

New SG officers discuss goals for next year

Devotion to university, SG important to Eggers

By David Cunningham
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Sophomore Susie Eggers, the new Student Government president, said that she can not imagine a better college experience than her two years here at the university.

"A lot of it is just the atmosphere," she said. "The friendly people — I like the fact that there are a lot of motivated people here, but it is not cut-throat competition."

Eggers was elected SG president in the annual elections April 5. She has been involved in SG since she came to the university.

In her first semester, Eggers served as a legislator. In the spring of 1997, she was a committee chair. This year she served as chief of staff.

Additionally, she has served on committees such as the education and publicity committees.

Eggers decided to become more involved in SG because she saw the result of wonderful student leadership her first two years and thought that she could continue the trend.

Eggers said that it is too early to know what the goals of her tenure at SG will be. "Obviously, (SG's) job is to represent student interests and I can't dictate that," she said.

"This is a wonderful school but there are a lot of aspects that could be improved to make it even better."

Susie Eggers
Sophomore
SG President-elect

"I hope to continue the upward path that SG has taken to better represent student interests and to continue the improved relations with the administration."

Eggers is from O'Fallon in southern Illinois, a suburb of St. Louis, Mo. When she was going through the college selection process in high school, this university was not one of the first schools she looked at.

"I am the type of person who read all the college books and made charts and graphs and decided what I wanted to do," she said.

Her first choice was Stanford, but on a tour of that university she was not impressed by the student climate.

While on the visit she met a man who was also unimpressed with Stanford. He told her about this university.

Eggers had already been plan-

ning to come to North Carolina to tour the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Duke University and added this university to the list.

She was very impressed on the tour and when she returned home she did research about the university and decided that this was where she wanted to come.

Eggers said that she made a good decision. "I don't think that I could be any happier," she said.

Eggers is a psychology and communications double major who plans to go into business and then politics.

This summer she will be interning at the office of Rep. Jerry Costello (D-Ill.) for two months.

While in Washington, she said that she hopes to make progress on opening a residential study house for university students there.

Eggers said that her love for the school comes out when she gives tours to prospective students and interested parents.

She tries to give an unbiased tour, but it is impossible for her to conceal her feelings for the university.

At the end of the last tour she gave, one prospective came to her and told her, "You just glow with this school."

Secretary-elect plans to improve students' awareness with communication, publicity, early viewing of bills

By Theresa Felder
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Junior Ryan Patrick, the Student Government secretary-elect, plans to use his new position to improve communication among the parts of the campus.

Specifically, Patrick said, he will work toward better communication between students and the legislature, more effective contact between administrators and students and greater awareness of the issues that concern students. "It will require a little extra effort on the part of everyone from the executive officers to the legislators," Patrick said.

These goals are feasible and Patrick is confident that SG can accomplish them, he said. "I'm trying to find workable ways that these problems can be solved."

Patrick said he would like for SG to be a medium through which students may express their concerns. "I would like Student Government to be an easily approachable organization," he said.

One change Patrick said he would like to make next year is the timeliness in which bills are introduced to the legislature. Instead of seeing the bills the night of the vote, the legislators should receive the bills one week in advance, he said.

"That allows more time for the legislators to pass on information to their constituents. Right now it's difficult for legislators to have contact with their constituents if bills are introduced the same night."

Another way to improve communication is to increase the publicity through student publications and bulletins in the Benson University Center and other

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SG treasurer-elect

highly visible areas, according to Patrick.

"Publicity is something that's a little bit lacking and could be improved upon," he said. SG's Publicity Committee has been effective this year, and it should continue its efforts next year, according to Patrick.

Patrick said that his goals are somewhat similar to those of previous executive officers because they are things that can always be improved and that the amount of progress made depends on the entire government. "My goals are dependent on [the] effort of all of Student Government, not just myself," he said.

