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## CAA Legislation Awaits Matthews' Decision

By **KIM MINUGH**  
University Editor

The fate of a bill giving Student Congress power to oversee the Carolina Athletic Association is now in the hands of Student Body President Brad Matthews.

The bill, passed Tuesday night during the last meeting of the 82nd Congress, must be approved by Matthews before the CAA Constitution is amended.

With Matthews' stamp of approval, the bill most notably will require a more

transparent ticket distribution policy. A good idea, says CAA President Tee Pruitt, but one that should not be forced upon the group by Congress. "We feel they've kind of overstepped some boundaries in relation to our basketball tickets since that's not student property," he said.

Specifically, the bill mandates that the starting numbers for ticket distributions be chosen in public and that bracket number ranges be published.

The bill also requires CAA officials to keep a public record of every ticket given

to CAA Cabinet members, Carolina Fever members or any other student officials or organizations. "We hear (Congress') concerns about accountability and some of them have merit," Pruitt said. "We're going to look into some



Student Body President  
**Brad Matthews**

changes into how to address those concerns internally."

Pruitt said the measures included in the bill are healthy suggestions for Congress to make to the CAA — but should not be enforced by Congress. "(Congress is) not a check on the athletic director and the athletics department, and there's no way they can serve as a check to athletics department property," he said.

Pruitt also contested the bill's other notable requirement that future Congresses approve the CAA presi-

dent's Cabinet appointments, claiming the measure allows Congress too much power over personnel issues.

Pruitt also expressed disappointment about a resolution to censure the CAA that Congress also passed Tuesday. "We really are upset with it," he said. "Nothing proves any of these (allegations). No one has any hard evidence that those things are true. They are based on hearsay and rumors."

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## Volunteers Set for Day Of Service

Project UNC participants will be treated to free entertainment and food after this weekend's event.

By **TYLER MALAND**  
Staff Writer

High hopes for a large turnout abound as a group of students gear up for this weekend's second annual Project UNC.

Project UNC, the student-led service event designed to increase campus involvement in community outreach projects, will kick off festivities at 9 a.m. Saturday in Polk Place, or in Gerrard Hall if weather does not permit.

Sophomore Elizabeth Gottschalk, assistant coordinator for the project,

said this year's event will give students the chance to help others in the community.

Project UNC is a one-day event during which organizers assign students a four-hour service project in Chapel Hill.

The service opportunities include helping build houses for Habitat for Humanity, cleaning up at Jordan Lake and doing grounds work at the Botanical Gardens.

Junior Justin Young, coordinator of Project UNC and student body president-elect, said the schedule for Saturday will be both fun and rewarding.

"Saturday morning, we will have hundreds of volunteers come by Polk Place about 9 a.m. for a nice little breakfast and then listen to some speakers before getting shipped off to their different locations to volunteer," Young said.

"About 2 p.m. everyone will return to have a little lunch and enjoy the entertainment we are providing."

Sophomore Nell Brewer, head of ceremonies for the event, said Anson Dorrance, UNC women's soccer coach; Charles Wydell, UNC alumnus and professional football player; and Young will speak from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Brewer also said several groups will be on tap to entertain the volunteers after a morning of service.

"Our entertainment will be Kamikazi, an Asian dance group; Mezmerhythm, another dance group; ... Hip Hop Nation; and Bad Luck Star, a band from Birmingham, Alabama."

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## No Injuries In Greek House Fire

Officials are investigating the cause of a morning fire at the Kappa Sigma house on West Cameron Avenue.

By **RACHEL CLARKE**  
Staff Writer

An early morning fire set the vacant Kappa Sigma fraternity house ablaze Wednesday, marring the structure with blackened walls, charred insulation and the acrid smell of smoke.

More than 20 Chapel Hill firefighters and several fire trucks were dispatched to the fire at 204 W. Cameron St. at 7:14 a.m., said Chapel Hill Fire Marshal Caprice Mellon.

Mellon said it took about two hours for the firefighters to extinguish the fire, the cause of which has yet to be determined pending further investigation.

No one was injured because the house was closed in preparation for a new sprinkler installation.

"They are bringing the building up to code, but they haven't even started with the renovations," said Jay Anhorn, director of Greek affairs.

