



BRIEFS

Stories from the University and Chapel Hill

Latin American Presidents To Come to Triangle

The Duke-UNC Program in Latin American Studies will bring three former Latin American presidents to the Triangle as part of a new program on presidential leadership and governmental reform in Latin America.

Visiting presidents will include Columbia's Belisario Betancur, Feb. 19-23; Argentina's Raul Alfonsin, March 25-29; and Mexico's Miguel de la Madrid, April 8-12.

The presidents will speak to classes at UNC-CH and Duke about their leadership and political, economic and social reform efforts. They will also address smaller gatherings, including the International Business Education Center at UNC Kenan-Flagler Business School and will meet with university and community leaders on both campuses.

Betancur will open the series on Feb. 20 at 7 p.m. in the Terry Sanford Institute on Public Policy at Duke.

For more information, call 966-1484 or 681-3980.

Computer Science Lecture To Be Held Next Week

H.T. Kung, a professor of electrical engineering and computer science at Harvard University, will discuss "Traffic Management for Very High Speed Networks" Feb. 19 at 4 p.m. in Sitterson Hall. The free talk is part of the 1995-96 Triangle Computer Science Distinguished Lecture Series.

For more information, call James Anderson at 962-1757.

Visiting Professor to Give Speech on Neuroscience

Dr. Nicholas Bazan, director of the Neuroscience Center at the Louisiana State University School of Medicine, will give a lecture on "The Role of the Excitable Membrane-Derived Second Messengers in Epilepsy and Stroke" Feb. 21 at 3:30 p.m. in Berryhill Hall.

Bazan is Wellcome Visiting Professorship in the Basic Medical Services.

For more information, call Dr. Rosalind Coleman at 966-7213.

Southeastern A Cappella Competition Scheduled

An a cappella competition for southeastern colleges will be held on Feb. 23 at 8 p.m. in Memorial Hall.

Tickets for the event cost \$6 and are available at the Carolina Union Ticket Office or in the Pit the week of the concert.

Natural Science Exhibition On Display This Month

The Carolina Chapter of the Guild of Natural Science Illustrators will display members' interpretations of the flora and fauna in the Totten Center through Feb. 29. The exhibit is free and can be viewed weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the center's classroom.

Call 962-0522 to ensure an uninterrupted visit.

Mayor to Announce Area Olympic Torch Carriers

Chapel Hill Mayor Rosemary Waldorf will hold a press conference to announce the Chapel Hill resident who has been selected to carry the Olympic Torch through Chapel Hill and Carboro for the 1996 Summer Olympic games in Atlanta, Ga. The announcement will take place at the council chambers at the Town Hall on Airport Road on Feb. 15 at 2 p.m. Carboro Mayor Michael Nelson and Chancellor Michael Hooker will also be on hand for the announcement.

Chapel Hill Rec Sports Leagues Now Organizing

The Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation Department is in the process of forming teams for adult slow pitch softball.

Those who wish to form a team should submit a complete roster with the name and addresses of all team members at the time of registration. A \$200 deposit is required.

Other teams offered by the parks and recreation departments include adult men's basketball and adult co-rec volleyball. Seven recreational and seven competitive teams are being offered.

Beginner, intermediate and advanced volleyball leagues are offered by the department, with a limit of eight teams per league. At the time of team registration, a \$150 deposit is required along with a temporary team roster. The total team fee is \$275 and a \$3 nonresident player fee.

For more information concerning registration, call the parks and recreation department at 968-2784.

Speech to Promote Minority Leadership

The Chapel Hill-Carboro Schools and the Lincoln Historical Planning Group will host a presentation on African-American heritage to promote leadership for young minorities in the community.

North Carolina State University's Assistant Coordinator of African-American Student Affairs Hugh Suffren will speak on Feb. 19 at 7 p.m. in the Lincoln Center Gymnasium. The community is invited to attend.

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Write-Ins Prompt Run-Off in CAA Election

BY SUZANNE JACOVEC
STAFF WRITER

Only one vote separated the candidates for CAA president, but the two will meet again in a run-off election next week because of a large number of write-in votes.

Ian Walsh squeaked by Seth Nore with a 1,562 to 1,561 vote. The number of write-in candidates was unavailable from Elections Board Chairwoman Annie Shuart early this morning.

"One vote — I'm at a loss for words," Walsh said. "The premise of write-ins is obviously a necessary evil in this case. I would like to know if the write-ins were considered legitimate candidates."

