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## Painted Patriotism



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Karen Durovich pulls along her children, Graeme, 2 1/2, and Colyer, 9 months, in Carrboro's Fourth of July parade, which began at Carr Mill Mall and finished up at the Carrboro Town Hall. The Fourth of July celebration there included music and games.

## Freshman Overflow Expected in Fall

BY RACHAEL LANDAU  
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More than 200 incoming freshmen have no clue where they will be living in the fall or who their roommates will be.

This year's freshman class enrollment exceeds last year's enrollment by more than 200 and, for the second year in a row, not all of the incoming freshmen have University Housing assignments.

About 240 students who did not get their contracts in by the May 2 deadline do not have housing assignments as of last Thursday, said Al Calarco, assistant housing director.

The housing department plans to assign those freshmen to temporary rooms in 20 of the 29 campus residence halls. The housing department plans to convert study rooms, TV rooms and lounges into temporary rooms rather than assign students to triples and quadruples as they did last year.

"It's easier to accommodate students in common space, and it's less of a hassle for all students than putting them in triples

and quadruples," Calarco said.

The housing department was able to accommodate last year's overflow with permanent housing by the end of September.

Both Calarco and Jim Walters, director of Undergraduate Admissions, said they expected the freshman class to shrink before the fall.

Last year, about 240 students who had paid their enrollment deposits changed their minds about coming to UNC between June 1 and the beginning of classes.

The overflow shouldn't amount to a significant problem, Calarco said, because 137 students have canceled in the last three weeks, which brings the number of roomless students to the current total.

This freshman class size decrease is the result of several factors. Many students pay deposits for more than one school while they are still deciding where they want to go, said Sha-Ron Jones, assistant director of Undergraduate Admissions.

Another reason the class size is subject to change is the cancellation of housing

contracts because students move to apartments or Greek organizations or drop out of school.

The size of the freshman class might also affect class registration, but Donald Jicha, associate dean of the General College, said he would not know definitely until the final number of freshmen came in.

"I'm sure we'll have to add sections," Jicha said. "The question is where and when."

The General College office is currently waiting to hear from all of the freshmen who said they were coming to the University.

"We don't really look at the importance of the numbers, though, until preregistration in late July, early August," Jicha said.

After the final numbers are in, Jicha said, the General College office will take a look at the demand for classes, especially foreign language, math and English classes. If there is more demand than available sections, Jicha will add more sections, depending on funding and professor availability.

Foreign language class sections are most often added because most students try to complete their language requirements in their first semester at UNC. The General College is reluctant to add a class unless enough students have requested it to ensure the section will be filled.

The number of class sections the General College plans for is based on the projected numbers of students the Undergraduate Admissions office determines.

Walters said the admissions office sets out each year to enroll 3,300 students, but not fewer. The University Enrollment Management Commission, which studies the University's enrollment and enrollment trends, established this number.

"It's a struggle any admissions officer faces, to estimate numbers and bring them in as close as we can," he said.

The increase in the class size comes from the 4 percent increase in the number of students who took the offer to come to UNC and paid their deposit. Walters said

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## Brown Brings Activist Past to High Faculty Post

BY KELLY RYAN  
EDITOR

In the 1970s, as a University of Kentucky undergraduate, Jane Brown was assigned to cover the school's faculty council.

What she recalls of the experience is that it was different from everything she knew and understood — so different that it drew her away from a career in news reporting.

Now, the UNC journalism professor has again found herself sitting through faculty council meetings. This time, not as a reporter, but as the boss.

"I was an activist, and we were involved in political organization," Brown said of her college days. "We were trying to make a difference in anti-war activities. The faculty council had different tactics than did activists. I couldn't tell if anything was ever getting done."

Brown, whose term as chairwoman of the Faculty Council began Friday, is replacing anthropology Professor Jim Peacock in the three-year post.

About 75 people serve on the council, which means that every member represents about 25 faculty members. Brown, who also directs graduate studies in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication, was selected as chairwoman April 22 over English Professor Townsend Ludington and Frank Wilson, professor of surgery and division chief of the department of surgery in the School of Medicine.

The Faculty Council is a self-governing representative body of the faculty. To be most effective, Brown says, the group must take on a more expansive role to effect change in the state rather than just within the UNC community.

For example, the council has been active in Raleigh during the General Assembly's short session to lobby for competitive salary hikes for all state employees.

Brown credited her predecessor with having freed up faculty to speak out about their concerns, adding that she hoped to build on the tradition of open communication. "I'd much rather work with other people," said Brown, who does all of her

research with a team of colleagues. "Two heads are better than one. There are so many great heads around here."

Part of Brown's job is to make council meetings as productive as possible. She also is in charge of the executive committee.

But her most important job responsibility is a symbolic one — representing all faculty members' interests. She plans to use her lunch times over the next three years to meet with faculty members.

"One of the things the University is faced with now is how we present ourselves to the public," she said. "As the new chancellor comes in, we need to look again at who we are and who we need to be."

