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he stood guard with some friends around the car to protect it from further damage. "I realized the situation was getting out of hand," he said. "People wanted to jump back on it, kick in the windows. They were maliciously trying to do stuff to the car."

"People came by asking if that was my car. I said we don't do this at Carolina. Maybe they do this at Duke, but not here."

Haltom said he turned himself in to police after his picture on top of the car appeared with several others in local newspapers. He said he does not have any information about others who appear in the police pictures and might be involved in the incident. "I saw myself in the paper - I am willing to take responsibility for what I did."

"Though I was wrong for standing on the car, I did defend the car for a while - I thought that would help."

The damage to Mindy Guadagnino's 1997 Honda Accord is estimated at \$1,500, which is the minimum for a felony charge to be pursued, said Matthew Martin, Haltom's attorney.

Several friends also have come to Haltom's aid, claiming they saw him defending the car. Freshman Ben Ablin said he saw Haltom with his arms outstretched in front of the car.

"He was very adamant about protecting the car, but more importantly, getting people to realize that what had happened was not right, that things had gotten out of control," Ablin stated in a letter to The Daily Tar Heel. "James Haltom was charged with one count of felony rioting, but in my eyes, the eyes of an eyewitness, he was one of the most important forces in preventing something worse from happening."

Chapel Hill police spokeswoman Jane Cousins said she could not comment on the investigation or whether Haltom would receive a lesser charge from police. "At this time, we've arrested two people, both who have been

charged with felony rioting," she said. "We're continuing to investigate, but I can't comment on the investigation."

Haltom said he tried to alert the police that the situation was getting out of hand but said he did not get a response. "I saw three cops walking to our left - I sent a guy who I was with to tell the cops they've flipped a car. He came back and said they told him there's nothing they can do about it now."

Cousins said she could not comment on that night's events.

Martin said Haltom has been charged with a class H felony, which means he could face a minimum of four months in prison, probation and community service or unsupervised probation.

At worst, Haltom could face more than two years in prison, Martin said.

"It's a complicated statute I'll have to research - there are a number of elements the state has to show James did so the courts can prove probable cause," he said.

Martin said he was a senior in high school in 1982 when UNC won the national championship and was on Franklin Street for the celebration.

"The same stuff was going on then."

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GPSF

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Of his own experience as GPSF president, Woody said the post proved to be much more difficult than he expected. He said the biggest challenge is trying to communicate with graduate students.

"It's a task that's daunting because trying to get 8,000 graduate students under one umbrella is hard," Woody said. "It's a substantial time commitment."

But he said the job has its advantages.

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sition chairwoman.

Young said the other members of his campaign staff will play an advisory role throughout his transition period and administration.

Young said he hopes to have an administration that is as active as he and his campaign staff were during the past few weeks.

"The biggest challenge for me now is making sure to uphold and maintain diversity in student government," he said.

"I got to be close to some people that I have a great deal of respect for," Woody said.

He also cited a more tangible prize. "The greatest reward had to be the parking, because the GPSF president gets parking on campus, which is a great perk."

Brown acknowledged the blessing of this reward, admitting, "It'll be much less of a hassle than navigating the bus system."

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"The campaign season is one of the most active for student government, but I want to continue to use this activity throughout my administration."

Although Young is thinking ahead to his term as student body president, he remains surprised and pleased with his win.

"I didn't know I had a job until last night, and I won by such a close margin," he said.

"My predominant emotion is excitement and joy, but I need some sleep."

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SIERRA CLUB

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scheduled to meet with the Town Council today to discuss the tract.

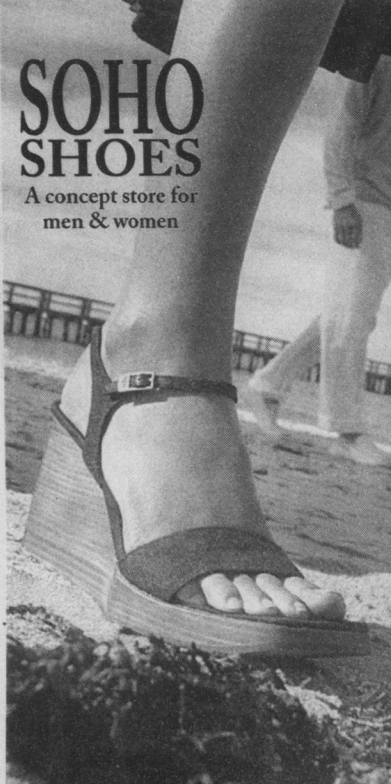
UNC environmental consultant Thomas Cahill of Cahill Associates acknowledged that the development of new facilities would take away much of the green space that is now available.

