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CAA Dismisses Rumors of Crooked Duke Distribution

By **KIM MINUGH**
University Editor

Despite rumors that a rigged ticket distribution awarded some Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity members with choice men's basketball tickets Saturday, Carolina Athletic Association officials say it was just a coincidence.

With prized Duke tickets on the line, some UNC students have come forward this week to say they heard rumors that the number — allegedly chosen earlier this week — would be assigned at about 4 p.m. Wednesday.

The number chosen Saturday —

55,774 — seemed to verify the rumor, and the fraternity members were some of the first to receive tickets.

But Kerry Slatkoff, director of the CAA's Ticket Distribution Committee, said allegations that the number selection process was tainted to benefit Lambda Chi members is completely false. "The whole thing is absolutely and positively untrue," she said. "All of this is strictly based on people who don't have the factual basis. This is a rumor, nothing but a rumor. It's not provable fact at all."

Slatkoff said the number was chosen at about 5:45 p.m. Thursday by those who usually preside over the process —

she and Department of Athletics employees Shane Parrish and Clint Gwaltney. "We are the three who chose this number," Slatkoff said. "I did not even tell Adam (Livengood), who is my co-director, until about 5:45 a.m. Saturday."

But senior Hunter Fritz said members of his fraternity, Delta Upsilon, and his colleagues at the ROTC were talking prior to Wednesday about the fraternity planning to get the best number at 4 p.m. "Everybody at my house knew about it," he said. "A lot of people in my fraternity knew about it."

Fritz said the rumor shows that the ticket distribution system is flawed.

"It's too much of a coincidence. I think this just proves that students shouldn't be running this," he said Sunday. "It should be done by professionals."

Another anonymous source said he had heard the same rumors through a friend of his, who is close to a Lambda Chi member. "I think a lot of it is political, and CAA has been screwed up all along."

Junior Daniel Brand, a member of Lambda Chi and the Ticket Distribution Committee, said he received accusatory e-mails that blamed him for the alleged rigging of the system. "You don't know how upset I was about these allegations against me and my fraternity and CAA because

in no way did I do anything," he said.

Brand said the rumors started from a group decision made by seniors in his fraternity to get bracelets in a pack. The seniors were placed eighth and higher in line, but only by coincidence, he said. "Maybe the seniors said, 'Hey, that's the time to go,' but they have no ties," he said.

Brand said the seniors were communicating over the fraternity's listserv. An e-mail sent by member Phillip Kennedy on Tuesday reads, "We need to plan a time to go get Dook bracelets tomorrow late afternoon, if possible. Anyway, let's get a group to go together so we can sit and hate Dook together, one last time. I

suggest around 4 p.m. Talk amongst yourselves, then let's make something happen to that effect."

"(CAA) is not a corrupt organization, and we're not a corrupt fraternity," Brand said.

Gwaltney confirmed that he was present Thursday when the number was chosen using Microsoft Excel. "We did it Thursday," he said. "To my knowledge, it's got to be coincidental."

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Race Continues to Divide Students

Despite exceptions such as Alpha Epsilon Omega sorority, many UNC students segregate themselves.

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Every day, UNC students have the opportunity to interact with someone of another race, whether it be in the dining halls, class or extracurricular activities.

But whether students take advantage of the opportunity is another story.

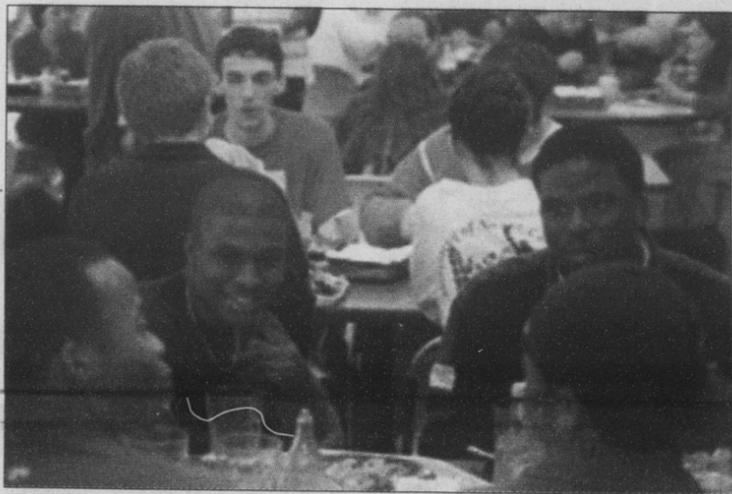
Fifty years after UNC's integration, these five moments in time shed light on the state of race relations at UNC.

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Brian Foxx and Kerrick Faulkner joke with friends during lunch at Lenoir Dining Hall. At a nearby table, several white freshman enjoy a meal together.

Human Nature and Hot Sauce

During a crowded lunch hour in Lenoir Dining Hall, many students of different ethnicities dine at the same table.

But more frequently students choose to sit with their own race. Even though they are eating the same food and hold similar conversations, some students continue to segregate themselves.

Two neighboring tables in the middle of the dining area both have salads, chicken, iced-tea and even hot sauce, among other things.

But the tables differ in the race of their occupants. One table seats three computer science majors. All are black males. At the table beside them sit four white freshmen who attended the same high school.

Brian Foxx, from the first table, said no student or campus organization can change the tendency for races to segregate. "It's just human nature that we tend to stay with our own kind," Foxx said. "But just because I'm sitting here doesn't mean I respect (white) people any less."

Among the students at the other table is Braxton West, who said he lacked exposure to different races. "I went to a majority white high school, and all my friends are white," he said. "But (self-segregation) doesn't seem detrimental."

