campus news. This insists the DTH remain responsive to its readers, regardless of how the editor is chosen.

In summary, the superior method for choosing the editor of the DTH is undoubtedly a selections board. Because of the need for objectivity, the problems with running in an election and the mechanics of running a newspaper, students can only benefit by voting YES for the DTH referendum. As The Daily Tar Heel approaches its 100-year anniversary, it is important to remember its strength lies in its ability to adapt to the needs of this campus — it is now time to continue that tradition by changing the editor selections process.

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## LETTERS OF ENDORSEMENT

# RHA candidates endorsed Class of '93 hopefuls touted

### Experience, dedication give Streeter competitive edge

To the editor:  
Few people at this university have impressed me as much as Charles Streeter. I feel confident in endorsing Charles for RHA president, because his dedication exemplifies his desire to better student living. During the past six semesters, Charles has worked within the Residence Hall Association as a floor representative, as the governor of Craige and as a member of committees dealing with recycling, parking, transportation, finances and South Campus improvements. This past year, Charles has worked closely with Co-Presidents Christy Pons and Scott Peeler as their executive assistant. He has extended his understanding of the breadth, scope and importance of this job.

This is not a cushy job with a slew of bureaucratic perks — Charles wants your vote on Feb. 11, because he is dedicated to student service. I have come to know Charles through a group called Peer Leadership Consultants. Together, we volunteer our time to individuals and organizational consulting. Charles will use his experience with groups to listen to every issue as judiciously as possible and to continue to make RHA an effective advocate for improvements in student living. One specific area for improvement is encompassed by Charles' support for the RHA's Racial Diversity Proposal. Streeter plans to create a minority affairs assistant and, despite the fact that he really loves living in Craige, once elected, he plans to move to North Campus. As a minority student and RHA president, Charles understands that if he is going to ask fellow minorities to create a community on North Campus, it is imperative that he be a real part of paving the way toward enhanced race relations.

If nothing else, you should elect Charles for his nostalgia. In his platform he discusses his desire to revive such all-campus events as Springfest. On a different tact, Charles is also a strong proponent of improved and increased services to the residence halls' computer labs and even future cable TV subscriptions. Charles is a great leader; he sees himself as just one part of a much greater whole. Charles Streeter has the experience, competence, insight and desire to best serve you in the coming year.

EVAN EILE  
Senior  
Political Science

### Streeter: Going beyond the call of duty for RHA

To the editor:  
In the two years that I have known Charles Streeter, I've had the opportunity to work with him in a large capacity through dorm government, and because of this, I've seen firsthand how truly dedicated he is to the Residence Hall Association. On numerous occasions, in order to pull a project off successfully, Charles has gone above and beyond what was required of him as dorm governor so that things would run smoothly.

Charles also has been very aware of his responsibility to the environment as well as to the surrounding community. By continually supporting and promoting recycling projects in and around Craige, Charles has striven to reduce waste as much as possible. By that same token, rather than disposing of excess food from government programs, Charles has taken measures toward donating the food to a local soup kitchen.

As dorm governor, Charles had specific goals for Craige, and as RHA president, those goals are just as valid. Along with improvement for the environment

and community, Charles places a large emphasis on minority issues throughout RHA. From interaction between minority students and the RHA office, to finding a solution for self-segregation between North and South campuses, Charles has committed himself to developing a rigorous agenda for continued advancement in these areas utilizing the gathered information and suggestions from those individuals it concerns most — the residents.

I am writing this letter endorsing Charles for the position of RHA president not just because I consider him a capable young man who can get the job done, but because through his work within the RHA office and University housing, I am confident Charles has gained on-the-job training for this specific position. This training will enable him to determine resourcefully which avenue to take in RHA administration to obtain what we as residents of UNC want and need the most.

KIMBERLY MOORE  
Sophomore  
Industrial Relations

### Davis tackles tough issues in campaign for RHA

To the editor:  
Yes, another spring, and another atrocious election. From the politically motivated Elections Board debacle to the short-sighted, undemocratic poll-site fiasco, this election promises to be no different than the last. As someone who has tried to remove himself from the overly politicized branches of student government, I have watched with disgust at the political games of some congress members, candidates and election officials, but I have watched silently. However, the latest round has left me appalled. I am shocked at the way the Elections Board has dealt with those candidates who did not make what I perceive to be a very vague deadline. It is, in short, a joke of democracy.

The vagueness of election rules is not the point of my letter, however. My point is that these candidates, whether they be recognized by the Elections Board, the DTH or any organized political forums, are still candidates. In the interests of democracy, Wendy Bounds and Dacia Toll, Laura Allen and Jennifer Davis must be given a forum, and their ideas must be considered. They should be given the same opportunities as all the other candidates.

I am supporting Jennifer Davis for RHA President. She is experienced, and she has what I see as a very strong program for dealing with the problems which will face the RHA in the next year. Since she is not an "official candidate," I feel it is my duty as a student and as a supporter of democracy to give her a forum in this paper which "serves the students."

