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CAA: Death Threats Triggered Re-election

CAA leaders say in a letter that they should not have had to hold a re-election in the Homecoming race.

BY SHANNON SNUPP Staff Writer

Carolina Athletic Association Copresidents Hunter McCrossin and David Cohn cite death threats and an unfair election process this year as reasons for wanting to hand the Homecoming elections to the Elections Board.

The Homecoming candidates, with the exception of Cori Ahrens, were originally disqualified from the competition this year after being accused of violating publicity laws.

A campuswide e-mail supporting candidate Lester Crafton and fliers distributed by the Black Student Movement in support of candidates Janora McDuffie and Ashley Cohen violated these laws.

McCrossin and Cohn both said in a letter to the editor of The Daily Tar Heel that they were forced into a second elec tion that was both unfair and unwar-

CAA cabinet members received an excess of 25 threats from unknown sources that included physical violence as said in the letter.

It was important that people realize the Black Student Movement did not influence the CAA's decision to hold a re-election, Cohn said.

remained firm in its opposition to re-election the despite the pres-sure applied by the BSM. "The only rea-son we had the re-

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elections were the threats that CAA Co-president David Cohn occurred prior to the re-election, said the re-election was held after CAA we felt we had to react to them," Cohn said.

members received nearly 25 threats. The CAA now wants to abandon control of the Homecoming elections due to the death threats and what they considered an

unfair election, as stated in the letter. "If people have a problem with what happened, at least they will now know the truth," he said.

A proposal is entering Student Congress to place the elections in the hands of the Elections Board, which handles student government elections, McCrossin said.

"Right now, we're looking at the way Homecoming is run, and if changes are made to the election process, then we can prevent incidents like this from occurring in the future," said Reyna Walters, student body president. "We need to go through the current

laws and incorporate changes into the election laws by establishing a clearer

code. Both Cohn and McCrossin said they thought the Elections Board would be better equipped to handle the election. The CAA is less capable than the Elections Board in running the elections due to a lack of resources, McCrossir

said. Heather Faulk, Elections Board chair, said that she agreed with the decision to turn the responsibility over to the Elections Board. "The Elections Board has the equip

ment, people and knowledge whose sole purpose is to run elections," she said. Homecoming Queen Janora McDuffie said she applauded the deci-sion of Cohn and McCrossin to publish

this letter. "I think it is definitely a good thing, because there has been so much confu sion recently that it will be nice to shed some light on the subject," she said. Homecoming King Ashley Cohen also praised Cohn and McCrossin's let-

"It is definitely a good idea because it comes directly from the people control-ling the event and will tell the final " Cohen said. truth

McCrossin and Cohn said they were disappointed that the Homecoming elections overshadowed the rest of the events this year.

McCrossin said, "I really think there vas so much controversy surrounding the Homecoming election this year that it took away from the unity that should be experienced at Homecoming."

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Black Wins

Nomination

for Speaker

The General Assembly still

has to approve Rep. Jim

Black, D-Mecklenberg, as

Speaker of the House.

BY HOLLY NEAL

Staff Writer

Group Protests 'Assassin School'

BY RUDY KLEYSTEUBER Staff Writer

The Franklin Street post office was decorated in bright banners and enlarged newspaper clippings as demonstrators protested the School of the Americas Wednesday.

"We're trying to inform people about the existence of the School of the Americas," said Frank Coyle, a member of the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting, which organized the event with the local chapter of the Women's International

League for Peace and Freedom. The school, located at the U.S. Army's Fort Benning in Columbus, Ga., has trained Latin American soldiers in combat skills and torture tect_niques since 1946, according to vigil document

Coyle said Wednesday's vigil, during which protesters handed out fliers and held signs, was held to raise awareness of the school and gain support for a larger vigil of prayer and civil disobedience at Fort Benning on Sunday.

UNC sophomore Dennis Markatos said he and other students have formed an unofficial coalition tentatively titled SURGE – Students United for a Responsible Global Environment.

SURGE is organizing a trip to the Fort Benning vigil this weekend, and more than 60 people from the Triangle, including an estimated 20 UNC students, will participate, Markatos said

"It's going to be great because it'll be a new experience for many with the idea of protest, which is often marginalized as a radical activity, but actually normal people are doing it," Markatos said

"The feeling is so strong in this community that we have vigils popping up everywhere," he said.

Markatos said he helped organize a similar student vigil on campus Monday

"It's the abuse of human rights by graduates of the SOA and the fact that Americans finance it through the Pentagon that makes the school such an

abomination," Coyle said. "It's all a part of the big picture of American militarism around the world," Coyle said.

Joanne Busiel, a participant in Wednesday's vigil, said she was arrested one year ago during a protest at the School of the Americas in Fort Benning when demonstrators trespassed onto the base

"I believe very strongly that the School of the Americas is a dinosaur that needs to be closed," Busiel said.

"The very committed people will be ready to 'cross the line' - that is, to walk on the base as trespassers - on Sunday," said activist and vigil participant Margaret Misch.

"I would hope that students and the public would become aware of these issues, but I understand that they have other priorities."