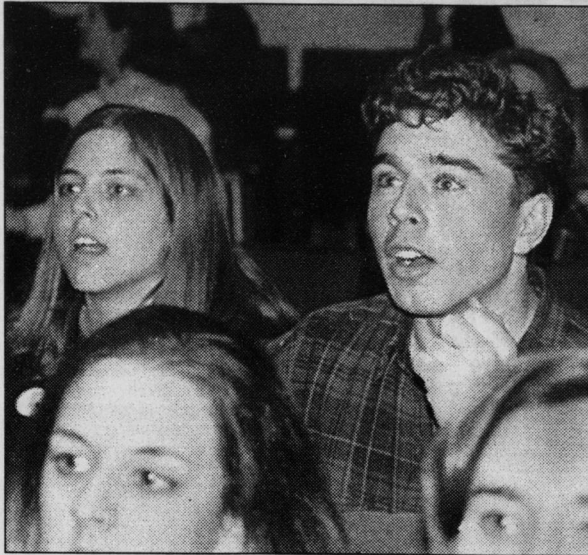
Because of a discrepancy in World Wide Web voting, 11 votes were not available early this morning. Shuart said the Web votes could possibly have affected the election results.

But, Shuart said there would definitely be a run-off election unless the Elections Board found that every write-in candidate was illegitimate. "It may as well be a tie," Shuart said. "If every single person that got write-in votes were to reject the write-in, tonight's vote would be considered valid."

Nore said he thought the write-in vote was a democratic principle. "There are always going to be a few folks who will write in their friends. It is going to be a part of any election, whether this one or for the President of the United States."

Walsh said two factors will shape his strategy for the run-off election. "In planning my next strategy, I will consider the experimental nature of voting on the Web and the lack of publicity for Web voting. There were obviously students who did not know you could vote on the Web."

"I have every bit of confidence in Jason Purdy and in the competence of the Web program," Walsh said.



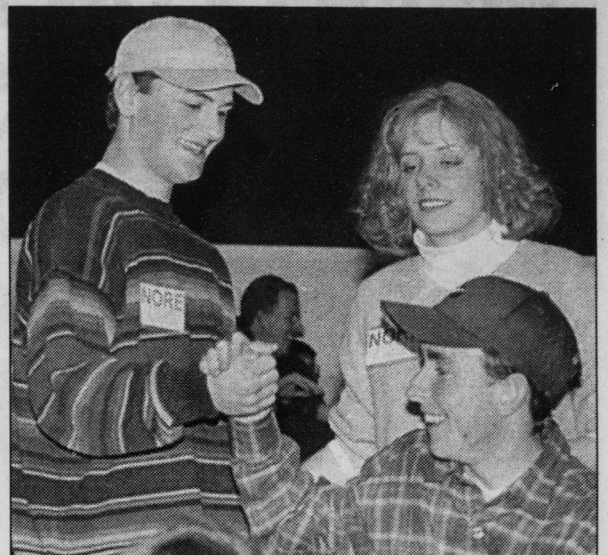
Ian Walsh awaits the results of the CAA president election with a group of supporters on Tuesday night. Walsh finished one vote ahead of his opponent.

Nore said he will focus on increased communication with students in the run off. "I'm psyched," Nore said. "I spoke with the folks who helped me out and we're going to continue our campaign efforts by talking with as many people as possible."

"I'm happy for everyone who helped me out," Nore said. "We did wonderfully today and Ian and his group did wonderfully. I am looking forward to doing it again next week."

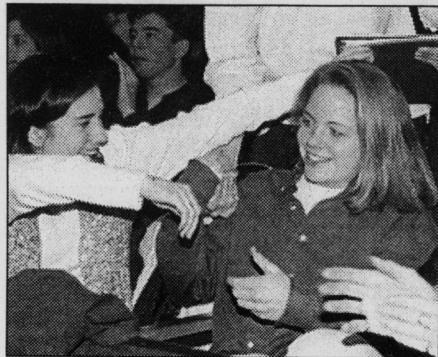
Running on a platform of communication, action and accountability, Nore said he would create a CAA advisory board of students, faculty and staff to devise a more effective ticket distribution plan and schedule Homecoming week activities.

Current CAA Treasurer Walsh said he planned to try to prevent students from skipping classes to camp out for basketball tickets. He said he would work with the athletic department to implement a rule to prohibit camping out before 5 p.m.



Seth Nore, who finished with 50 percent of the vote Tuesday night, is congratulated by Sean Behr. Nore will face Ian Walsh in a run-off.

