

CAA Hopes Online Voting Will Create 'Student-Friendly' Election

Students will be able to meet Homecoming king and queen candidates today from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.

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Pull out the Carolina blue war paint and the blue and white pompoms, Homecoming week is here, which means elections for Homecoming royalty are just around the corner.

Voting for Homecoming king and queen will be open at 8 a.m. on Wednesday morning and polls close at 10 p.m. that evening, officials said.

Winners will be announced at half-time during the Homecoming football game Saturday, where the Tar Heels will take on the Demon Deacons from Wake Forest.

Homecoming elections will run exactly like elections for any other office, said Board of Elections Chairwoman Emily Margolis. To cast a vote for Homecoming Court, UNC students must sign on to Student Central as if registering for classes and click on "vote" to cast a ballot for their preferred Homecoming king and queen, Margolis said.

Homecoming elections were online for the first time for last year's election and will be conducted in much the same

way this year, Margolis said.

Like last year, students will have the option of registering their vote at Suite C in the Student Union if they are having trouble voting online.

"We're trying to make this a more student-friendly election and trying to get more people involved," said CAA Assistant Homecoming Director Eryn Linkous.

A selection committee narrowed down the contestants to three candidates for king and three candidates for queen.

The committee was composed of Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Sue Kitchens, CAA President Reid Chaney, Senior Class President Ben Singer, former Senior Class Vice President Ursula Dimmeling, CAA Homecoming Director

Kris Willett, Student Body President Justin Young and Congress Speaker Mark Townsend.

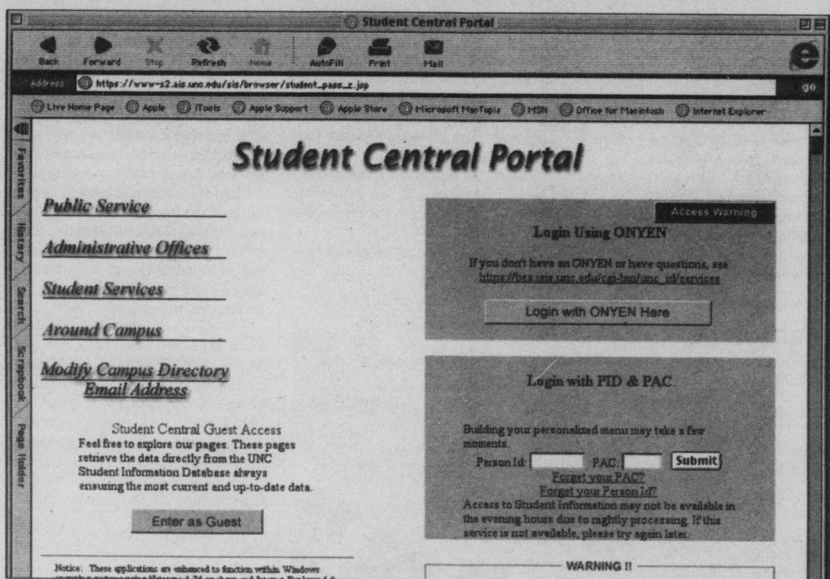
For students who would like to learn more about the different candidates running for Homecoming king

and queen, the CAA will post a link on its home page to a site giving the names, background information and pictures of all the candidates, officials said.

The CAA, along with the Residence Hall Association, also is providing students with the opportunity to meet the candidates in person at a kickoff lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Polk Place today, one of the many events taking place during Homecoming week.

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Homecoming elections are going to be held on the same day as Congress' special elections. Elections board officials hope that by grouping the two elections together, student participation in voting for representatives in both the Homecoming court, as well as in Congress, will rise.

"The thing that I think will increase voter turnout is the two-in-one election," Margolis said.



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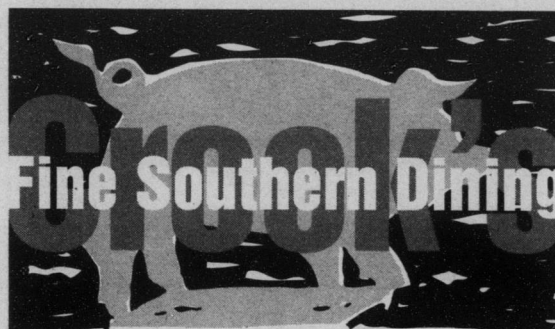


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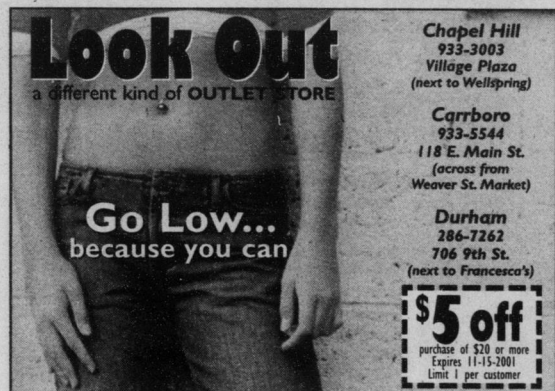
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