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Marnie Clark of Chapel Hill (front) joins several protesters gathered outside the Franklin Street post office to hand out flyers calling for the shutdown of the U.S. Army School of the Americas, which is located in Fort Benning, Ga. The flyers allege that the school trains Latin-American soldiers in combat and torture techniques.

Housing to Turn Illegal Policy GOP Elects Livingston **Into Voluntary Smoking Ban**

The ban permits students to smoke on balconies, but it encourages them to seek



proposal will be in place when we return om Thanksgiving," he said. Kuncl said the proposal was being

reviewed by University housing staff members so they could provide feed-

To Replace Gingrich

Republican representatives unanimously backed Rep. Bob Livingston, R-La., as the new Speaker of the House.

Appropriations e with a history of working with Democrat was nominated with



U.S. Rep



Members of the N.C. House Democratic Caucus united Wednesday nominate Rep. Jim Black, D-Mecklenberg, as their candidate Speaker of the House. for Democrats met

at the Velvet Cloak Inn in Raleigh to elect Black, the only candidate who ran for the position. D a n nLineberry, specia

assistant to Black, N.C. Rep said education would be one of **Jim Black**

Democrats. "Black wanted to run because he wants to continue to make

He said Black was concerned with the UNC system and hoped to use his new post as majority leader to advance higher education in North Carolina. "In

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Let's Get Swingin' What's that dance in those Gap ads? Ever wonder where swing dancing got started? And why has it made such a splash? Check out this week's Diversions. See Page 5.



D-Mecklenberg, was the only candidate Speaker

Black's top prioriwho ran for House ties as the new leader of House

schools better," Lineberry said.

out other places to smoke.

By ASHLEY STEPHENSON University Editor

A proposal that would change UNC's ban against balcony smoking to a vol-untary ban is expected to become policy after Thanksgiving Break if it is approved.

Residence Hall Association President David Jernigan said the voluntary ban would allow students to smoke on balconies, but would encourage them to seek other places to smoke out of consideration for other students.

Director of University Housing Wayne Kuncl presented the proposal to the Housing Advisory Board Tuesday.

"Its kind of like the way it is in Kenan Stadium," Jernigan said. "You are allowed to smoke in the seats, since its an outdoor place, but people are asked to smoke in the concourse area (instead), and most people respect that."

smoking found to be an illegal amendment to its original 1993 smoking ban.

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ban

After an article Directo ppeared in The of University Housing Daily Tar Heel Wayne Kuncl Nov. 11 outlining

said the proposal the illegality of the should be in place ban, some student after Thanksgiving. smokers took to

the balconies with papers in hand to prove they were not in violation. Kuncl said UNC Housing had not

officially repealed the ban, but said it had recognized a question about the ban's legality. For the proposal to take effect, Kuncl said Associate Vice Chancellor of Student Services Dean Bresciani must approve it. Kuncl said he assumed Bresciani

would be in favor of the proposal since Bresciani attended the meeting of the advisory board. "I anticipate that the back. Once the language of the propos al is decided, Kuncl said he planned to pass it on to Bresciani.

But in the meantime, students on South Campus are free to light up on balconies. "During this time, we will not be enforcing the ban," Jernigan said. "(Resident assistants) have been instructed not to issue any violations.

Jernigan said if any students had received violations for smoking on the balconies prior to the discovery of the ban's illegality, the violations would be removed from students' records.

But now that some students will flock to balconies with cigarettes in hand, issues have been raised about how to deal with the trash generated by student smokers. While Kuncl said he was hesitant to place ashtrays on the balconies. Jernigan said ashtrays were the only way to curb the debris created by cigarettes

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WASHINGTON - Rep. Bob Livingston collected una Republican backing Wednesday to become House speaker and quickly pledged action in the new Congress to cut taxes and preserve Social Security J.C. Watts, the only black among 223 GOP lawmakers, won a leadership post,

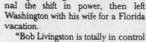
"There are some who insist the Republican era is over," Livingston, R-La., told fellow GOP lawmakers still reeling from the loss of seats in this month's elections. "But that's like saying the American dream is over. It isn't true, and they know it."

He pledged cooperation with the Democrats, then added, "We will do so to advance Republican principles" of less government

Livingston, 55, a pragmatic conserv ative and chairman of the

to succeed Newt Gingrich as speak er.

Gingrich bade farewell to the Republicans Bob Living whom he led to R-La., pledged power four years to cooperate with handed a ago, Democrats if he gavel to Livingston to sig-nal the shift in is elected Speaker



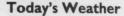
right now," Rep. Gerald Solomon, R-N.Y. declared in the corridor outside the meeting room, even though his formal ascension won't occur until Congress convenes on Jan. 6.

Livingston's victory was sealed near ly two ly two weeks ago when Gingrich stunned Republicans with a decision to

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Blessed Ones

A Winston-Salem church ventures away from the Southern Baptist vention, protecting homosexuality in the congregation. See Page 4.





Mostly cloudy; Lower 60s. Friday: Chance of rain; Upper 60s.

Every vice is only an exaggeration of a necessary and virtuous function. **Ralph Waldo Emerson**