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## UNC Officials Should Oversee CAA Activities

This business with the Carolina Athletic Association is getting tired.

It ain't Watergate, people. CAA Prez Tee-Boz Pruitt is not Nixon minus the jowls. I haven't heard about a secret taping system in the Student Union. And a character named after a porn film has not yet been introduced into the melee. (Although an anonymous informant named John Holmes or "Debbie Does Dallas" would make things more interesting.) But the uproar on campus makes you wonder why The Washington Post hasn't picked up the story. Indeed, the allegations of conduct "unbefitting" have been made, some students within the CAA have been fired, and rumors of rigged ticket distribution have run rampant.

It certainly smacks of Machiavellian maneuvering. But is it true? Did Tee-Rex have handfuls of UNC basketball tickets at his fingertips? Were certain students given choice tickets or heads-up on key distribution numbers and times? Does Pruitt look fantastic in black pumps with a modest heel?

No one seems to know for sure.

Yes, hunches have been made, and The Daily Tar Heel sleuths have been searching for the truth. But so far, no one has been promoted to gumshoe.

Some individuals have come forward - perhaps the most noteworthy is the character who had a crisis of conscience. The truth is out there, but no one has been able to find it.

Enter Student Congress.

The Kongress Klowns have decided to take time off from making important decisions (read: moratoriums on death penalties and bills for world peace) and turn their attentions to bad news on the home front.

Congress, complete with a "take-no-prisoners" mentality, has introduced two resolutions. The first censures the CAA leadership, charging that personal politics, not hygiene, have "eclipsed" the athletic concerns of UNC students. (Note: Don't confuse the first resolution with Bonnie Tyler's mega-hit "Total Eclipse of the Heart.")

The second charges Pruitt with conduct unbecoming an elected officer of the student body.

Now the Rules and Judiciary and Student Affairs committees have given the green light to a bill that would give Congress oversight of the CAA.

I'm glad Student Congress is taking a stance on possible improprieties within the CAA - it's just that I'm not sure it's going to do a damn thing.

Item one: Rep. Anthony Larson has said, "The two censure resolutions are not official sanctions nor do they carry binding consequences. They are mere statements of disapproval for the way Tee Pruitt and the leadership of the CAA have represented the student body during their time in office."

Statements of disapproval aren't going to solve shit. Congress members might as well pass a resolution that says they disapprove of Tee's haircut.

Item two: The proposal for congressional oversight is all well and good, but I have doubts as to whether the help of Congress representatives will right all the wrongs within the CAA and restore confidence in the organization.

Everyone needs to recognize that anyone with any power on this campus gets a few perks. Those kids up in Suite C get tricked-out, primo parking places. Basketball players luck out with the best Granville rooms. Former student body presidents get jobs as the chancellor's lackey and might some day graduate to director for Greek affairs. The kids involved in CAA get extra tickets. But this is negligible in light of the lecture at hand - student groups with any power will first abuse it and then screw it up. Check the track record. Student Congress ran out of money for student funds. The Honor Court found innocent people guilty. CAA gets those extra tickets - they were due for an abuse of power.

My solution is for the administration to start looking over the shoulders of the CAA. They have already proved they can't be trusted. I'm not sure the intervention of more students is the answer.

Administrative head honchos, not Student Congress, need to ground the CAA and take away its phone privileges.

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# UNC Ranks 14th in Peace Corps Involvement

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The University's commitment to teaching, research and public service has spread overseas through active involvement with the Peace Corps.

Forty-eight UNC alumni are currently part of the 7,300-member Peace Corps volunteer force, placing UNC 14th on the annual list of colleges and universities with the largest number of

school alumni serving the organization.

The increasing numbers of college graduates volunteering through the Peace Corps reflects the organization's hope to boost the number of volunteers by 25 percent by this year, which marks the Peace Corps' 40th anniversary.

Ambassador Brenda Schoonover, a diplomat-in-residence at UNC, was among the first 200 members to join the Peace Corps when it began in 1961.

Considered to be a charter member of

the Peace Corps for her service in the Philippines, Schoonover lauded UNC's high number of returned volunteers. "It is fabulous ... that as a diplomat-in-residence I am in such good company," she said.