Brown is only the second woman to head the council. The first was English Professor Doris Betts. Brown has a number of commitments at the University and thinks of her new job as embodying one of the three responsibilities she has as a professor — teaching, research and public service. "It's an important part of public service," she said. "The faculty are instrumental in how the University runs."

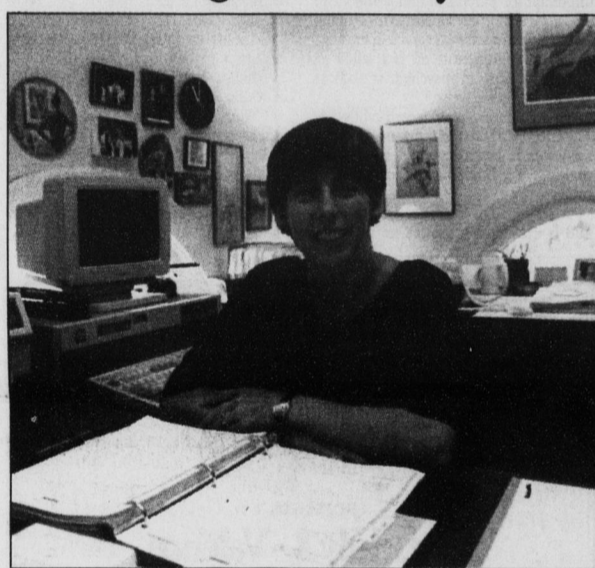
About three years ago, the council formed an executive committee to make the council more action-oriented. Brown wants to continue this tradition so that the council is accountable to the faculty it represents.

A lot of business is accomplished behind the scenes, which should leave more time for interesting business at each of the eight meetings during the year. Faculty become council members by being nominated and then voted into office by the whole faculty.

Some of the council's priorities this year include improving communication about interdisciplinary work, ensuring an intellectual climate for the entire UNC community and promoting diversity for students and nonfaculty in a nonthreatening way.

"It's about learning to live in a diverse culture," she said. "We can't keep our heads in the sand. We are many different cultures, and we need to learn how to live together."

Brown has been with UNC for 17 years. Brown was 27 when she was first interviewed for a job at UNC. After the inter-



DTH/KATIE CANNON

Journalism professor Jane Brown focuses much of her research on media effects and is the second woman to head the Faculty Council. Her new job on the council will force her to reduce her teaching load.

view, she remembers thinking she would be willing to come to UNC regardless of what the University could pay her.

One of the most pressing issues the University faces is the two-year reaccreditation process. UNC is reaccredited every decade, a process that allows the University to examine itself critically and raise issues about its intellectual climate.

Although the Faculty Council isn't involved in an official capacity, it might co-sponsor a fall retreat to discuss the report UNC professors have prepared for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, a national accreditation agency.

The council also is looking at an internal assessment of faculty salaries and how money gets distributed internally. Most University salary increases are at least partly merit-based, which means that departmen-

tal discretion determines who gets what money.

Brown hopes that the next three years will mean continued student involvement via student government reports to the council. Students brought concerns to the council about the faculty advising program, which is being changed in the fall.

Brown said she would like to see more faculty involved in the continuing discussion about the Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center.

Brown's role in the community is not limited to her own. Her husband, Jim Protzman, was elected to the Chapel Hill Town Council in November after a successful campaign Brown worked on.

Brown lives in Chapel Hill with Protzman; his son Alex, 17; and their daughter Lily, 4.

## Montross Taken Ninth Overall, Looks to Revive Boston Celtics

BY JAMES D. WHITFIELD  
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UNC center Eric Montross seemed to be a lock to go to Sacramento when NBA commissioner David Stern approached the podium to announce the eighth pick in this year's draft.

But when the Kings passed on the 7-foot, 275-pound Tar Heel, the Boston Celtics took full advantage of the opportunity.

Boston, with the very next pick, took Montross and hailed the Indianapolis native as the right man in the right place to don the famed Kelly green uniform of the Celtics.

"We did get our man," Celtics head coach Chris Ford said. "I think fans are going to like him."

Boston, who likely will lose longtime center Robert Parish this Friday to free agency, needed help in the front court desperately.

"He filled a need," Boston head scout Rick Weitzman said. "We had a glaring

need at the center position and we filled it with a quality player."

In Montross, the Celtics get an extremely strong and physical player to bolster the front court.

"I feel my strengths are: I have a good low-post game and I am strong enough to go against the top centers in the league," Montross said.

However, what may have caught the Celtics' eye is an unexpected jump shot.

"He surprised me (at his workout)," Ford said. "One of the things he wanted to do was to demonstrate to us that he could hit the 15-foot jump shot. We asked everyone when they came in if there was something they wanted to show us and he showed us that. He also has the Jack Sikma turnaround shot."

Even UNC head coach Dean Smith praised Montross' shooting ability.

"He can shoot the ball very well," Smith said, "which is something that may not be as well-known because we (UNC) wanted

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## Holman Convicted of Manslaughter for Defending Son

BY LYNN HOUSER  
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HILLSBOROUGH — Jurors delivered a verdict of voluntary manslaughter last week in the trial of George Holman Jr., who killed 19-year-old Kevin "Buck" Nickens last June after Nickens repeatedly threatened his son.