But he also said the plan would try to minimize surfaces that can't absorb water.

Cahill presented the possibility of installing "green roofs," which includes vegetation as a roof cover. The roof can hold water and photosynthesize, decreasing water runoff and stormwater problems. Cahill also mentioned the use of porous surfaces for sidewalks and parking lots to absorb rainwater.

Coleman said the meeting was proof of the University's concern willingness to address the environmental issues. But he said he was disappointed in the lack of concrete plans. "I really wanted to hear the planning and how it is integrated. We haven't seen that yet. But we will continue to monitor their progress."

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10 a.m. - The Records Management Program will sponsor "INTO THE FUTURE: On the Preservation of Knowledge in the Electronic Age." An exploration of the crisis of digital

information, asking if digitally stored information will survive into the future. The lecture will be in Toy Lounge of Dey Hall.

5 p.m. - Masala and QNC will co-sponsor a viewing of "Anatomy of a Hate Crime" in 100 Hamilton Hall.
7 p.m. - CARES (Carolina AIDS Resource and Educational Services) will


meet in the SRC's Wellness Center.

If you are interested in learning about HIV/AIDS prevention, please attend. The meeting is free, and new members are always welcome.

Friday

5 p.m. - The Seventh Annual Blacks in the Diaspora Student Academic Conference, "Building Tomorrow Today," will take place in the Johnston Center, Graham Memorial Building.

For additional information, contact Kim Allen at 962-6810 or kbusani@email.unc.edu.



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For the Record

The Feb. 21 article "Edwards Discusses Surplus, HMOs at UNC" incorrectly stated that Edwards funded his entire Senate campaign from his own pocket. Edwards received some campaign contributions.

The Daily Tar Heel regrets the error.

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Harrison Hickman

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4 p.m.

Carroll Hall 33

(In addition to his work for Vice President Gore, Mr. Harrison has been principal election night consultant to CBS News for 18 years.)

John Green

"Controversies in Polling"

Saturday, Feb. 24

9 a.m.

Freedom Forum Conference Center

(Mr. Green has been director of the Bliss Institute since 1988 and is a professor of political science at the University of Akron.)

Whit Ayres

"Ex-Post Facto Polling: What Exit Polls Don't Tell Us"

Saturday, Feb. 24

10:15 a.m.

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(Mr. Ayres is a leading Republican pollster and President of McHenry, Ayres and Associates in Roswell, Georgia.)

Phil Meyer & Robert Stevenson

"Polls and Election 2000"

Saturday, Feb. 24

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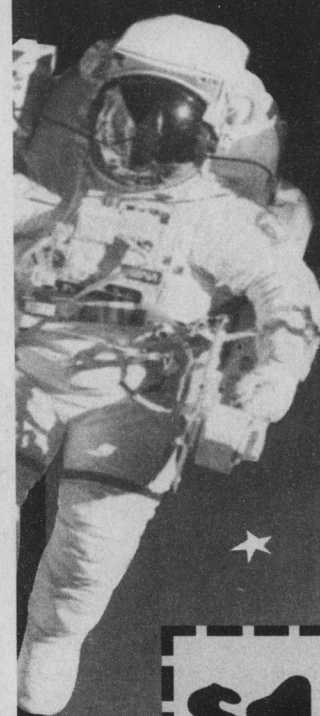
(Mr. Meyer is a Professor at UNC-CH and a past president of both the American Association for Public Opinion Research and the World Association for Public Opinion Research.)

(Mr. Stevenson is a Professor at UNC-CH and director of the Center for Research in Journalism and Mass Communication.)

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