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UNC students line up at the Smith Center on Tuesday night to receive their ticket distribution bracelets. A new policy requires students to line up before the number is drawn.

CAA Reforms Distribution; Number to Be Given Saturdays

After the starting number for distribution is announced, the line of waiting students will be rotated around the Smith Center.

By ELIZABETH BREYER
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Carolina Athletic Association officials announced a change in the group's policy for distributing men's basketball tickets in an effort to curb cheating.

Effective at this Saturday's distribution, the number will be announced at 6 a.m. Saturdays instead of being printed in Friday's Daily Tar Heel.

Senior Kerry Slatkoff, the ticket distribution director for the CAA, said the change will dis-

courage students from picking up multiple bracelets.

"We heard a lot of talk, and we realized people were cheating way more than ever before," she said. "It's gone beyond people getting one or two bracelets to people getting four or five."

When the line is checked at 6 a.m. Saturday, students must be wearing only one bracelet and must be standing in numerical order. With the new policy, students will line up before the number is announced, and CAA officials will rotate the line around the Smith Center once the number is chosen.

Slatkoff said the CAA Cabinet made this change after noticing a significant increase in the amount of bracelets being picked up during the week before the distribution.

"We had our first two distributions and noticed that we gave out about 6,000 tickets for each," she said. "In comparison with the past

three years, that is about 2,000 more than we ever give out, even for the Duke distribution."

CAA President Tee Pruitt said the Cabinet believed this increase indicated students were picking up multiple bracelets. "That was kind of shocking," he said. "We know people are excited about our basketball team ... but that was kind of alarming."

Freshman Christine Nyland also said students picking up multiple bracelets is a prevalent problem. "People get two or five or way more," she said. "They wear long sleeves and push the bracelets up their sleeves or they wear a big watch and put it under their watch."

Despite these concerns, Nyland said she was more worried about how the new policy would alter her Saturday morning routine. "It sounds much more like a hassle," she said. "I like to

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Gore Vows To Keep Up The Fight

The Bush camp anticipates a quick victory and many Democrats fear defeat, but Al Gore remains optimistic.

The Associated Press

Risking the loss of support among Democrats, Al Gore looked beyond his Florida election challenge Tuesday and suggested that even a rejection of his state Supreme Court appeal might not drive him from the presidential race. George W. Bush confidently declared himself ready to "seize the moment" as the nation's 43rd president.

"I don't feel anything other than optimistic," the vice president told reporters, his tone a stark contrast from the sense of foreboding expressed by many other Democrats.

Indiana Sen. Evan Bayh, a finalist in Gore's summertime search for a running mate, was among those warning that Gore had one last chance.

"The Florida Supreme Court is going to rule in two or three days, and if he's unsuccessful on that, then I think that is the end of it."

Four weeks into America's election limbo, the courts still held the keys to the White House: The Florida Supreme Court agreed to hear an appeal of Gore's historic election challenge to Bush's certified Florida victory, briefs were filed in reaction to the U.S. Supreme Court decision, and oral arguments were heard at a federal appeals court in Atlanta.

The flurry of activity came one day after Circuit Judge N. Sanders Sauls rejected Gore's request to order hand recounts of disputed ballots and overturn Florida's official election results.

Gore appealed, and oral arguments will be heard Thursday by the Florida high court.

The could-be presidents responded in different ways, Gore by rallying Democratic troops for his last stand and Bush by acting as if his presidency was only a matter of time.

"We've got a lot of work to do," the Texas governor told reporters outside the state Capitol in Austin, Texas, promising an efficient transition to power. "I think it's going to be important to show ... the American people that this administration will be ready to seize the moment."

An NBC News poll suggested that 60 percent of Americans think Gore should concede, but the vice president showed no sign of surrender.

Playing It By Ear

Welch More About Music Than Major

By JERMAINE CALDWELL
Features Editor

Kent Welch is just judging things as they come by.

He's slowly gearing up for finals, starting to further his musical endeavors, enjoying his relationship with his sister and getting accustomed to a University not new to his family.

"I'm just adjusting to the college lifestyle," Welch said.

And he's adjusting at his own pace — starting with his 13-hour course load that allows him to academically dabble in a bit of everything.

Welch wanted to try his luck with a Russian class, which he said after years of high school Spanish is a good change for him. "I guess I wanted to rebel against the Spanish language," he said.

Two days a week, Welch enjoys having his head in the clouds when he studies the stars in his astronomy class.

