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## Bracelet System Touted as Success

Students at the men's basketball ticket distribution at the Smith Center say their biggest complaint was the cold weather.

By HUNTER LEWIS  
Staff Writer

An army of fleece braved the early autumn chill Saturday morning as students lined up to receive UNC men's basketball tickets at the Smith Center. The event marked the first time the Carolina Athletic Association used a bracelet system rather than a camp-out or lottery to distribute tickets. CAA Co-president Hunter McCrossin said he was pleased with Saturday's distribution. "There were no hassles, no confusions, and the CAA enforced the stated policy to perfection." This year's distribution marked the CAA's fourth change in policy in the past four years. Explaining the constant policy change, Lauren Miller, co-chairwoman of ticket distribution for the CAA, said CAA was always trying to meet the needs of students. She said the new policy had the best aspects of both the camp-out used last year and lottery systems used in 1996. Several students also said the distribution proved

to be a success. "The distribution was really organized, and there was not a lot of chaos," said David Bartley, a freshman business major. "I don't have any real complaints except this 30-degree weather." The chilly temperatures and early start time proved to be the biggest setback for most students. "I think it's a little early to make us stand out here," said John McGougan Martin, a senior from Greenville. "We brought our sleeping bags out here - we're trying to keep as warm as possible, but this early in the morning it's gonna be cold." Although cold and sleepy, Martin said he thought the distribution went well. "It was fine, but I wish the CAA would serve us coffee and biscuits." Martin said he preferred the new policy rather than the camp-out system because it did not cut into his social and school life like camp-outs did. But Justin Donaton, a senior journalism and mass communications major from Setauket, N.Y., said he missed camp outs. "This is fine, but I'm a real fan," he said. "Man, I think some people in line wouldn't be here if we were camping out." But McCrossin said a 6 a.m. start time helped to recognize die-hard fans. "We wanted the students to have some sense of having to earn the tickets," he said. "With this policy... we wanted to balance earning the tickets with an element of fairness." After a line check at 6 a.m., McCrossin said the



Chi Yong Jones, Jessica Hartsough and Zach Parsons try to keep warm while waiting for basketball tickets Saturday. The new ticket distribution included a line check at 6 a.m.

process took less than four hours which was comparable to past distributions. He said the policy was efficient considering CAA gave out 2,500 bracelets. "We effectively reached at least two times as many students with this policy."

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## Heston's Speech Fee Under Fire

Common Sense wants Student Congress to fund \$10,000 for the NRA head to speak at the University.

By CARRIE CALLAGHAN  
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Several Student Congress representatives are riding the fence when it comes to how to vote for funding for the campus group Common Sense.

Common Sense is asking Student Congress for \$10,000 so Charlton Heston, actor and president of the National Rifle Association, may speak on gun control. At the last congress meeting Oct. 13, congress voted to postpone a vote on the bill until Tuesday.

The postponement sprung from members concerned about last year's concerns alleged misconduct on the part of Common Sense when the group hosted affirmative action speaker Ward Connerly.

Concerns about ticket distribution, T-shirt sales and a privately-sponsored dinner following the event culminated in an investigation by then-Student Body Treasurer Mark McCollum, said current Student Body Treasurer James Dasher. In the Oct. 13 meeting, Brad Morrison, speaker of Student Congress, questioned the validity of last year's conclusion to these issues. "Why are we out of line in saying we have concerns?"

Since that session, Dasher said he had looked over the records from the previous treasurer's investigation. "To this date, I've found no evidence that Common Sense has done (anything wrong)," he said. "The dinner was pri-

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Speaker Brad Morrison said the investigation into Common Sense's use of funds was justified.

## Candidate Repudiates Favoritism Accusations

By MEREDITH HERMANC  
Staff Writer

Keith Cook, a candidate for a soon-to-be vacated seat on the Orange County Board of Education, denied accusations Sunday that Vice Chairwoman Susan Dovenbarger had assured him the position as a means of political pay-back.