A town ordinance requiring all Greek houses to have sprinkler systems by August 2001 prompted the renovations.

The Chapel Hill Town Council passed the ordinance after a 1996 fire at the Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity house — which is located just feet from the Kappa Sigma House — killed five people.

Mellon said Wednesday's fire started in the basement of the house, which is located in Little Fraternity Court. She said some flames traveled up the stairwell to the first floor, but most of the damage was confined to the basement.

The walls of the basement stairwell were black Wednesday afternoon, and there was a pile of charred wood at the top of the stairs.

"There was pretty heavy smoke coming out of the upper floors," Mellon said.

"I didn't see a lot of flames outside the building."

Officials at Hutchins Construction, Inc. had been planning to begin the renovation work next week.

Jerry Branch, project manager at Hutchins, said the company is sending a crew to the site today to assess the damage.

In the meantime, there are signs outside the Kappa Sigma house warning that the building is condemned as a result of the fire.

Branch said the signs were put up to keep people out of what might be an unsafe building.

"It will probably require structural analysis," Branch said. "First, we will make it secure."

The renovations originally were going to include adding sprinklers and improving the handicapped accessibility, staircases and Internet connections in the house.

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Junior Sara Bolen sings to students during the Take Back the Night rally Wednesday in Polk Place. Bolen, who sang some of her own songs, was part of the march through the Pit to raise awareness over gender violence issues.

## UNC Women 'Take Back the Night'

By **PAIGE AMMONS**  
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A clamor arose Wednesday night throughout UNC's campus that had students peering out of the windows of residence halls and classrooms.

The commotion was caused by the Take Back the Night March that followed a rally against domestic and sexual violence. The event, part of Women's Week, was sponsored by Advocates for Sexual Assault Prevention, Feminist Students United!, Carolina Women's Center

and the University Sexual Harassment Office.

The rally and march were designed to increase awareness of violence against women and to make women on UNC's campus feel more secure.

"The purpose is to reclaim campus as a safe environment and to talk about the risk of sexual violence," said ASAP volunteer Katherine Yancey.

The rally began at South Building with a musician and speaker, junior Sarah Bolen, who sang to the 100-person crowd about women's independence.

Junior Erica Smiley then set the tone for the march

with a speech that encouraged members of the movement to continue the fight against oppression. "We, as women, are under attack," she said. "We have to fight back."

She also emphasized the need for activists to remember the victims of sexual violence. "We cannot ignore the dynamics within our own movement," Smiley said.

The rally was followed by a march from South Building that wove through campus and ended in the Pit. The participants held posters and candles while

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## Anti-Hate Crimes Vigil Aims to Boost Awareness

By **JOANNA HOUSIADAS**  
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Huddling in groups on the stairs of the Pit, more than 100 students listened to speeches and lit candles Wednesday evening in a solemn moment of reflection on the issue of hate crimes.

The Anti-Hate Crimes Vigil, part of Campus Y's Human Rights Week, featured three guest speakers and facilitated discussion among students about why hate crimes occur, as well as ways to combat them.

"I hope we can raise some awareness about the prevalence of hate crimes on a local, regional and national level," said Zach Comer, chairman of student government's Human Relations Committee, which organized the event.

Speakers included Reginald Hildebrand, associate professor in the African and Afro-American

studies program, and Matt Ezell of the Orange County Rape Crisis Center.

"At the very same moment that we allow a hate crime to occur, we also begin to compromise our own humanity," Hildebrand said. He said that to keep the diversity of the nation, we cannot tolerate hate crimes. "We must, with our laws and our lives, say no."

Pointing out that sexual violence is associated with many hate crimes, Ezell said one in every four women is raped in their lifetime. "Survivors of sexual violence are overwhelmingly women," he said.

He added that men should do something about these statistics. "We have to understand that we are privileged (in that we are not targeted) and must do something about it."

Jesse Davidson, co-chairman of the Queer

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Students hold a candlelight ceremony Wednesday night in the Pit during the 2nd annual Anti-Hate Crimes Vigil, a part of the Campus Y's Human Rights Week.

*The service you do for others is the rent you pay for the time you spend on earth.*

Mohammed Ali