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## Today's Weather

**Sunny; high mid-60s.**  
Saturday: Partly sunny; high 70s.  
Sunday: Sunny; high mid-70s.

## Swing Time



Henry Huggins, a young Chapel Hill resident, swings at the Episcopalean Church playground on Thursday afternoon. The warmer weather brought people of all ages out to play.

# Nelson Supporters Claim No Part in Magazine Theft

■ Tau Epsilon Phi members said they did not take copies of the Carolina Review.

BY DAVE SNELL  
STAFF WRITER

Members of Student Body President-Elect Aaron Nelson's fraternity continue to deny any involvement in the theft of an issue of The Carolina Review that criticized Nelson for his political beliefs. Nelson criticized the removal of more than 1,500 copies of the Review from distribution points. The copies of the Review, taken from classrooms on campus, were found in the student attorney general's office the morning of Tuesday, Feb. 13. Tau Epsilon Phi members Todd Doobrow, Richard Fremont and Reza Ardalani were present in a room where Allen and the Review's editor were distributing their magazine the night before the Feb. 13 student elections, but said they knew nothing about the theft of the free magazine. Other TEP members who saw the Review issue before the election said they

were offended by the coverage of Nelson but did not steal copies of the Review.

"I have no idea what happened to (the copies) that night," said TEP President Matt Mesmer. "I know none of the individuals who had anything to do with it."

Nelson said he received a copy of the Review from Ian Walsh, candidate for CAA president Monday night.

"I want to encourage support for free speech and have all voices be heard," Nelson said. "I'm glad (the copies) were returned ... and I hope they are still distributed."

Review publisher Charlton Allen said Thursday that he had not decided whether to pursue Honor Court charges against possible suspects.

"We have a couple of people that we highly suspect," Allen said. "No final deci-



Student Body President-Elect AARON NELSON said he supported the Review's right to free speech.

sion has been made however." Members of TEP saw Allen and Ashley Garner, the Review's editor, in 106 Carroll Hall after midnight Tuesday, where they argued about the Review's content and cover.

Mesmer said he and other TEP members heard about the contents and cover of The Carolina Review "in the wee hours of the morning around midnight" Monday at the TEP house.

"We don't really want to say who told us because we don't want to pull anybody in to the situation who is not already involved," Mesmer said.

Ardalani said he and other TEP members went to Carroll Hall as soon as they heard that a new issue of the Review was being distributed. The group chose to enter Carroll Hall because it was the first building in the Quad they came to after leaving the TEP house, Ardalani said.

Doobrow and Justin Cates went to Carroll Hall because of its proximity, Doobrow said. Cates could not be reached for comment Thursday. "When I got there, I was with one other guy and we entered the room and saw the picture (on the Review)," Doobrow said.

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## Instructors Re-Defining Their Role in Learning

■ Some professors prefer to place more emphasis on student responsibility.

BY JAMES LEWIS  
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Every year when the University goes through the budget process in Raleigh, state legislators demand UNC faculty and administrators place more emphasis on teaching in the classrooms.

But a preliminary examination of classes at the University showed that at least two professors reject traditional ideas about holding lectures or formal class discussions.

Instead the professors prefer to see their job as one of encouraging students to take responsibility for their own education. In practice, some students said they saw the classes as unique learning experiences.

Others simply called them "laid back." Associate Sociology Professor James Wiggins, whose Sociology 12 class on human societies is scheduled to meet every Tuesday and Thursday, doesn't lecture students. The class of 80 students is divided in half and students come to class once a week. For the first few weeks of

class, students concentrate on a paper on a major issue facing society. After the paper is turned in, students are placed into groups and give presentations about the issues.

Monnie McCracken, a senior from Greensboro who is enrolled in the class this semester, said she benefited from Wiggins' class.

"It's more laid back," she said. "He doesn't just give lectures. I had him for another class and got so much out of it."

In addition to the papers and the presentations, students also must write a personal reflection on some aspect of the reading assigned and are quizzed on the reading.

"I am trying to get students to take on more responsibility for their learning rather than students coming to class with the 'feed me' idea," Wiggins said. "I try to get them to be more responsible and involved in their learning."

"I sort of create and structure — obviously I set the rules — but I probably do more responding to what they did," he said. "I just sit there to watch the interaction," he said. "It isn't as though I am clueless. I am very much involved."

Wiggins said even though the class was an introductory course, most of the stu-

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## Robbins, Bruce Official Winners, Board Says

■ Minesh Ministry and Katie McNerney plan to appeal to the Student Supreme Court.

BY RICK CONNER  
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After hearing arguments from both sets of candidates and taking three recounts, the Elections Board on Thursday unanimously certified Ladell Robbins and Amelia Bruce as the winners in the race for Senior Class president and vice president.

In the final count, only one vote separated the candidates, with a total tally of 367 to 366 in favor of Robbins and Bruce.

The final certification contradicted the initial results reported Tuesday, which showed Katie McNerney and Minesh Mistry winning by 367 to 365.

Upon hearing the decision and the final tally, McNerney and Mistry were visibly upset, pointing out the discrepancies in the results.

The pair plans to appeal the decision to the Student Supreme Court, which could call for another election.