Peace Corps Acting Director Charles Baquet III released the rankings Thursday from the office in Washington, D.C. He also released the list of its top small colleges and universities, those with less than 5,000 undergraduates.

Established by former President John

Kennedy, the Peace Corps has sent more than 161,000 volunteers to help improve social and living conditions in 134 countries.

This year, UNC dropped in its ranking, falling four places from 10th place in 2000. Jacquelyn Gist, a career counselor at the University Career Services, said she is surprised UNC isn't higher on the list.

Gist, who comes from a family of Peace Corps volunteers, has worked with at least 20 students who have been admitted into

the program. Not one of the applicants Gist has worked with has been rejected.

"The Peace Corps looks for people with travel experience, language skills and volunteer work experience," Gist said. For this reason, Gist said, "UNC students are especially appealing. They really like our students."

Gist recently worked with one UNC graduate who is now in Slovakia volun-

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# Catching Up With: Katie Welch

By JERMAINE CALDWELL  
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Ask Katie Welch what she has to focus on during these last few weeks of second semester, and she'll say something close to "not much."

This might not be the case with exams right around the corner, summer plans yet to be nailed down and next semester still being worked out - not to mention plans to study abroad and a search for a date and dress for a formal.

But Welch, a freshman from Winston-Salem, has a clear idea of when she needs to start concerning herself with everything from studying to dating.

First, academics. Welch said she enjoys the classes she is enrolled in - Spanish, English, statistics, economics and a stress management class - but is not letting them consume her every waking moment.

"I still focus on academics, I just don't make it my life," she said. Welch is more concerned with taking advantage of each of her classes for their unique qualities.

Welch's wireless English 12 class utilizes the fact that all freshmen are required to have laptops as a part of the Carolina Computing Initiative.

Students use their computers for the instant exchange of information from classmate to classmate in a classroom setting. During class draft workshops, students e-mail papers to one another and then give suggestions.

"You can readily communicate, and you're using the technology available," Welch said.

She and other students must fight to stay away from the temptation of instant communication on AOL's Instant Messenger. She tries to focus on class, not buddy lists.

Welch is definitely not being stressed out by her "awesome" stress management class. The class learns about everything from how stress patterns are formed to how to create a relaxing schedule.

"I've just learned a lot about psychology and stress," she said. "It's really laid-back, but it's exceptionally informative."

And while Welch can easily locate the life lessons she will walk away with from a class like this, she is also trying to find the same in her other classes like economics and statistics.

"I think it's more the concepts you apply to life, and that's what I think are important to learn," she said.

But Welch cannot concentrate solely on her immediate academic future because along with most students, she must also focus on her plans for this summer and next fall.

Welch said she hopes to be heading to Washington, D.C., this summer for a possible internship in politics.

"I feel like I need to go ahead and



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get started on this," she said. "I don't think I can dillydally around in the summer."

Next fall, Welch will forgo the walls of Granville Towers and reside in the Kappa Delta sorority house, where she will room with her sorority big sister.

And while she said no hassle-free habitat exists, Welch is looking forward to being a resident of the sorority house. "I'm sure there's not a 100 percent perfect place to live," she said. "But you can't really go wrong."

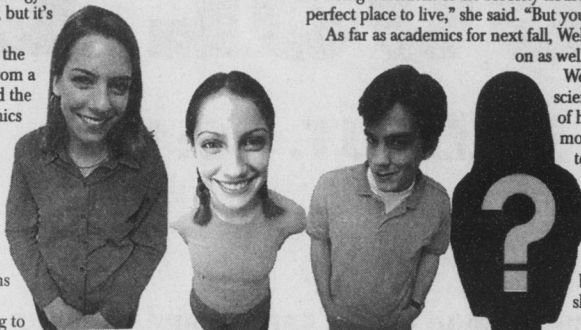
As far as academics for next fall, Welch has a thing or two to concentrate on as well.

Welch, who wants to major in political science and business, will try to get some of her business school prerequisites and more Spanish out of the way next semester because if all goes as planned, next spring she'll be surviving academia in Australia.

And even though she must zero in on and wade through the logistics of a semester abroad in the Outback before it becomes definite, Welch said she definitely wants to study abroad.