As secretary, Patrick said, he will work to ensure that SG is aware of the issues that concern students. "Most importantly, I see the secretary as someone who is among the people," he said. He will also use his position to bring student's concerns to the other executive officers, he said.

Patrick said he felt that the executive office campaigning went well and that the door-to-door campaigns of many candidates enabled voters to see the candidates in person. "I was most impressed with the door-to-door efforts," he said. "It facilitated getting to know the candidates better."

WORLD WIDE

Duma to hold second vote on Yeltsin Prime Minister appointment

MOSCOW — The man nominated to be the new Prime Minister of Russia, Sregei Kiriyenko, faces a second vote in the lower Russian parliamentary house, the Duma. Russian President Boris Yeltsin promoted Kiriyenko, the fuel and energy minister, to the post of Prime Minister after he fired the previous one. The Duma rejected Kiriyenko last week, but Yeltsin immediately resubmitted his name.

Should the Duma reject Kiriyenko three times, Yeltsin can dissolve the Duma and call for new elections.

Columbia student convicted on sexual abuse, kidnapping charges

NEW YORK — Oliver Jovanovic, a student at Columbia University, has been convicted of sexually

abusing and kidnapping a fellow college student he met on the internet. Jovanovic faces a maximum of 25 years to life. His attorneys have said they will appeal.

Jovanovic, who is a 31 year old doctoral candidate in molecular biology, tied up, beat, bit and sexually abused the woman after she showed up at his apartment. She spent more than 20 hours trapped there before she was released. The defendant had been free on \$350,000 bail and is now in jail awaiting sentencing.

Clinton grants Alabama tornado victims \$3.2 million in disaster relief

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — After surveying the damage that occurred as a result of a series of tornadoes in Alabama, President Bill Clinton has authorized \$3.2 million in disaster relief.

This additional money brings the total in federal relief to over \$12 million. The new money will be a U.S. labor department grant to help workers who have lost income as a result of the devastation in Alabama.

Preferences for housing change

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room but still being able to live with their friends.

Junior Vidya Prakasam said the single rooms and kitchens attracted her to Polo.

Yeager said the more independent style of living was an attractive feature of Polo. Yeager lives in Kitchin House and said it has a more independent feel than south campus. "Moving into Polo is a step in between living on the Quad and Student Apartments," Yeager

said of the independence of Polo.

Despite the demand, Priddy said the disappointment is not as great with Polo, Student Apartments and singles because students come in anticipating that they will probably not get into them if their priority number is low.

This year the university offered more singles, which made the process take a little longer, Priddy said. The increased availability allowed students with priority numbers in the 4,000 range get singles.

Homesteading is decreasing, ac-

cording to Priddy. She said when she first started working in RLH around 400 students chose homesteading, whereas this year the number was down to 87, half of which live in Student Apartments.

Priddy said she expects some students will be unhappy with the upcoming process. "Generally the disgruntlement comes from next week with independent block and room shopping," Priddy said.

The lists of the independent blocks are available on the webpage and in the RLH office.

Referendum passes easily

Constitutional reform passed by 92 percent

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deserve the positions. It will be a strong office next year. The strong office will allow us to get a lot accomplished."

All four executive positions will be initiated next week.

Eggers was elected president and junior Ryan Patrick was elected secretary in the April 7 elections.

