

AMENDMENT

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ism Professor Jane Brown.

National and local speakers will take part in the event. Pulitzer Prize winner Horace Carter will participate in a panel discussion on the First Amendment's effects on the civil rights movement.

Michael Willhoite, author of "Daddy's Roommate," a children's book focusing on the child of two gay male partners, will be a part of a discussion on indecency in children's books. Journalism Professor Chuck Stone will lead a discussion on the minority press.

Cole said he encouraged students to attend because it would give them a look at the First Amendment historically and at how it could be abused.

Stone said the event would be an opportunity for students to see journalism pundits facilitating discussion about the First Amendment. "It's an opportunity to see the First Amendment in action," he said. "We read newspapers everyday and take it for granted."

The dedication will be held on the final day of the festival on the steps of Carroll Hall. At 11:30 a.m., there will be a ribbon-cutting and remarks from Cole and interim Chancellor Bill McCoy.

NBC weekend anchor John M. Siegenthaler will be the keynote speaker in the Carroll auditorium at 4 p.m. Friday.

Cole said he expected a high turnout. "(The dedication) is a celebration of freedom of expression."

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RETROSPECTIVE

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sy in past months. Much of it stemmed from the body's focus on issues outside the University realm. "We broadened our scope and became a tool for students to express their opinions," he said.

The flurry of resolutions Congress members passed expanded its focus and generated debate about what the bounds of Student Congress' work should be.

"We took a more social perspective this year," said Rep. Amanda Harrell, Dist. 17. "We dealt with things other than just bills and finance. We took notice of things outside of Congress."

Congress dealt with broad national issues by passing resolutions expressing UNC's stand. The issues included Iraqi sanctions, a moratorium on the death penalty and the South Carolina Confederate Flag debate.

After heated discussion last spring, Congress members passed a resolution that condemned U.S. sanctions against Iraq.

Rep. Russell Jessen, Dist. 22, said he generally did not agree with Congress

addressing such issues but said it was important to do so if students brought them to the attention of Congress.

"(The Iraqi sanctions) shouldn't have been addressed," Jessen said. "It was not a University issue, but there were 20 or 30 people that stuck around at the meeting and wanted it debated."

A December resolution then called on Gov. Jim Hunt to approve a moratorium on the death penalty.

In February, Congress voted to endorse the boycott of South Carolina established by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. S.C. state officials' decision to continue flying the Confederate flag over government buildings prompted the boycott, which called for students to not visit the state during spring and summer breaks.

Some Congress members say passing such resolutions could hurt the body.

"It can tend to make Congress look like practice for politicians," Ruddell said.

"I think it lowered student confidence in Congress by wasting time on tangential issues."

But Kleinschmidt said the resolutions were a congressional responsibility. "In student government we must be respon-

Congress Recap

On Tuesday the 81st session of Student Congress came to a close. Here's a look back.

April 1999 - Passes resolution condemning U.S. sanctions against Iraq

December 1999 - Passes resolution calling for state legislators to approve a moratorium on the death penalty

January 2000 - Four UNC students sue Speaker Mark Kleinschmidt after Congress votes to place the controversial USSA referendum on the elections ballot in violation of the Student Code

February 2000 - Votes to endorse boycott of South Carolina established by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

March 2000 - After months of debate, strikes down proposed changes to the UNC Drug Policy.

CONGRESS

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President-elect Brad Matthews' Cabinet appointments.

Congress gave its approval to freshman Michael Woods as student body

secretary, junior Patrick Frye as treasurer and junior Lerissa Rentas as vice president.

"I'm really looking forward to this year," Rentas said. "I have several issues that I'd like to raise."

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sive to all interests in the student body, even if it extends beyond campus."

The body became entangled in a debate closer to home over a controversial student referendum when their vote to place it on the February elections ballot was called into question.

The referendum asked students to decide whether to pay \$3 more annually in student fees for UNC to join the United States Student Association, a higher education lobbying group.

The resolution to add the referendum to the ballot passed 12-10 in December but the vote did not meet the two-thirds vote required by the Student Code. After Kleinschmidt learned of this requirement, he removed the referendum from the ballot.

A group of UNC students then filed a student lawsuit against Kleinschmidt, alleging that his actions were unconstitutional and stating that the Student Constitution required a simple majority vote to put the referendum on the ballot.

Kleinschmidt's decision was upheld, but the referendum was put back on the ballot by petition after the plaintiffs in the lawsuit garnered about 3,000 student signatures in support of the legislation.

Harrell said the issue created some strife in Congress.

"It was emotional," Harrell said. "A lot of people in Congress were involved in USSA and wanted to defend it."

"A lot of political beliefs got involved, and we didn't look at it objectively."

This month, Congress members struck down a clarification of the UNC drug policy proposed by a University drug policy committee.

The committee drafted the proposal after noticing the relatively low numbers of drug violations at the University compared to other schools in the system.

But many Congress members said the proposed changes were not drastic enough to alter the code.

"It was very contentious," Ruddell said. "It was an interesting debate."

But Kleinschmidt said one of the assets of this year's Congress was its members' congeniality.

"In the past, bickering kept Congress from performing as it should. This Congress was united."

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POLICE

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Jarvis of the Chapel Hill Police Department. "But we want them to do this safely."

Jarvis was particularly concerned about crowd-surfing, which was widely practiced during last weekend's celebration. "We saw people being passed along the crowd and then just dropped on the pavement," he said. "This is just a dangerous practice, and luckily nobody was injured."

If the team wins this weekend, the town expects 40,000 to 50,000 people to pack Franklin Street, Jarvis said.

"In such a large crowd, we just cannot get to the people to help," he said.