Student Elections '96		CAA President	
	Seth Nore 1561 50%		Ian Walsh 1562 50%



Left: A friend congratulates Katie McNerney after the results of the Senior Class race were announced. Right: Ladell Robbins and Amelia Bruce will meet McNerney and Minesh Mistry in a run-off election.

McNerney, Robbins Ready for Next Tuesday's Second Round

BY MARVA HINTON
STAFF WRITER

Katie McNerney and Minesh Mistry will face Ladell Robbins and Amelia Bruce in a run-off election for senior class president and vice president next week.

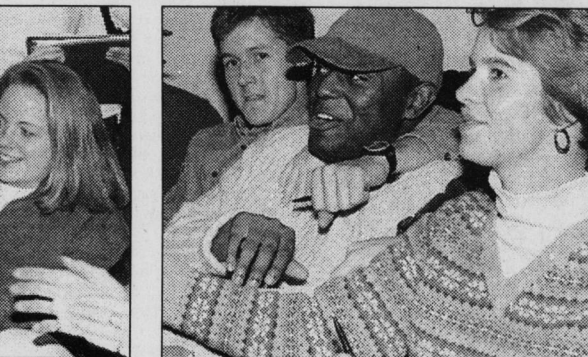
McNerney and Mistry garnered 327 votes in Tuesday's election to Robbins and Bruce's 266.

McNerney, a political science and religious studies major from McLean, Va., said she was looking forward to the run-off. "We're very excited and look forward to another week of hard work," McNerney said. "We would like to thank the people that supported us."

McNerney said she and Mistry had new ideas that they would present in the next week. "It certainly is not over," McNerney said. "We have some other terrific ideas to introduce. We just hope that juniors will come out and vote next week."

Robbins, an economics major from Goldsboro, said he was excited about the election results. "Right now we're just excited to be where we are," he said. "We appreciated all the people that came out and voted for us. Now it's just a matter of sitting down and thinking about taking it to the next level."

Chris Busby, a political science major



Right: Ladell Robbins and Amelia Bruce will meet McNerney and Minesh Mistry in a run-off election.

and McNerney and Mistry's campaign manager, said they were successful because they went beyond the traditional roles of senior class president and vice president. "The other four candidates wanted to discuss the traditional roles of senior class president and vice president," he said. "Katie and Minesh discussed those traditional roles but went above and beyond that. They have created new programs that have excited the juniors who are looking forward to their senior year."

Trent Jernigan, a junior political science major who worked on Robbins and Bruce's campaign, said there was still work to be done.

"I think that obviously we're happy to be in the run-off, but we still haven't done what we want to do," he said.

Jernigan said he wanted to get Robbins and Bruce's message out to more juniors. "We want to make ourselves visible," Jernigan said. "We want to hear what our classmates want."

Jenn Marcum, a candidate for senior class vice president, said she thought all the candidates were qualified. Marcum and Alex Thrasher came in fourth with 145 votes. "I think all the candidates did a good job campaigning," Marcum said. "It could have gone any way."

Charlie McNairy and Justin Harty came in third with 220 votes. Bryan Pruitt and Josh Eaton came in fifth with 33 votes.

Elections Board Chairwoman Annie Shuart said the election results were unofficial until certification by the Elections Board today.

Student Elections '96		Senior Class President	
	Katie McNerney & Minesh Mistry 327 33%		Ladell Robbins & Amelia Bruce 266 27%

Kraft Wins Uncontested GPSF Post

BY LILLIE CRATON
STAFF WRITER

Katherine Kraft, a fourth-year graduate student in toxicology, will take the helm as president of the Graduate and Professional Student Federation in 1996-97.

"I'm so glad that (the election) is behind us," she said. "I'm really looking forward to implementing the initiatives that were included in my platform."

Kraft, who ran unopposed, received the majority of votes. Write-in candidates accounted for a small percentage of votes, an elections board member said. "We have an incredible opportunity this year," she said. "I can't tell you how excited I am to be the person who will take advantage of this opportunity."

Kraft said she planned to reorganize the GPSF by expanding the responsibilities of the GPSF senators and increasing the accountability of officers and appointees.

"Establishing the administration that I want will take some thought, since it's never been (organized this way) before," she said. "We're really starting from scratch all over again."

Student Elections '96		GPSF President	
	Katherine Kraft 155 97%		

Kraft said she planned to lobby the state legislature for more tuition remissions and lenient residency requirements. She said she intended to work for improved parking and fair student insurance offerings.

"Several of these (projects) have already been started over the course of the past few weeks, some of them over the past few months," she said.

