

LETTERS OF ENDORSEMENT

## Student Body President

### Rashmi Airan addresses the needs of UNC students

To the editor:  
ISSUES MATTER.  
Every student can make a difference tomorrow by voting in the student body president run-offs. Who wins is important. It's very important. We believe our school is at a crucial time in history. What we need is leadership committed to bringing about positive, lasting change that benefits all of us—we need someone focused on the basic quality-of-life campus issues that daily affect us, but who understands how things fit into the big picture. The person we elect to be student body president will make a great impact on this university and everyone who cares about it. For these reasons and more, we strongly encourage you to vote for Rashmi Airan.

As a former candidate for student body president, I (Scott) have been deeply involved with the issues, the solutions offered, and the candidates. Rashmi's ideas and platforms are carefully researched, address our needs as students and will positively affect UNC. I believe Rashmi will make an outstanding student body president—open and accessible to all students.

Over the last three years, I (Erika) have worked with and observed Rashmi in action. Hard work, open-mindedness, integrity and enthusiasm have guided her dedication to our university community. Rashmi's platform tackles real issues and proposes realistic solutions. We deserve at least three reading days.

A black cultural center would benefit everyone in our university community. A peer advising program is a tangible solution to inherent problems of the advising system. The UNC housekeepers deserve a student body president who expresses vocal support for their struggle. Rashmi is dealing with our problems in honest, innovative ways.

Please vote Tuesday—exercise your right to select your student representatives. Vote Rashmi Airan for student body president, because you want concrete action on the REAL issues affecting us ALL.

SCOTT PEELER

Junior  
Political Science/History

ERIKA GANTT

Junior  
Biology/Political Science

### John Moody approaches office with sense of purpose

To the editor:  
For the past five weeks, you have been bombarded by the rhetoric of would-be campus leaders. "Big name" endorsements have been won, and the candidates have made promises about what each of them will do next year. All of this means nothing. The reality of the situation is that the character of the next student body president will enable him or her to deal effectively with the problems that Carolina faces in the next year.

I have known John Moody for 11

years and have no doubt that he is the better candidate for the job of student body president.

John is the most practical, intelligent and sincere person I have ever met. His willingness to listen to opposing viewpoints and to compromise is remarkable, and his ability to accomplish his goals, regardless of their difficulty, is unmatched.

Beyond this, what impresses me most about John is his sense of purpose. Whatever happens in Tuesday's election, John will not regret the effort he has put into this campaign, because he has spoken for the needs of the students and not for the needs of his political friends.

In my three years at Carolina, I have never taken an interest in campus politics, because no candidate has addressed the issues that matter to me. This year is different. We have the opportunity to elect someone who will revolutionize student government and force our campus leaders to adopt a new standard of leadership. It's time to end the wasteful politicking that has become synonymous with student government and address our problems with fresh faces and new ideas.

The change that John represents is inevitable, but we can decide if we want to experience the benefits of that change during our years at UNC. Join me in voting for Moody for student body president.

MARK DRANSFIELD

Junior  
Chemistry

## Daily Tar Heel Editor

### Matthew Easley brings best experience, attitude to race

To the editor:  
Having emerged from the chaos of campus politics, our natural instinct was to sit back and enjoy the run-off festivities from the sidelines.

But with Matthew Easley still in the race, it wasn't that easy. In a race characterized by neon posters and basketball stars, issues have been lost. As former candidates for DTH editors, we obviously care a great deal that the issues resurface as top priorities.

There is no doubt that The Daily Tar Heel needs Matthew Easley.

This year's editor will serve an unprecedented 15 months. It is crucial to elect an editor with a calm, even temper who can endure not only the first grueling months, but the last ones as well.

Matthew Easley is the candidate with such maturity. Having worked with both candidates, we know firsthand how each deals with pressure and deadlines. Matthew Easley's level-headed approach to conflicts and stressful situations are what will carry him and the DTH staff through this next term.

At the DTH, Easley has held three editorial positions. Easley served as editor of the University news desk, the heart of the newspaper. He launched the special assignments team, specializing in in-depth reporting. Last summer, he was associate editor of the summer DTH. His broad-based experience in numerous high-level positions at the DTH

clearly marks him as the obvious choice for editor.

Easley has full-time professional journalism experience, having worked for a year and a half at The Albany (Ga.) Herald, where he won a first-place Associated Press award for deadline news.

Part-time internships and correspondent work can't measure up to that experience.

We support Easley because we know he has the steady demeanor, mature perspective and professional expertise to lead the staff well and to give you the best DTH.