"I've never heard anything bad about going abroad, and I think

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Part One of Fresh Perspectives: A four-part series following the lives of four freshman through their first year at UNC. The identity of the newest featured freshman will be revealed Thursday. From left to right: Katie Welch, S.J. Barrie-Chapman, Kent Welch

# Groups Welcome Human Rights Week Kicks Off Women's Week

By BEN DAVIDSON  
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The Globe Committee of the Campus Y kicks off Human Rights Week today to educate UNC students about crimes against humanity.

The purpose of the week is to raise awareness about the cruelty and human rights atrocities in places such as Sri Lanka, Cambodia and Afghanistan.

"In the past, the focus of Human Rights Week has been activism," said Tina Singh, co-chairwoman of the Globe Committee. "This year we want to educate so that hopefully people will want to take up advocating action through awareness."

The keynote speaker for the week is Dith Pran, who gained fame in the early 1970s as a war correspondent in his homeland of Cambodia.

Pran survived the forced labor camps of the Khmer Rouge regime, facing death and starvation for four years. He is also the subject of the award-winning movie, "The Killing Fields."

"We are very excited about our speakers," said Aisling Doyle, co-chairwoman of the Globe Committee. "Each actually has experienced human rights violations firsthand and will hopefully charge emotions and get people involved."

Pran will speak at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in Hamilton 100.

The week begins at 7 p.m. today in 103 Bingham Hall with presentations by Father Emmanuel on ethnic conflict in Sri Lanka.

On Tuesday, members of the Falun Gong - a Chinese group that believes in refining the body and mind through exercise and meditations - will demonstrate its religious rituals in the Pit from noon to 1 p.m.

The group received worldwide attention recently after their leaders were jailed and tortured by the Chinese government.

In the Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center on Wednesday, UNC Diplomat-in-Residence Brenda Schoonover will mediate a discussion on children's rights in Africa. Schoonover witnessed human rights violations in Togo while serving as ambassador.

Other campus groups also are involved in helping educate students during the week. UNC's United Nations Organization will present a mock minefield on Tuesday in the Pit from noon to

1 p.m. Singh said there will be disarmed land mines and a mock minefield including painted "cardboard victims" of mines.

On Friday, Chapel Hill residents Taffy and Herbert Buchman, the latter a retired UNC professor of Islamic studies, will make a presentation at noon in the Campus Y basement. They will describe their experiences in the role that Islam plays in the Taliban's oppression of women and its destruction of the world's two largest Buddhist statues.

To publicize the week's events, members of the Campus Y will be wearing T-shirts today bearing human-rights violation facts.

"If we can make one student care about human rights, then we have done our job," Singh said.

"Our human rights event is about providing info and letting people decide for themselves."

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## The fourth annual Women's Week at UNC will feature speakers, a rally and a health fair to increase awareness.

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Several campus and local organizations recently joined forces to bring an eight-day celebration of women to the UNC campus.

Women's Week, now in its fourth year at UNC, will be held this week to offer activities designed to increase awareness on issues such as women's health, domestic violence and women in the workplace.

Diane Kjervik, director of Carolina Women's Center, said months of planning have gone into the week's preparation.

"We had a planning committee of staff, faculty and students that has met since the fall to come up with ideas for Women's Week," she said. "It's amazing to me - this is the fourth Women's Week

we've had, and we continue to have such an outpouring of ideas and overwhelming response."

Kjervik said she thinks today's opening ceremony will be one of the week's biggest events. "We are thrilled to give the first ever Women's Advocacy Award to Mary Turner Lane, founder of the women's studies program at UNC," she said.

The opening ceremony will also include a speech from Valerie Parisi, chairwoman of the obstetric/gynecology department, and remarks from Chancellor James Moeser, Provost Robert Shelton, Sen. Ellie Kinnaird, D-Orange, and Rep. Verla Insko, D-Orange.

Other speakers will include Elaine Brown, former chairwoman of the Black Panther Party, who will present the speech "Empowering All Women" on Tuesday.

Wednesday's activities include the "Take Back the Night" rally and march. Senior Heather Woodcock of the

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