The verdict came late Friday after less than four hours of deliberation. Jurors could have chosen first-degree murder, second-degree murder, voluntary manslaughter or not guilty.

Orange County Superior Court Judge Gordon Battle sentenced Holman to the minimum sentence of six years in prison and said he would recommend him for parole in 12 to 18 months.

Voluntary manslaughter carries a sentence of six to 20 years.

Holman, 43, testified that he thought Nickens was going for a gun when he begged Nickens outside the Carrboro Burger King to leave his son alone. The threats had started several months earlier when Holman's son, GJ, then 17, dated Nickens' former girlfriend while Nickens was in prison on drug charges.

Orange-Chatham District Attorney Carl

Fox tried to convince the jury that Holman had overreacted to a squabble between the two young men and had taken the law into his own hands.

"Lots of young people talk a big game," Fox said. "He carried a gun, sure. But you never heard, in all the bad stuff you heard about Kevin Nickens, that he ever shot anyone or killed anyone."

Fox questioned Holman intensely about points that suggested premeditation.

"You placed three guns in the front seat of your car and didn't anticipate using those weapons?" Fox asked incredulously. "Do you deny that at the time you saw Kevin Nickens at Burger King, in your mind, either you were going to have to bury your son or you were going to bury Kevin Nickens?"

But public defenders James Williams and Robert Trenkle built their case around Nickens' barrage of threats that turned a devoted father into a terrified man who acted upon his basic instinct of survival to protect his family.

The defense presented several witnesses to testify about Nickens' history of violent behavior and Holman's easy-going character and devotion toward his son.

One male juror, who asked to remain anonymous, said the fact that no one had

contradicted testimony about Holman's peaceful nature probably had the most influence on the jury's decision. "He wasn't a mean, vicious or violent person and had been leading a pretty decent life," the juror said after the verdict.

He said a few jurors had been skeptical that Holman had fired the shots in self-defense, but they had ruled out first- and second-degree murder because the state's evidence failed to convince them otherwise.

Instead, they all agreed on voluntary manslaughter, which involves either acting in the heat of passion with adequate provocation or using excessive force in self-defense.

One female juror, who also asked to remain anonymous, said she saw no overriding factor in the decision. "Several different things made that decision reasonable, not just self-defense," she said.

Holman worked 14 years as a bus driver, except during Chapel Hill Transit's slow summer months, when he worked as a brick mason and taught his son, GJ, the trade.

The murder occurred during a week of vacation he took between his bus-driving and bricklaying jobs. He testified that after drinking at several relatives' houses, he ran

into Nickens when he went to play pool on North Graham Street.

When he asked Nickens to drop the feud with his son, Nickens blatantly threatened within earshot of police officers to kill his whole family, Holman testified.

This left Holman terrified. He already had spent months trying every way he knew to protect his son. He had changed his son's routine, asked others to talk to Nickens and even taken out a warrant on him after he shot at the younger Holman's car.

He said that after driving home in shock, he had decided to go back and try to reason with Nickens again. He said he had placed a .22-caliber pistol, a .380-caliber pistol and a 12-gauge shotgun on his front seat.

"Something said I'd better take my guns because you never know what his friends might do," Holman said.

But when Holman saw his son at The Pantry on Jones Ferry Road, his son talked him into going back home. The drive to their home on Old School Road took him directly by the Burger King, where he saw Nickens in the parking lot.

Holman said he had thought he'd try talking to him one more time.

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## Anti-PC Faculty Group Hopes To Provoke Campus Debate

BY THANASSIS CAMBANIS  
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A newly formed faculty group plans to rekindle campus debate over issues of affirmative action, minority recruitment, academic integrity and "political correctness."

A small group of professors has formed a UNC chapter of the National Association of Scholars, a national academic group based in Princeton, N.J., that fights political correctness movements on campuses across the country.

"I would like to see policies that give priority to political ends changed. ... The bureaucrats, all they care about is being politically right. Half the time, they don't care which direction it is," said Eric Schopler, an award-winning psychology professor and a charter member of the UNC scholars group.

According to Schopler and other members of NAS, the group strives to keep academic debate on campuses thriving and free from intimidation.

The group opposes quotas for hiring minorities and admitting students, but members said they supported other mea-

sures to increase diversity on campuses. "We are not against exceptions for minorities that have been underrepresented," said Robert Young, an English professor at N.C. State University and vice president of the statewide NAS affiliate.

The state chapter was organized earlier this year. The UNC chapter elected its officials in April at its first official meeting.

At the University, about 15 faculty members have joined the group, including Schopler and John Shelton Reed, the well-known director of the Institute for Research in Social Science.

Paul Haskell, a law professor and chairman of the UNC chapter, refused this month and last month to speak to the press or discuss specific plans and goals for the UNC scholars.

A series of articles in The Raleigh News & Observer in June, including a June 16 Barry Saunders column personally accusing Haskell of being a "fascist," have prompted several letters to the editor and have formed the sole publicity the group has received so far.

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*I am a Bear of Very Little Brain, and long words Bother me.*

A.A. Milne