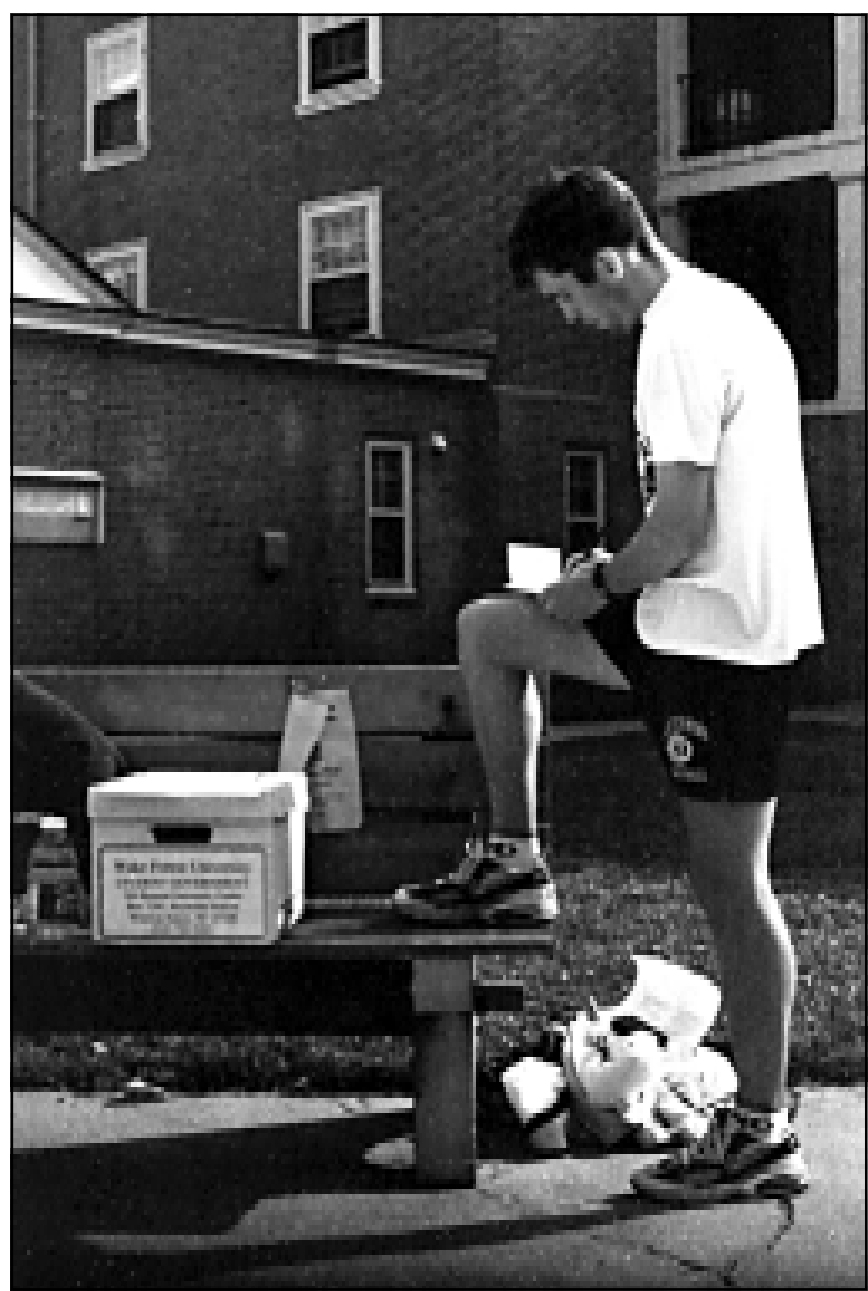
The constitutional reform passed by 92 percent. The reform was part of a reorganization of the constitutional amendment approved in the March 24 referendum.

The reform will allow the constitution to be made more clear.

"(The reform) is a clean-up of the constitution to more closely mirror the actions of SG," senior Scott Plumridge, the president of SG said.

"It is certainly a much needed revamp," Plumridge said.

Plumridge said the SG judiciary committee had been working on the reform for the majority of the year and had wanted it completed by the end of the year, which they have now accomplished.



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A university student votes in the April 15 runoff elections and for the constitutional reform.

POLICE BEAT

Three bicycles stolen over past weekend

Over the past weekend three students reported their bicycles to have been stolen.

In the first incident, a bicycle was stolen between 8 p.m. April 10 and 7:30 a.m. April 11 from a Taylor House patio.

The bicycle was locked at the time.

Another student's bicycle was stolen between 10:23 a.m. April 10 and 11:30 p.m. April 12.