Jarvis said the town had a very good reputation in dealing with masses and pointed to specific regulations that had been implemented.

He said preparations for Saturday were similar to those made for the town's annual large-scale Halloween celebration and the 1993 NCAA Championships when North Carolina beat Michigan for the national title.

"We do not allow coolers, alcohol or anything flammable on Franklin Street," he said. "Also, our bonfires are much smaller than others and much safer."

The town of Chapel Hill will receive support from the neighboring communities to deal with this weekend's crowd.

"We will have over 200 people on duty this weekend," Jarvis said. "And we will get help from Carrboro and state agencies."

Orange County Emergency Medical Services also will be out in force in expectation of Franklin Street revelers. Director Nick Waters said there was a mass casualties plan in place to deal with public mass gatherings.

"This plan calls for setting up a separate treatment center on Franklin Street and additional people on duty for medical treatment," he said.

Waters said that depending on the outcome of the semifinal game, EMS would call in stand-by and additional paramedics and would position them in strategic key points on Franklin Street.

"Besides the eight EMT and four paramedics who are on duty, we can draw on up to 16 additional paramedics," he said.

Waters said the EMS's biggest concerns were alcohol and drug abuse.

"Most of the injuries we see during these celebrations are alcohol- and drug-related," he said.

Mary Covington, medical director at Student Health Service, said last weekend's bonfire resulted in several students getting burned.

"People are usually being pushed into the fire, and these burn accidents are particularly terrible and traumatic," she said.

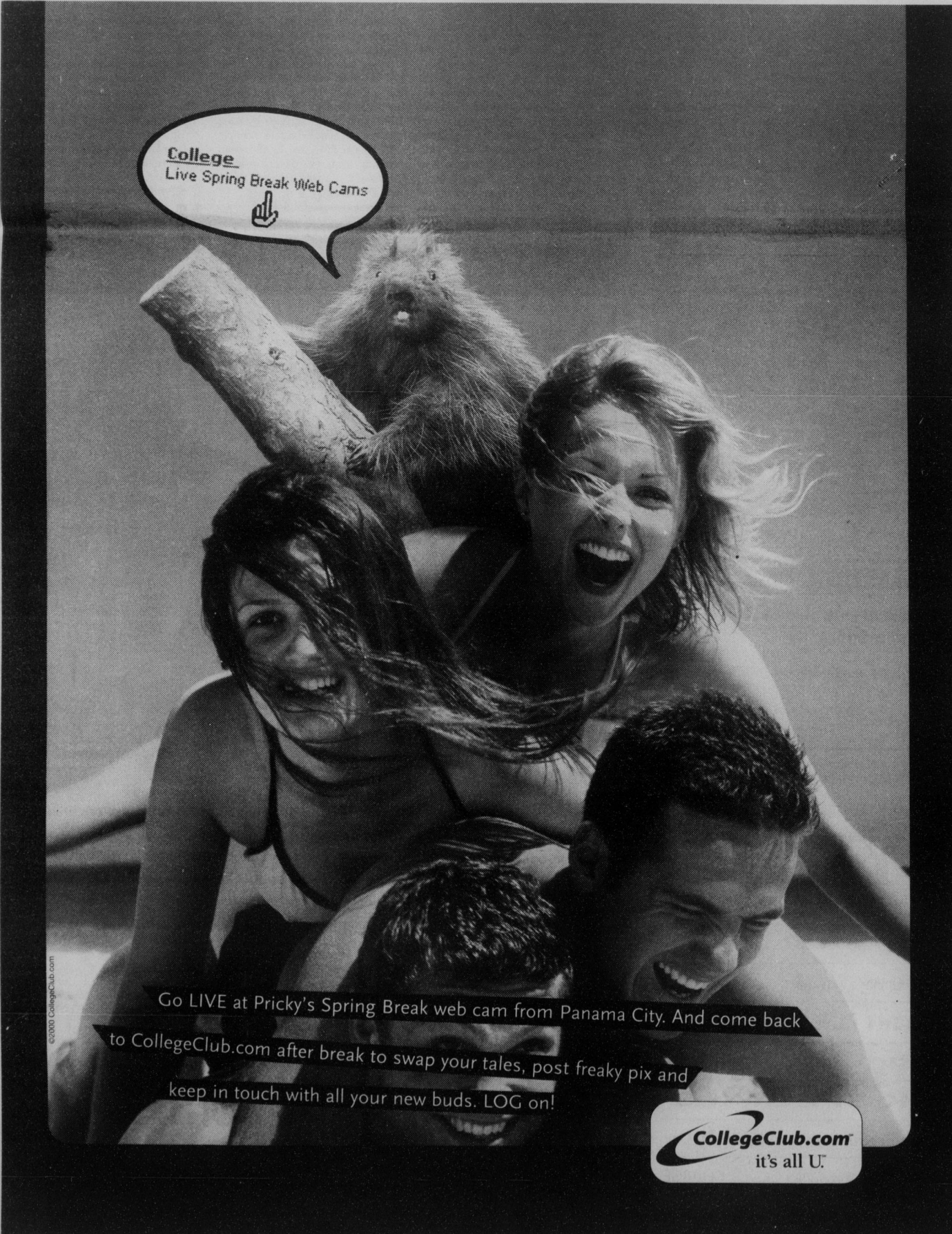
Student Health Service is also preparing for this weekend with additional staff.

"We will have extra personnel on hand and extra people on-call to help out," Covington said.

Mayor Rosemary Waldorf emphasized that the town was prepared for a large street celebration.

"A victory on the weekend would be great," she said. "But we hope the celebration will be without any vandalism and without any injuries to anybody."

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