"We will do what it takes to make sure that what has gone wrong is made right, because the students deserve to have leaders that were elected fairly," McNerney said.

"The blatant violations and negligence of the Elections Board necessitates our



The Elections Board declared Ladell Robbins and Amelia Bruce (left) winners by one vote in the Senior Class race over Katie McNerney and Minesh Mistry.

taking action."

Robbins and Bruce said they were pleased with the decision and believed that the ballot counting was conducted fairly by the board.

"We're just happy to be at this point for now," Robbins said.

At the meeting, McNerney and Mistry raised concerns of possible tampering with the ballots during the time interval between the elections and Thursday's meeting.

"We do not personally accuse Ladell or Amelia of anything," McNerney said.

"But the security of those ballots were at risk." Elections Board Chairwoman Annie Stuart said the ballots were paper clipped together by each pollsite, placed in an un-

sealed box and left in her locked office overnight Tuesday.

Stuart also said the ballots were in her view or locked in her office Wednesday and Thursday, and she felt comfortable saying that the ballots had not been tampered with.

The board debated the possibility of ballot tampering then ruled out tampering as having changed the results of the election.

"If we felt there was tampering (with the ballots), we would not hesitate to ask for a second election," said board member Scott Barnett.

Stuart said that during the recount Wednesday, results were inconsistent with those determined Tuesday night, so the board counted the ballots again several

times. During the process, a ballot for Robbins and Bruce was found in a McNerney and Mistry pile.

Wednesday's recount showed Robbins and Bruce winning each time, once by a count of 367 to 366, and twice by a count of 368 to 365.

The board attributed the discrepancies to miscounting the ballots.

"It's not unreasonable to assume a certain amount of human error," said board member Brian Ferrell.

"That's unfortunate, but I think we did have a valid election."

Trent Jernigan, campaign manager for Robbins and Bruce, said that human error in counting should not cause the board to disregard the results of the entire election.

"Human error happens; that's just the way it is. But the numbers speak for themselves," he said.

Former student body president candidate Sean Behr and Nick Johnston, campaign adviser to McNerney and Mistry, both called for another election.

"The elections were close enough that even a small discrepancy warrants a reelection," Johnston said.

Mistry also cited a lack of organization and various distractions during the counting process that may have affected the results.

Stuart said that there were always possible distractions, but the counting of the ballots was done consistently.

## Psychiatrist Opposes Pornography Speech

■ Linnea Smith will debate the censorship of pornography with ACLU President Nadine Strossen on WUNC this Saturday.

BY JAMES L. PALMER  
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Days after American Civil Liberties Union President Nadine Strossen spoke on campus about her book, "Defending Pornography," a prominent Chapel Hill psychiatrist has expressed her opposition to Strossen's views and called for UNC to bring an anti-pornography activist to speak.

Linnea Smith wrote that Strossen distorted and misrepresented the position of anti-pornography proponents, in a Feb. 16 letter to Sheridan Singleton, Carolina Union Activities Board Critical Issues Committee chairman.

CUAB has since sent a letter to Smith inviting her to speak about the anti-pornography viewpoint.

"(Strossen) reads works out of context, with a touch of ridicule," Smith said. Strossen misrepresented and ignored research that showed pornography was detrimental to a person's well-being, she said.

Smith will debate the issue Saturday with Strossen and Stanley Fish, chairman of Duke University's English Department. WUNC Radio will air the debate at 4 p.m. Smith said she had attended Strossen's speech Monday in Memorial Hall, and would respond to her statements in the debate, which has already been taped.

Smith, wife of UNC basketball coach Dean Smith, said Strossen

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Scott Gold, who now works for the Sun Sentinel in Florida, was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize.

With a Pulitzer Prize nomination for stories on hog waste spills in N.C., former DTH writer and UNC alumnus Scott Gold is

## MAKING A MARK

# Moving Up in the Ranks

BY JOHN MARTIN  
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This year's Pulitzer Prize could be all hog waste — that is, if UNC graduate and former Daily Tar Heel writer Scott Gold and his cohorts at the (Wilmington) Morning Star win the prize for which they have been nominated.

The Morning Star newspaper received a Pulitzer Prize nomination in journalism for a series of articles on the hog waste spills caused by North Carolina's hog farms, the state's second largest industry. Gold, who worked for the Morning Star from December 1992 until September 1995, contributed a great deal to the articles.

"I knew it was an enormous issue, but I didn't think this would come out of it," he said.

Gold explained the problems with North Carolina's hog

farming industry to unknowing readers. Large bowl-shaped lagoons collected the waste of about 10,000 hog heads at each large corporate hog farm. After a while the lagoons gave way and collapsed, spilling hog waste into nearby rivers and fields and destroying marine wildlife and crops.

"There were these huge tobacco and soybean fields that were completely coated with pig waste," Gold said. He noticed this happening at alarming regularity as he tramped through the mucky fields of processed pig feces that ruined crops all over southeastern North Carolina. The waste proved to be a major setback for agricultural and fishing industries and for other industries that rely on North Carolina's waterways.

"I thought that would be the end of it, but it all sort of blew up from there," Gold continued. The pollution from the waste

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*It is true that I was born in Iowa, but I can't speak for my twin sister.*

Abigail Van Buren