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# **Students Sought to Fill Posts**

Applications for the 146 remaining positions within student government must be turned in by Thursday.

BY ERIC MEEHAN

Student government officials are urging students who want the chance to get involved at UNC to apply for a number of external committee appointments.

Students can try to gain positions on the various committees and boards that make up the 146 available external positions of student government.
Applications are due this Thursday.
Student Body Vice President Rudy

Kleysteuber said the external positions ipate in behind-the-scenes activities at UNC.

"We try not to make these the kind of things that will eat up someone's life," he said. "They don't have to live at student government. They can be regular students who want to contribute

"We ask that they give regular

reports, check up to see if they are going to their meetings and regularly communicate with them."

Kleysteuber said there are a variety of groups students can serve on depending on their interests. The committees range from significant responsibilities like the Buildings and Grounds Committee to less intense committees, like the Student Stores Advisory Committee.

"We probably have anywhere from 50 to 70 different committees, boards and groups that students can serve on,' he said. "I think these positions are an amazing opportunity for people to see how things really work. There is a lot going on here."

Kleysteuber said the process of finding students who are willing to give the necessary commitment has been going on for a few weeks, and he has answered many e-mails.

The selection process involves processing the applications and interview-

ing prospective candidates.

"We read the applications, bring them in for an interview with me and some members of the Cabinet and take the students who impress us with their passion," he said. "We also want students who are articulate and can show some knowledge of the subject they are involved in.'

Kleysteuber said interested students are encouraged to look at the Web page www.unc.edu/student/orgs/studgov for additional information.

Student government officials are available to answer any questions the Web page cannot.

"Obviously, sometimes we have stu-dents who don't follow through on their responsibilities," Kleysteuber said. "Often they are the only student voice on an issue so we want people who are committed and have time to look into these various issues.

Brad Rathgeber served on the Buildings and Grounds Committee this year and said that he feels he made a positive contribution to UNC.

"I tried to make sure a student voice was heard," Rathgeber said.

"On a committee dominated by faculty, they just don't think about student concerns, so I tried to get that concern

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## U.S., China Prepare for Plane Talks

Representatives will meet in Beijing to discuss the return of the plane and how to avoid similar incidents.

BEIJING - Teams of U.S. and Chinese negotiators – including an American deputy defense secretary and a Chinese Foreign Ministry official staked out tough positions Tuesday ahead of talks on the return of a U.S. spy plane and the collision that killed a

Chinese fighter pilot.
Tensions remain high between the two nations, even after the release of 24 U.S. crew members who were held for 11 days after making an emergency landing on Hainan island in the South

China has demanded an end to U.S. surveillance flights near its territory and says it wants to discuss how to avoid such incidents during Wednesday's talks

at the Foreign Ministry.

Both sides say they will review the cause of the collision. Beijing insists the EP-3E surveillance plane caused the April 1 crash and that Washington must take responsibility. U.S. officials say the Chinese F-8 fighter plane was probably

The Bush administration has rejected the call for an end to the surveillance flights, saying it has the right to fly in

international air space.
U.S. officials have made bringing the plane home their priority since the crew's release.

"We want our airplane back, and we're going to make that point, and we would expect to get a response," State would expect to get a response," State
Department spokesman Richard
Boucher said Tuesday, adding that he expects the matter to be addressed in the talks in Beijing.

Deputy Undersecretary of Defense Peter F. Verga, who heads the U.S. delegation, told reporters only that his side

was seeking more information.
"We're here ... to meet with the Chinese government and exchange information regarding the ongoing situation with our reconnaissance aircraft," Verga said Tuesday at Beijing's airport. Six of the eight members of the U.S.

team are military officers or Defense Department officials. They include an expert on the EP-3E and Army Brig. Gen. Neal Sealock, the U.S. Embassy military attache who served as chief con tact with the crew during their captivi-

China's delegation will be led by Lu Shimin, director general of the Foreign Ministry's North American and Oceanic

Affairs Department, said spokeswoman Zhang Qiyue. She said military officials will also be in the delegation but provided no details.

"It is our hope that the U.S. side will take a constructive attitude in negotiations so as to ensure a proper settle-ment of the question," Zhang told

She refused to say whether China would discuss returning the plane. It is believed to be sitting at the Hainan air base where it landed.

At the Pentagon, spokesman Rear Adm. Craig Quigley suggested possible ways to retrieve the plane, including sending in a team of aeronautical engineers familiar with the construction of the EP-3E to determine the repairs

"If that is doable, and it's acceptable to the Chinese, we could then consider sending in a repair team of some sort with the appropriate parts and the tools and the auxiliary equipment you would need to effect the repairs and fly the plane out," he said Tuesday.

If experts deem the plane beyond repair or the Chinese refuse to allow any work on the aircraft, an alternative would be "to literally disassemble the plane and then figure out a way to either fly the parts of the airplane off the island or ship them off the island in crates or something," Quigley said.

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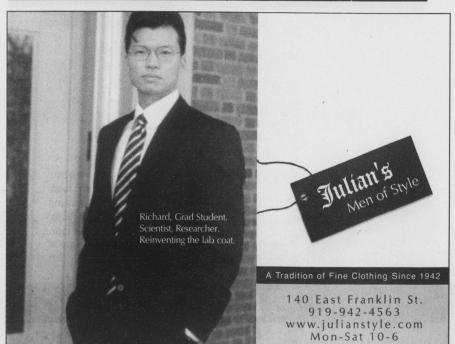
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