First, Davis is prepared to deal with the tough issues of racial diversity and the visitation policy with the students' interests, not political interests, in mind. She is also prepared to develop a program which gives upperclassmen the chance to move from South Campus to North Campus, while also maintaining freshmen integration. Finally, she is prepared to continue and improve the RHA relationship with TARP recycling and continue to improve the RHA quiz file. I believe she will give RHA a much needed non-political and pro-student orientation, and she is the best candidate for the job.

In the interest of democracy, Jennifer Lynn Davis deserves your consideration. Don't let an unfair system decide who the best candidate is: YOU decide and vote. I know I will be writing in Jennifer Lynn Davis today, and I encourage you to do the same.

JOSHUA HAJEK  
Sophomore  
History/English

### Don't let bureaucracy stop vote for Davis for RHA

To the editor:  
**Bureaucracy Boots!** It's a shame that a candidate as qualified as Jennifer Lynn Davis is not allowed on the ballot. The Elections Board on this campus has done itself and the University a grave disservice by letting bureaucracy hinder the chances of such a resourceful and talented young leader. Jennifer Davis advocates "strong leadership in a critical year," and she would be the best candidate to administer that strong leadership. This university could be the beneficiary of her experience and her strong-willed yet attainable goals.

As hall senator her freshman year, Davis not only informed residents of government actions but received feedback as well. Her success and popularity as a hall senator propelled her to attaining the title of Henderson Residence College area governor in spring 1991. Being a member of that HRC assembly, I was and am still impressed with her drive and determination. Davis has also been involved with RHA directly, as chair of the Enhancement Committee and by serving on the housing Housing Advisory Board Visitation Subcommittee.

Although experience is important, the issues are what really count. Davis has always supported the new Racial Diversity Program and will continue to do so. She also hopes to update and reform the current visitation policy without forgetting roommates' rights in the process. In addition, she seeks to promote strong ties between RHA and TARP (Tar Heel Recycling Program), which is an integral part of the recycling program in the residence halls. These and many other topics will be responsibly addressed by Davis as RHA president.

Davis' experience and determination make her the best candidate for RHA president. Having spoken to Davis at great lengths about these issues, I can guarantee her 100 percent commitment to her platform and to the people that really count: the residents.

Therefore, I encourage anyone who is concerned with the important issues of campus housing to write in Jennifer Davis as RHA president. She is the one candidate who will provide strong leadership in this, a very critical year.

JEFF HOWARD  
Sophomore  
English

### Editor's note:

Regular columns and letters to the editor should return tomorrow. The Daily Tar Heel apologizes to readers for the recent lack of space for letters not pertaining to elections, but because of the need for elections material space, many letters and guest columns that have been received over the past two weeks cannot be printed.

### Philson/Pedigo would lead UNC to productive, fun year

To the editor:  
We are writing to endorse Caroline Philson and Christopher Pedigo for senior class president and vice president. As members of the class of '93, we feel that Philson and Pedigo are the best candidates for the following reasons:

**Leadership.** Philson is presently co-chairwoman of EEK! (Earth Education for Kids) and has been actively involved with the Student Environmental Action Coalition and UNITAS. Pedigo is the co-founder of the Russian House. He has also worked in student government and with Pauper Players. Philson and Pedigo have proven that they are effective leaders of various organizations, that they can be strong leaders of the class of '93.

**Goals.** Philson and Pedigo have goals that affect not only the senior class, but the entire University. Let's face it: We've been here for three years. Our awareness of the University's policies and problems put us in a position to do something about them. Now is the time for seniors to give back to the University. Philson and Pedigo hope to implement a book-loan program that would save all students money on books. They also plan to organize a task force to keep students informed about the budget crisis and what the legislature is doing.

**Unity.** Philson and Pedigo want to work hard to include all seniors in senior class activities. After three years of hard work, it's time to have some fun, but one-sided senior class activities are only fun for some. Philson and Pedigo hope to create activities that all seniors will feel comfortable participating in.

**Accessibility.** Philson and Pedigo hope to be accessible to all seniors by participating in activities that encompass all seniors. This will include mobile "office" hours in places such as Lenoir Dining Hall and the Pit.

**Fun.** These two are some of the most fun people we know. They will most certainly lend their enthusiastic attitudes to everything they do. Remember, "For a good time, vote for Philson and Pedigo."

Philson and Pedigo know what the offices of senior class president and vice president entail. They'll let George Bush promise you a job, but if you want to have a great time and help out the University in your last year at UNC, vote Philson and Pedigo for senior class president and vice president.

TRAVIS THOMPSON TYGART  
Junior  
Philosophy/Speech Communication

RUBY SINREICH  
Junior  
Environmental Protection

### Pender/Shipp boast proven ability as an effective team

To the editor:  
Good ideas can make a year exciting,

but only the right people can make ideas work. With that said, I would like to let Brice and Sebastian's platform speak for itself and take this opportunity to explain why Brice Pender and Sebastian Shipp are the people to make things happen for the class of '93.