Kraft said she had set up meetings with student leaders and administrators to discuss graduate issues, and that she had begun creating an advisory council of



KATHERINE KRAFT said she wanted the GPSF to be active. She said, "It's simply a matter of stepping through the door that's been opened."

RHA Results Uncertain Because of Redistricting

BY MOLLY FELMET
STAFF WRITER

Residence Hall Association president candidates Matt Leggett and Latoya Porterfield waited patiently Tuesday night only to hear that redistricting had caused discrepancies in the preliminary ballot count.

At 12 a.m. Wednesday, the Elections Board reported that Porterfield received 1168 votes and Leggett received 920.

Although Porterfield, governor of Hinton James, was ahead in the preliminary votes, Cobb, Stacey and Graham residence halls had not been counted.

"The votes there were counted, but they just weren't reported," said Annie Shuart, Board chairwoman. "We just need to change the computer program to report it."

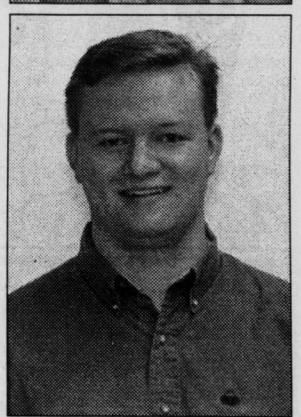
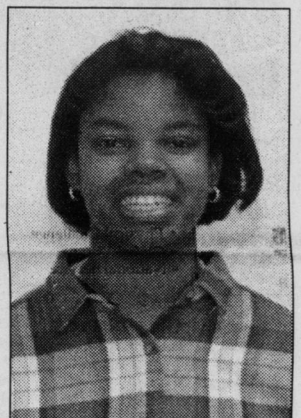
Because of confusion over this semester's redistricting, Granville Towers votes were included in the RHA president race, but votes from the three residence halls were not. Granville Towers votes should not have been counted because only on-campus residents are allowed to vote for RHA president.

Shuart said that redistricting had changed Granville Towers from District 11 to District 17. Cobb, Stacey and Graham residence halls then became District 11.

However, the change was not noted in the computer program that counted the ballots.

People who may have voted in Granville Towers but were on-campus residents would still have their votes counted, Mark Wienants, a board member said. He said the ballots recorded both the poll site and the voter's district, so a computer program would be able to eliminate the Granville Towers residents' votes.

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LATOYA PORTERFIELD (above) leads MATTHEW LEGGETT in the RHA president race.

Weather Closes Eubanks Landfill, Trash Causes Stink With Residents

Residents complained that trash build up created environmental hazards.

BY LUTHER CALDWELL
STAFF WRITER

Some town residents are angry that trash intended for the landfill and waste convenience centers has illegally cluttered the neighboring Eubanks Road area, posing a potential environmental and health threat.

People dump their waste along Eubanks Road when the Solid Waste Convenience Center and Orange Regional Landfill is closed, said town resident Irving Nunn. They proceed to dump their waste along-side Eubanks Road to the south of the solid waste center, he said.

"It's frustrating (for people) to see the gates closed," said resident Jean Bishop. Orange County Public Works Director Wilbert McAdoo said the county had a solid waste ordinance that had a provision for civil and criminal penalties for littering.

"(The waste center's) a business," Bishop said. "(The county) should make it as much a business as possible, as far as their hours go, especially with the health concerns."

Bishop said she saw a potential environmental problem because the landfill was located in a deer and raccoon area. If the

trash is left to pile up outside of the landfill and the waste convenience center, the animals could be harmed by the potentially dangerous contents of the waste.

The contamination of nearby water sources is also a point of concern, Bishop said. She said the odor was also a negative side effect of the illegal trash dumping.

Bishop said the solid waste center had been closed more than usual because of the recent cold weather. She said the center and landfill should consider adding additional hours.

"We need to be able to go (to the landfill and solid waste center)," Bishop said.

Town officials said the facilities were currently operating at an optimal level.

"I think the hours we have now are reasonable," McAdoo said. "There has to be a consideration between cost and convenience."

The landfill is currently open 54 hours a week, McAdoo said. Each additional hour of operation carries an additional cost.

Solid Waste Program Manager Blair Pollock said he was not aware the illegal littering had become a major problem.

"I'll definitely bring it to the attention of the landfill," Pollock said.

McAdoo said residents should record the license plate number of anyone they see littering the Eubanks Road area. He said residents could call the solid waste hotline at 644-3037 or report violations directly to the police.