The \$500 bicycle was locked to a handrail outside Babcock Residence Hall.

A student's bicycle and chain lock were taken between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 a.m. April 12 from an area outside Reynolds Library. The items totaled \$350.

Theft

Two students living in Bostwick reported that items left outside their rooms were stolen April 6. The first incident occurred between 1:30 a.m. and 10:20 a.m.

The items, which had a total value of \$75, included a shoulder bag, a wallet, keys, a student identification card and an automatic teller machine card.

In the second incident, which occurred between 5 a.m. and 10:56 a.m., a wallet, a student identification card, an ATM card, keys, cash and a credit card were stolen. The items were worth \$143.

A student's ThinkPad was taken from a locked room in Luter Residence Hall between 5:30 p.m. April 4 and 12:01 a.m. April 5. The computer was worth \$3,000.

Several pieces of recording equip-

ment, totaling \$555, were taken from a locked classroom in Scales Fine Arts Center between 12 a.m. March 8 and 10 p.m. April 7.

Two fax machines belonging to a contractor were taken from an on-campus construction site between 2 p.m. April 4 and 7:30 a.m. April 6. The items totaled \$400.

Damage

A wooden bench in the Potat House courtyard was damaged at approximately 7:30 a.m. April 6.

Sections of flagstone steps leading to Magnolia Court were removed between 4 p.m. April 6 and 7:30 a.m. April 7. The steps were undergoing repair work at the time.

A vehicle's windshield was damaged by a softball April 6 between 10 a.m. and 11:50 p.m. The vehicle was parked in Lot Y, next to the

Worrell Professional Center.

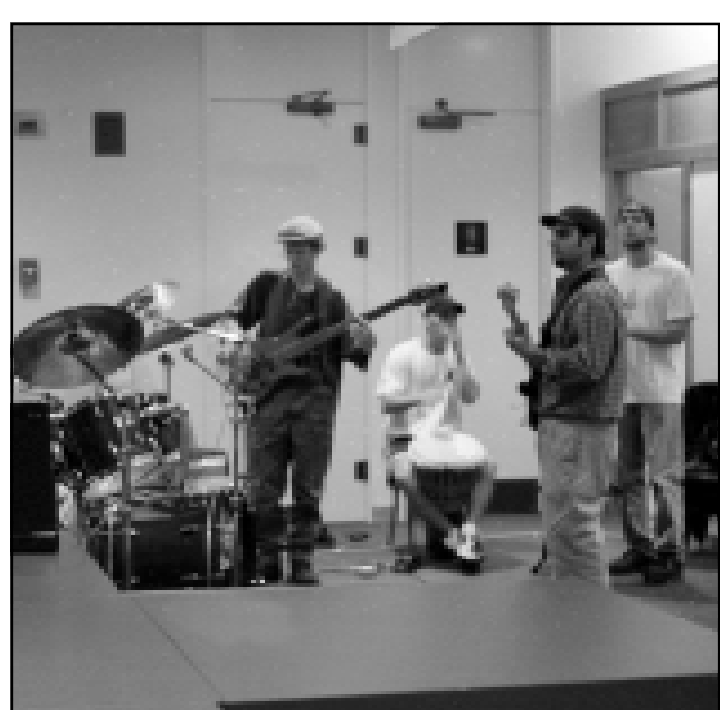
Miscellaneous

A student in Luter became ill and passed out between 1 a.m. and 2:30 a.m. on April 9 after consuming alcoholic beverages. Forsyth County emergency medical services treated the student.

A student who had been drinking was driving at an unsafe speed on Wake Forest Road near the Reynolda Road entrance at 12:53 a.m. April 8.

The incident was forwarded to Harold Holmes, an associate vice president and the dean of student services.

University Police responded to 54 calls from April 6 to April 12, including 14 incidents and investigations and 40 requests for service.



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And the band played on

A student band who have yet to be named, play at the opening of a student art show in the lobby of Scales Fine Arts Center.