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Campus Echo

SGA postpones elections

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More than 50 percent of students who applied for SGA positions have been disqualified, causing the postponement of Student Government Association elections.

According to Jolanda Kindell

and Déjà Waymer, co-directors of elections and transition, students were disqualified from running for SGA positions because their GPAs or credit hours did not meet requirements, or because they had financial holds on their accounts.

"They didn't meet the qualifications in the handbook," Kindell

said.

SGA president Tomasi Larry was tight-lipped on the matter.

He said he regarded the exact number of disqualified students as "confidential" and would not comment on it.

Waymer also said that the number of disqualified students is something she couldn't discuss.

"[Confidentiality is] a part of our policy," Waymer said.

According to the SGA handbook, a student must have a 2.5 GPA and be in good academic and disciplinary standing with the University.

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NC audit digs dirt

State audit finds that assistant provost bilked over \$36,000 intended for minority health research

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N.C. Central University's assistant provost and associate vice-chancellor of academic affairs scammed the University out of more than \$36,000 in grant funds, according to yesterday's special review from the State Auditor.

A University news release stated that, "the Assistant Provost has been dismissed from his administrative post at the university, but currently remains a faculty member."

Franklin B. Carver was listed on NCCU's web directory as assistant provost and associate vice-chancellor for Academic Affairs on Feb. 12. At press time, his name had been removed.

The audit said the assistant provost authorized graduate assistant contracts and honoraria payments to individuals who didn't perform the tasks they were paid for.

The audit found that the assistant provost directed students to cash University checks, keep small sums and kick the remainder back to him.

A total of nine payment authorizations were issued from money designated for minority health research.

The assistant provost falsified signatures and information on the forms, according to the audit.

He also violated University policy by not reporting his "amorous relationship" with a student when it began in 2003, the audit said.

He offered this student two graduate assistant contracts totaling more than \$20,000, although she never worked at the University.

The assistant provost is also accused of charging personal expenses to a University credit card.

According to the News and Events section of NCCU's web site, Carver was appointed assistant provost in 2005.

The story first appeared in the News & Observer, Feb. 12.

LONELY BOAT DOCK TELLS STORY OF AREA DROUGHT



Lake Michie near the town of Bahama, Durham's primary source of water, is showing the effects of the state's severe drought. The man-made lake was created by a dam built in the mid-1920s. The lake is currently about 17 feet below normal levels.

SEBASTIAN FRANCES/Echo Staff Photographer

Drought drags on and on and on

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Durham, along with most of North Carolina, still needs rain. The drought that grips the state has now lasted twice as long as previous droughts.

Durham is listed as being in a condition of exceptional drought, along with 67 other North

Carolina counties.

Stage IV restrictions were implemented Dec. 3.

These mandatory restrictions require businesses to reduce their water usage by 50 percent.

Residents are prohibited from watering lawns, washing cars in driveways, and filling swimming pools. Restaurants are not to serve water unless requested.

Currently, 143 days of easily accessible premium water remain.

This is up from October when Durham had just 75 days of premium water.

Premium water is water that can be inexpensively processed into drinking water.

Water levels at Lake Michie, the primary source of water for

Durham, is 17 feet below normal. Little River Reservoir, another source of water for the city, is 27 feet below normal.

James Lim, a Durham conservation coordinator, said the drought has forced Durham to tap into the Teer Quarry to augment water supplies from Lake Michie

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Film unveils hidden 'Black Magic'

Documentary explores how racism held back black b-ball players

By ALEXIS CRUMEL
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The injustices endured by black basketball players and coaches at historically black colleges and universities during the civil rights movement were examined Monday at the premiere of "Black Magic" in Durham.

The film was hosted by the Durham-based Full Frame Documentary International Film Festival, which runs April 3-6.

The documentary, directed by Dan Klores, examines the dignity and courage of black players during Jim Crow. The film is narrated by Samuel L. Jackson, among others.

This is Klores' fifth documentary. His film "Crazy Love" was a hit at the 2007 documentary festival.

"The film I am trying to make," said Klores, "is centered around what one player in the film said: 'I can remember when it went from "What do you want?" to "How may I help you?"'"

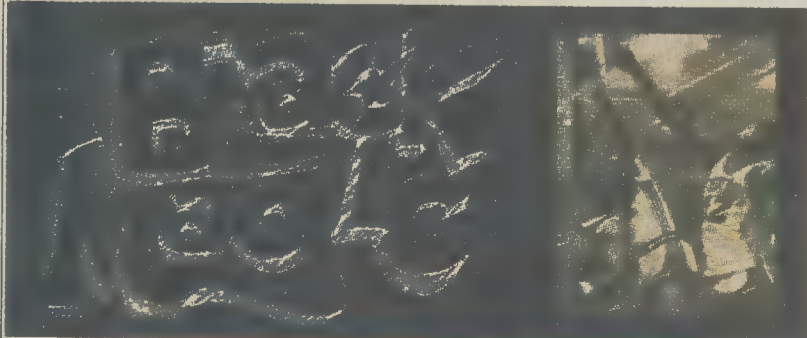
The film is produced by Earl "The Pearl" Monroe, a legendary Winston-Salem State University basketball player who was named one of the 50 greatest players in NBA history.

"We are excited that Dan has chosen Durham to premiere his new film," said Peg Palmer, executive director of the Full Frame Documentary Film Festival.

The Durham festival is one of the largest documentary film festivals of its kind in North America.

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Tuba update

Still unclear: How thieves got in

By GEOFFREY COOPER
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N.C. Central University police continue to investigate the larceny of 11 sousaphones from the band room located in the basement of the Edwards Music Building.

Six sousaphones, which belong to NCCU's Marching Sound Machine, were discovered missing in November. The other five were reported stolen after winter break in January.

One unanswered question is how the burglar(s) were able to gain access to the band room, located in the basement, if keys are issued only to specific music department personnel.

In a police report filed by assistant band director Samuel Rowley on Jan. 8, Rowley said that on Jan. 7 before practice, he noticed that five sousaphones were missing from the band room, with their cases left behind.

The police report also stated that there were no indications of forcible entry to the doors of the side basement entrance or the

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