Last Thursday, David Kolbinsky, a current member of the school board, alleged that Dovenbarger had made a deal with Cook and influenced interviews in Cook's favor.

The board is in the process of appointing a new member to fill the seat Larry Haverland will vacate Nov. 1.

"The selection process was rigged," Kolbinsky said. "The other applicants didn't get a fair shot."

Both Dovenbarger and Cook denied

the allegations.

Cook said it was not fair for Kolbinsky to make such accusations. "I feel that he is way off and he shouldn't make those charges," he said.

"(Dovenbarger) hasn't talked to me, and I wouldn't expect her to do that," Cook said. He said that since a majority vote was required to elect a new member, Dovenbarger alone did not have the power to give him a position.

Kolbinsky said his accusations were based on past connections between Dovenbarger and Cook. Kolbinsky said Cook used his political clout as leader of the Northern Orange Voters' Alliance to help Dovenbarger win her position on the board. Kolbinsky speculated that she was now returning the favor.

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## Student Government Work Plagued by Internal Strife

By CAROL ADAMSON  
Staff Writer

Disagreements keep the executive and legislative branches of student government from working together despite the branches' similar goals, members of both bodies say.

Morayo Orija, speaker pro tempore for Student Congress, said there had always been friction between the two.

"Many people in student government are still dedicated to working together," she said. "The problem, I think, lies in defining our roles."

Speaker of Student Congress Brad Morrison said Congress' increased participation in student affairs fueled the misunderstanding.

"The role of Congress has changed,

we have a lot more students deciding to run for a congressional seat because they have strong opinions on how to improve student life," he said. "This is different from previous sessions because most of the emphasis was placed on funding student groups."

"I think that finance stuff is the most important thing we do, but recently there has also been a rise in our involvement of student affairs issues,"



Student Body President Reyna Walters said members of student government lacked respect.

Morrison said. "Anytime you have a fundamental change, problems arise because people tend to be more comfortable with the way things were."

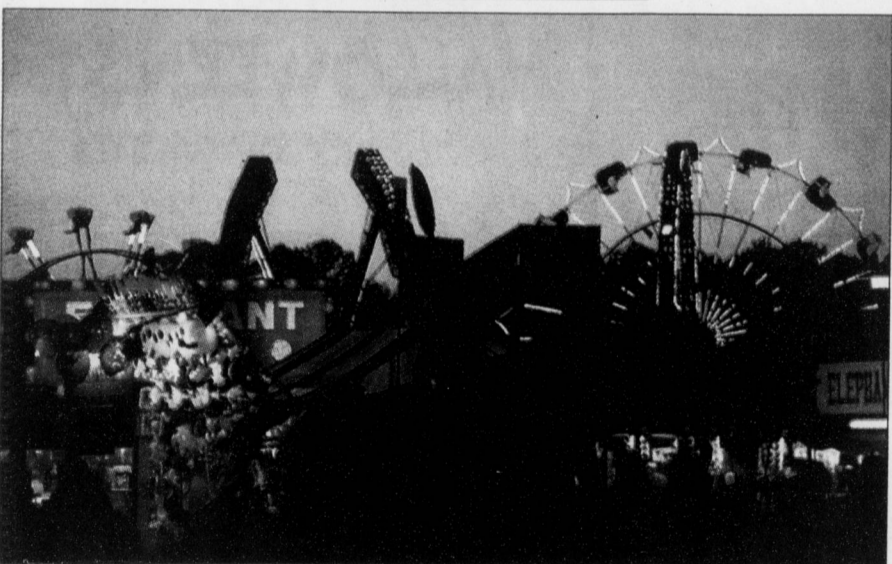
But Student Body President Reyna Walters said personal issues also played a role in the disagreement.

"Right now, relationships would probably be much better if everyone had a basic respect for one another," she said. "That's not to imply that everyone doesn't have the basic level of respect for one another, but it could improve."