A look at the freshman's last two classes reveals his love for music — Welch is taking "Introduction to Jazz" and a first-year seminar dealing with the "Folk Music Revival."

"I definitely am interested in all kinds of music," Welch said.

Coming into the semester, Welch knew his work ethic would have a heavy effect on how his grades would end up this semester. But so far, things have been fine with his classes.

He's just floating along.

"The workloads aren't too bad," Welch said, noting that he's looking to finish the semester strong but that finals are a key ingredient in doing well.

Staying in line with his laid-back temperament, the what-to-major-in dilemma isn't a concern at all.

Think American studies, religion or philosophy, but don't pin him to that.

This freshman is just seeing how classes go for now.



DTH/LAURA GIOVANELLI

Kent Welch, a freshman from Winston-Salem, practices his banjo-playing skills at a lesson Tuesday night. Welch took up banjo in the 10th grade.

Welch knows that along with a positive academic life, a healthy relationship with his twin sister, Katie, is vital for a good college experience at UNC.

And things are working out better than he first thought they would.

"It's actually been good. I've liked it," he said. "There's not that automatic association."

Even though their circles of friends overlap a little, Welch said, he likes the flexibility their contact has gained at the University. "We can go a week without seeing and talking to each other to talking every day," he said.

He's just enjoying it as it evolves.

Not only did Welch

come to UNC with his twin sister, he has gained 50 brothers since his arrival.

Welch joined Alpha Tau Omega fraternity. And now he's just getting to know life in a fraternity.

"I really like all the guys," he said.

"(Alpha Tau Omega) definitely offers a lot of avenues that wouldn't be available otherwise."

But his fraternity brothers aren't the only brothers he's keeping up with nowadays.

Welch is the youngest of five children — born two minutes after Katie in Winston-Salem.

Eighteen years later, their parents have divorced and both remarried.

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Part Three of Fresh Perspectives: A four-part series following the lives of four freshmen through their first year at UNC.

From left to right: Deone Powell, S.J. Barrie-Chapman, Kent Welch and Katie Welch.

New Buildings Allocated Bulk Of Bond Funds

Students and faculty are thrilled with the prospects of new science, music, ATN and nursing facilities provided by bond funds.

By DANIEL THIGPEN
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For years, UNC-Chapel Hill faculty dreamed of updating their resources and improving their students' educational experiences. But as competing institutions kept pace with the nation's constant technological advancements, UNC-CH couldn't help but feel left behind.

Everything is about to change.

In November, the people of North Carolina united to support higher learning. More than 70 percent of voters chose to pass the \$3.1 billion higher education bond package that will fund capital improvement projects at UNC-system schools and community colleges statewide.

University officials began planning for new state-of-the-art facilities as early as May 25, when the bond was approved as a voter referendum.

Now, following the intense and successful campaign for the bond package, UNC-CH's struggling departments and schools aim to catch up with the rest of the nation.

Chancellor James Moeser passionately supported the bond package, believing capital improvements would help accomplish his goal of making UNC-CH the best public university in the nation. Officials hope the proposed

buildings will help maintain the University's first-rate reputation.

A new science building to solve laboratory space deficiencies. A new biomolecular research building to facilitate medical innovations. A new music library so students won't smash their heads on exposed pipes in the basement of Hill Hall. With some buildings already in design, students and faculty feel the projects will finally launch UNC-CH into the 21st century.

Science Complex

Most people at UNC-CH don't particularly like Venable Hall. In fact, one rarely hears positive comments about the outdated science building.

"I think it just wasn't designed as a modern laboratory — it's almost 75 years old," said Peter Krawchuk, project manager for phases I and II of the new science complex.

Krawchuk said Phase I of the project is the actual construction of the new physical sciences building, which is projected to begin in January 2003. The complex is currently slated for the area occupied by the ROTC building. Phase II involves the destruction of Venable upon completion of the complex.

In addition to solving space deficiencies, the new complex will feature new undergraduate classrooms and technologically advanced research labs and will provide for activities such as nano-technology, polymer science and applied mathematics.

Chemistry Kenan Professor Royce Murray said that all the science departments are extremely crowded and that expansion is long overdue. He said the departments are having trouble recruiting senior faculty due to poor building conditions.

Ken Varner, a sophomore physics and astronomy major, does

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A four-part series examining the applications of UNC's share of the bond funds.

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To change and to change for the better are two different things.

German proverb