Besides hot sauce, both groups agree on one thing: People form relationships with others who share

interests. To them, race is secondary.

Hoop Dreams

Rubber squeaks and the smell of sweat permeate the Woollen Gym basketball courts on a Saturday afternoon. Eight pickup games go on simultaneously as players push to squeeze in one last matchup before closing time.

The racial makeup of the games is constantly changing. On one court a team of Asian students plays a team of white students. On another, a team of black and white students play. Right beside them two all black teams fight for the ball. "Today, when we first came in, this court had a nice racial mix," said senior Jevon Walton. "Right now, it's very segregated. It just depends."

Walton said the integration of the courts depends on the stereotypes of the players. "Sometimes blacks and whites don't want to play together," he said. "Carolina's kind of funny when it comes to that. Say you have (the court) next after somebody's game, and they'll pick up and leave. When white guys try to say they got next, black guys try to take advantage of them cause they don't believe they can play."

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Elections Board Calls For CAA Re-election

By **KIM MINUGH**
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The race for Carolina Athletic Association president will continue for another week, ruled the Board of Elections on Saturday night.

A Feb. 27 re-election has been scheduled to award Reid Chaney or Michael Songer the post.

After further investigation Friday, the board issued seven administrative and

punitive orders about candidate Michael Songer's allegations that he was slandered by opponent Reid Chaney's campaign.

After Chaney was declared the winner Wednesday, Songer and his campaign staff charged that an e-mail sent by the Chaney campaign caused irreparable damage to Songer's campaign.

About 5,000 students received an e-mail Monday from Davin McGinnis, former UNC student and Carolina Fever president, asking them to "put an honest man in office" by voting for Chaney.

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Charges in Car-Flipping Unfounded, Friend Says

UNC student James Haltom has been charged with one count of felony rioting, but a friend says he's innocent.

By **BEN GULLETT**
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A friend of the UNC student charged with a felony stemming from the vandalism that took place on Franklin Street after the UNC-Duke game says the charges are unwarranted.

James Auman Haltom, 20, of 321 W. Cameron Ave., turned himself in to Chapel Hill police Friday after police issued a warrant for his arrest in connection with the Feb. 1 incident.

But Drew Lineback, Haltom's friend who was with him during the celebration, said, "I know he wasn't involved in the flipping of the car."

Haltom has been charged with one count of felony rioting for his alleged role in the vandalism of a car following the Feb. 1 basketball game.

Haltom was released on a written promise to appear in court. He will appear Feb. 20 at Orange County



Sophomore James Auman Haltom turned himself in to police.

District Court in Hillsborough, according to police reports.

Although Haltom would not comment for the record on the charges, Lineback maintains that Haltom was

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Johnson, Young Find Common Ground

By **BROOK CORWIN**
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This year's candidates for student body president concluded weeks of campaign forums by discussing their platforms in a relaxed setting, emphasizing their shared goals in between bites of pizza.

Candidates Eric Johnson and Justin Young said bringing the discussion into the casual atmosphere of Franklin Street Pizza & Pasta reflected the accessibility they feel student government should offer. "Student government often takes itself far too seriously, rather than what it tries to do too seriously," Johnson said.

Young agreed, saying the competition and animosity sometimes associated with student elections is an unnecessary component of the process.

"A lot of people can take it personally if they don't get X number of votes," he said. "Just because you don't win doesn't mean you can't get involved."

The candidates shared similar views on a number of issues, both stressing the importance of incorporating the Carolina Computing Initiative into classrooms and fighting tuition increases.

But they also outlined different strengths in their leadership styles and different methods toward working to achieve their goals. "My biggest strength is to combine big-picture vision with small details," Johnson said, citing his

founding of Carolina Cancer Focus and re-establishment of the Student Ambassador Program. "I've been able to convince good people why they should give their time and effort to help out."

Young used his colorful election campaign as an example of his ability to reach out to a diverse audience. "I can combine traditional and nontraditional methods of getting things done," he said.

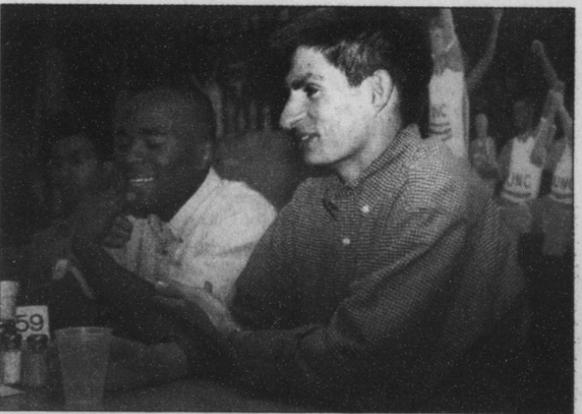
Both candidates cited perfectionism as the greatest weakness in their leadership styles.

The format of the discussion was intended to be a public forum, but low turnout forced the candidates to move to Franklin Street and examine student apathy. "Just because people are apathetic about student government doesn't mean

they are apathetic in general," Young said. Johnson cited the existence of 400 student organizations as proof that students can get excited about being involved. "Students are apathetic about student government because we haven't given them a reason not to be," he said.

Both candidates said that regardless of the election results, the two will share a friendship and a vision for student government that began when they worked together as executive assistants for former student body president Nic Heinke. "Eric doesn't fall too far from the Justin tree," Young said. "And Justin doesn't fall too far from the Eric tree."

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DTH/EMILY SCHNURE

Student body president candidates Justin Young and Eric Johnson take part in an informal DTH forum Sunday at Franklin Street Pizza & Pasta.

The essence of the black experience in America is in that art form ... blues music.

Albert Murray