DACIA TOLL

Sophomore  
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WENDY BOUNDS

Junior  
Journalism/Spanish

### Peter Wallsten sets standard of excellence for DTH staff

To the editor:  
Voters will have to choose between two exceptional candidates for The Daily Tar Heel editorship Tuesday. While the DTH would function smoothly under either candidate, Peter Wallsten has the experience, innovative ideas and character to turn a good publication into a great one.

The DTH and the Carolina Association of Black Journalists endorsed Peter for editor, evidence of the respect he has gained among his peers. He has spent four years in the professional newspa-

per sector and served as DTH city editor for more than a year. That makes him the candidate with the most DTH experience and entrusted with the most leadership responsibility.

What further distinguishes him is the effectiveness he has on the job and his ability to set a standard of excellence for those working for him. As city editor, Peter nurtured the few struggling writers under him until he turned the city desk into one the DTH calls one of its best. It is the kind of inspirational leadership that would benefit the entire paper.

Perhaps it was on the city desk that Peter realized change is a good thing. His platform offers numerous creative possibilities with methods of implementation. For example, he proposes improved minority coverage and plans to do that not by focusing on minority recruitment—which hasn't and won't work—but by requiring that reporters do their job right. Peter's proposals for regular forums with student groups and better beat reporting places the responsibility of quality coverage on the paper—where it should be.

These factors, combined with his willingness to be less conservative and more open to new ideas, make Peter the unquestionable choice for DTH editor.

The DTH hasn't had the chance to have an editor like Peter in a long time. Please give Peter Wallsten your vote in the run-off.

LYNETTE BLAIR

Senior  
Journalism/History

## Senior Class President/Vice President

### Gallagher/Rieger best team to tackle uncertain future

To the editor:  
In an election that has been rocked by scandal and impropriety, it wouldn't be surprising to find that many voters have become disillusioned with the entire process. Fortunately for the class of 1993, Art Gallagher and Yvette Rieger have run a campaign based on honesty and pragmatic thinking, and they stand poised to lead us into the uncertain future.

As seniors, we are graduating into one of the most abysmal job markets this country has ever experienced. Instead of ignoring the problem, Gallagher and Rieger have proposed a practical approach to the challenges ahead. They taken a proactive stance not only on increasing alumni-student contact, but also on helping UCPPS be more advantageous to seniors. For those of us intending to delay our baptism-by-fire on the job market, Art and Yvette plan to organize seminars to educate prospective graduate students about the application process for various professional schools. Other innovations include the creation of a public affairs committee, insuring that the needs of the senior class will not go unmet.

To this sound platform, Gallagher and Rieger bring a great deal of experience. Both have shown leadership in student government, on campus and in the community. Art has served as a member of the Student Teaching Awards Committee. As a freshman, Yvette was a member of the communications branch of student government. She also held the position of corresponding secretary for her sorority.

Art and Yvette have shown themselves to be approachable and personable people. These interpersonal skills, along with their experience and dedication, make the pair ideally suited to meet the needs of the class of 1993. Judging from their impressive platform, the choice is clear: When casting your ballot for senior class president and vice president, vote Art Gallagher and Yvette Rieger.

LEE J. HARK

Junior  
English

### Paty/Mitchell can make '93 memorable, productive

To the editor:  
The choice of senior class president and vice president involves the entire class of 1993. These officers are charged with the duty of insuring that a class's last year at Carolina be productive and memorable. For these reasons, we are writing to endorse the candidacy of Bob Paty and Elizabeth Mitchell for senior class president and vice president.

Bob and Elizabeth's platform is solid and well-developed. Their ideas—additional senior-alumni career networking receptions, assistance for the graduate school adviser, an advisory task force for University Career Planning and Placement Services; activities and social events exclusively for seniors and awareness of all class events though increased coverage—will make our senior year memorable. We are confident that Bob and Elizabeth will do a good job of leading the entire senior class a little closer to the future.

Through the Order of the Bell Tower, we have seen Bob combine energy and

excitement with a practical leadership style to motivate others. Most recently as co-chair of the host committee, Bob was responsible for coordinating student participation in the Bicentennial kickoff held last October. As membership chair of the Campus Y, Elizabeth has promoted Campus Y activity, encouraging Carolina students to take a part in rendering service to their community. In addition, the two have involved themselves in a variety of other activities at Carolina, showing their genuine interest for the University. Bob and Elizabeth really do know how to motivate people. They have enthusiasm that cannot be beat, and they are go-getters who will not settle for sitting around and letting others come to them. We are sure that Bob and Elizabeth will be very proactive in addressing the concerns and needs of all seniors.