This past year, I had the opportunity to work with Brice and Sebastian as a part of the orientation staff. From the beginning, both had distinct leadership styles. Brice was a very organized and assertive leader. Sebastian was an active listener and a perceptive coordinator. In the months to follow, I found my first impressions were lasting ones. They were ambitious and hardworking, and both showed an excitement for the job.

Their ability as a team proved effective as they lead Hinton James Residence Hall to an incredible freshman orientation. Together they recruited more than 60 orientation counselors and helped plan five days of successful programming. Their success in Hinton James and their enthusiasm throughout the summer convinced me that they had the potential to be an exceptional team as senior class president and vice president. But they have proved themselves far beyond orientation.

Collectively, Brice and Sebastian have been involved in more than 10 organizations including SEAC, dorm government, Order of the Bell Tower and the Glee Club. Together they sang in Heels to Heaven and are members of the Student Vocal Performing Arts Council. They volunteered at the hospital and worked for Habitat for Humanity. Sound overwhelming? Perhaps it is, but it has never stopped them from getting things done. Rather, they have used their experience to become better leaders and to serve the University more effectively.

Brice and Sebastian have proven their ability as a team and their effectiveness as student leaders. They have shown their dedication and commitment. Therefore, I ask that you turn good ideas into a great year. On Feb. 11 vote for a team that will make things happen. Vote Brice Pender and Sebastian Shipp for senior class president and vice president!

CHRISTY L. PONS  
Junior  
International Studies

### Paty/Mitchell bring strong experience into campaign

To the editor:  
We are writing to endorse the candidacy of Bob Paty and Elizabeth Mitchell for senior class president and vice president. As juniors, we believe Bob and Elizabeth are the best candidates for these positions, because of both their prior experiences here at Carolina and their innovative ideas for the class of 1993.

First, Bob and Elizabeth are the most qualified candidates for the job. Through Bob's involvement with the Order of the Bell Tower, he has worked with the three offices that work hand in hand with the senior class officers: the Office of University Development, the Office of Special Projects and the General Alumni Association. To our knowledge, no other candidate can say that. He has also served on the University Traffic and Parking Board for two semesters. Elizabeth has been involved with the Order of the Bell Tower as well. In addition, she has served as membership chairwoman of the Campus Y and vice president of Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority. These two candidates bring together a variety of experiences that will enable them to serve effectively as senior class officers.

Second, Bob and Elizabeth have done their research. They have both talked to current seniors about concerns and problems and discussed their ideas with University officials involved with the senior class. What good is it to propose

ideas that cannot be implemented next year? Bob and Elizabeth want to give the class of 1993 every available advantage, and they are already aware of what opportunities exist for next year.

Finally, the Paty-Mitchell platform strives to involve the entire class of 1993. Bob and Elizabeth want to make sure everyone is actively included in the class next year, primarily by keeping everyone informed. Those who plan to enter the work force, those who plan to attend graduate school and those who aren't really sure of the options available to them can all rest assured that Paty and Mitchell will work to make every alternative known. Additionally, Bob and Elizabeth realize that the offices of senior class president and vice president last long after graduation, and therefore they want to involve every senior in activities that will enhance class unity.

Bob Paty and Elizabeth Mitchell combine valuable leadership experience with good ideas for the class of 1993. They will, as their platform and experience suggest, work to give you every advantage.

WENDY HILL  
Junior  
Journalism

PATRICK BURNSIDE  
Junior  
Chemistry

### Gallagher/Rieger exhibit commitment to University

To the editor:  
Art Gallagher and Yvette Rieger are the most qualified candidates for senior class president and vice president. Their ideas, platform and enthusiasm are directed to the needs of all seniors and the campus as a whole. It is this enthusiasm and direction that characterize their campaign and distinguish them as tomorrow's leaders.

I met Art four years ago, and we immediately became friends. It was his genuine nature, honesty and commitment that made him very easy to get to know. After working with Yvette and Art this year, I found both of them exhibit these qualities that make them excellent leaders.

As a rising senior, I want next year to be the best possible. Our university is going through many changes right now, and it is imperative that we have strong leadership. Art and Yvette are prepared to meet these changes, and their platform ensures that they will build our future with their new senior priorities. In fact, their platform specifically addresses the monumental changes that are affecting us.

With its focus on job placement, graduate placement and public affairs, their platform meets the concerns of all seniors. I know Art and Yvette can't assure me of a job upon graduation, nor do they claim to have that ability. But their emphasis on Job Search '93 will make the overwhelming task of finding a job a lot easier in this depressed market.

Art and Yvette are targeting these and other new senior priorities in hopes of unifying the senior class. They do not represent or cater to one specific group. Rather, their ideas have universal appeal. Their concerns affect everyone, regardless of race, culture or ideology.

I feel confident that Art and Yvette will work diligently to keep the entire senior class informed, involved and in-step with the changing employment and scholastic environments. By retaining and enhancing time-honored senior traditions and keeping a watchful eye on the future, Art and Yvette will help the class of '93 have a positive and productive senior year.

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