Student Body Secretary Minesh Patel said specific congress members' goals were a point of conflict. "The conflict between the two branches has less to do with the initiatives of the two branches

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## A FAIR TO REMEMBER



DTH/DAVID SANDLER

The sun set for the last time Sunday on this year's State Fair. After a week and a half of rides, games, foods and shows, officials predicted the fair drew record crowds this year, which was in part due to the improved weather over last year's rainy conditions. See story page 4.

## Candidate Forum Tonight at UNC

Staff Report

Local candidates will get a chance to pitch their platforms to UNC students in a forum at 7 p.m. in Hamilton 100.

Orange County officials lauded this event, sponsored by student government, the Black Student Movement and The Daily Tar Heel, as an opportunity for students to learn about important

issues and what candidates intend to do about them.

"I think it's one of the most important ways voters can learn about the candidates,"

Orange County Commissioner Moses Carey said.



Carrboro Mayor Mike Nelson said this year's county commissioner race was particularly important.

"It is very important that all people who live in Orange County, including students, pay attention to the county commissioner race because the issues they deal with affect each and every res-

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## Inter-Faith Council 'Successful' in 1998

The Inter-Faith Council set a fund-raising record this year, increasing its budget by nearly 34 percent.

By LIA BURNS  
Staff Writer

The Inter-Faith Council, a group that operates the Community House homeless shelter on West Rosemary Street, reported a record-breaking year of fund raising at its annual meeting Sunday.

"We've had our most successful fund-raising year in our 35-year history," said Rita Gray, president of the IFC board of directors.

In the past year, the IFC budget has gone from \$852,706 to \$1,140,734, with most of the increase coming from additional grant money.

In 1998, the IFC's 35th year of service to Chapel Hill, the organization received the Governor's Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service.

Recently the IFC was involved in an ordinance passed by the Chapel Hill Town Council on Sept. 28 calling for an end to aggressive begging and panhandling in all public places.

The council called for IFC support in a resolution requesting that the IFC establish rules regarding its community kitchen.

At the time, shelter officials said they did not want the IFC blamed for the problem.

On Sunday, the IFC clarified its position and proposed a plan for a group of

individuals who spend the majority of their time eating at the IFC kitchen, hanging out in the IFC lounge or sitting on Franklin Street.

The IFC proposed offering individuals an opportunity to connect with needed services and find employment within a specific time period. But if the individuals don't comply with the agreement they will be denied IFC services at the Community House.

The proposal also addressed the use of floor space at the Community House this winter.

Guests of the shelter using floor space will be asked to follow the same rules as those who have beds, meaning they must find a job, save 85 percent of pay and/or benefits and keep appointments, the proposal states.

The IFC is also involved in three major projects in its effort to reach out to the homeless community - Project Homestart, the Community House and the Crisis Intervention Program.

Project Homestart is a long-term, transitional housing program for homeless families, project director Cheri Green said.

The Project Homestart facility can house 10 families. Five families with seven children currently live there.

"It's going really well," Green said. "We're really focusing on the development of the families and issues and concerns that they have, such as saving money, so that when they leave it won't be difficult for them to get into housing."

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## INSIDE Monday

Swinging in Venice



Lab! Theatre brings Shakespeare's "The Merchant of Venice" to life with the help of swing dancing, zoot suits and flapper dresses. The modern twist is "Shakespeare for people who hate Shakespeare." See Review Page 6.

Smells Like Paris

Chapel Hill residents can try hundreds of shades of lipstick and nail polish as well as perfumes in December when Sephora, a French cosmetics retailer, opens its new store on Franklin Street. It will move into the space vacated by the Intimate Bookshop. See Page 4.

Today's Weather

Sunny;  
Upper 70s  
Tuesday: Mostly sunny;  
Mid 70s.

Want to Be in Print?

Students who are interested in winning a \$250 grant to report an in-depth story for publication in The Daily Tar Heel should pick up an application in Union 104. The grant comes from the Joanna Howell Fund, which honors the memory of a DTH editorial writer. The proposals are due Oct. 30.

Questions? Call Editor Sharif Durhams at 962-4086.

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Sir Thomas Browne