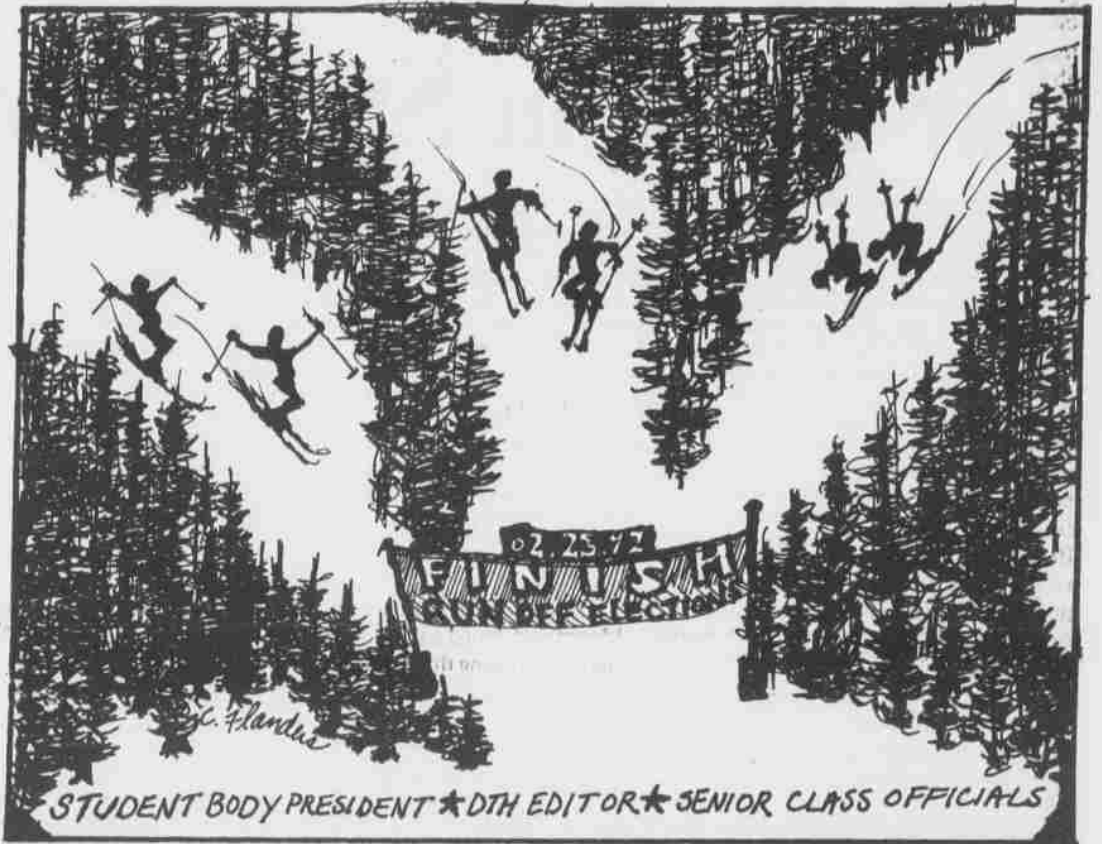
Vote Bob Paty and Elizabeth Mitchell for senior class president and vice president.

KRISTEN DAVIS

Junior  
Speech Communications

BRICE PENDER

Junior  
Speech Communications



## READERS' FORUM

question two assumptions.

The error is in referring to the confirmation hearings for Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas as a "case." No charges were filed against Thomas, nor were his hearings a trial. Yet the editorial refers to the Thomas "case" over and over again. I am sure that the editorial board is not alone among Americans in holding this mistaken belief.

The media coverage of the Thomas hearings produced an effect very much like a magician's misdirection. As the editorial shows, we were led to believe that the purpose of the hearings was to determine if Thomas was guilty of sexually harassing his former employee and that the conclusion of the Senate was that he was innocent. The true purpose of the hearings actually was to determine if this man was qualified to sit on

the U.S. Supreme Court for the rest of his life. This purpose was obscured by the attention-grabbing spectacle of senators discussing public hairs and, indeed, seems to have been forgotten. Meanwhile, Thomas has been sworn in.

At the end of the editorial appear two silly and potentially dangerous statements: first, that "women needed a victory," and second, that "the Tyson case will give women the added courage they need to take the stand and to help bring a long overdue end to sexual offenses." The first statement produces the impression that the "war" in which the Tyson ruling is a victory is a conflict between men and women, instead of a conflict between criminals who break the law and abuse women and our society's laws that say such behavior is a crime. The second statement assumes

that women have the power to end violence against them. In cases of sexual offenses against women, women are the victims, not the perpetrators; only men can end their own sexual offenses against women.

ELIZABETH J. RANDELL

Graduate  
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### Letters policy

- Letters should be limited to 400 words
- If you want your letter published, sign and date it. No more than two signatures.
- Include your year in school, major, phone number and hometown.
- The DTH reserves the right to edit letters for space, clarity and vulgarity.

### Victory against Dook much more than 'just a game'

To the editor:  
We're on a roll now, let's don't stop. This letter is written to confirm the outrage over the article written by Mr. Monroe concerning the victory over archrival Dook (it's just another game.) I graduated from Carolina in 1977, and saw my share of thrilling, heartstopping basketball victories in Carmichael.

The one that I will always remember the most in that building is the stirring comeback victory over then No. 1 Virginia and Ralph, capped off by Mr. Jordan stealing the ball from a hapless UVa. dribbler. I was hoarse for five days.

The other victory I will never, ever

forget is the one that occurred on Feb. 5, 1992. True blue (I mean true blue) Carolina fans knew that the victory over Dook was most certainly important and worthy of the great celebration at mid-court and on Franklin Street. Can you impeach a sports writer? Can you take his pen away?

KATE URQUHART

Class of 1977  
Chapel Hill

### Thomas hearings were not trial for sexual harassment

To the editor:  
While I appreciate the good intentions behind the Feb. 17 editorial, "Tyson verdict a victory for women," I felt I should point out a serious error and

# UNC education: a study in overkill

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Guest Writer

it. "Yes???" A voice came through the receiver then, and it spoke only one word:

"Opie."

Bathed in sweat, I slowly lowered my hand and hung up the phone. My mind is still reeling from this encounter with higher powers. Although I've faithfully watched "The Andy Griffith Show" since, I still don't completely understand ...

One thing I do understand is that we college student-types are consistently forced to learn things that are of little or no use to us at all. But they make us more well-rounded. Right. What administrators fail to realize is that we have enough pressures, fears and worries ... that we don't need this extra crap. "What pressures, fears and worries could you possibly have?" Well, Mr. and Ms. Administrator, there are several:

**Ethnocentrphobia.** This, of course, is the fear of appearing insensitive to cultures apart from one's own. In this day and age, a person is in constant danger of becoming a social pariah if they say the wrong thing or exhibit the wrong actions. Actually, this isn't all

that bad. Other cultures can be fascinating. Just the other day, a friend of mine reminded me that in China, it's now the Year of the Monkey. See, other cultures can be fun and interesting. (They can be helpful, too. Before my friend reminded me, I was still writing Year of the Gila Monster on my checks).

**Hellaphobia.** This is every student's fear that they will be unfortunate enough to eat at Taco Bell immediately before a Tuesday-Thursday class. When this occurs, the student will often not realize his or her error until shortly after the professor begins speaking. Trust me on this one, friends, the result of this scenario is never, ever, pretty. I really don't think I can emphasize that enough. Let's move on, shall we?

**The Saturday Morning Search.** This one's kind of self-explanatory. No matter what you did on Friday night, you can be certain that things will be missing Saturday morning. Thus the search begins. Such outings are often characterized by phrases like, "Where the hell are my shoes?!" "I swear I left it right here last night," and, of course, "Has anyone seen the cheese grater?"

**The Call of the Non-Print Section.** Although one of the lesser-known problems facing college students, this one is no less evil. This occurs when a student, on his/her way to class, passes the Undergrad and thinks to him/herself, "I really need to go to sociology today. I really need to go. I can't miss another

day ... Man, I'd love to go watch that campfire scene from "Blazing Saddles, though ..." It isn't too hard to see where this sort of thing can lead.

**The Green Bin.** Now that I live off-campus, I'm not always afforded the dining pleasure supplied daily by Chase and Lenoir. I remember those care-free days well, however. Mostly, I remember being quite paranoid about the green hamburger bun they would slip to you now and again. Similar fears students learn to deal with are **The Spoiled Milk**, and the infamous **Uncooked Roast Beef**.

**Dodging.** Never let it be said that college students live sheltered lives. On any given day, while walking about on campus, each of us is immediately transformed into a human target. It often takes lightning-quick reflexes and a limber frame to avoid the likes of maniacal cyclists, radical skateboarders, people (who no doubt live their lives on the "edge") on those new rollerblade things and an occasional angry squirrel. So, Mr. and Ms. Administrator, think about all of this the next time you tell a student that he or she must take **The Succession Myth in Norwegian Literature**. Just remember, all of us "well-rounded" types will be taking care of you before too long, and one thing for which we're indebted to you is a good memory ...

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