## DEALING WITH ASSAULT



Krista Park transcribes audience suggestions to define "by force" at a sexual assault forum in Hinton James Residence Hall on Wednesday night. Park broke down the Orange County Rape Crisis Center's definition of sexual assault, which is expressed as sexual activity by force against a person's will. She said understanding the broad applications of the definition was an essential step in preventing sexual assault. The OCRCC hosted the forum to increase awareness of sexual assault issues. For the full story, visit www.dailytarheel.com.

## **UNC Awaits Return of Local Celebrity for Union Concert**

By Allison Rost

Grabbing the spotlight. Striking gold.

Or perhaps hitting the jackpot.
Whatever the metaphor, the hope for fame and fortune is something a lot of students obsess over during their time in

college.

But for former UNC student Tift Merritt, a burgeoning musical career that has led to an appearance on "The Late Show with David Letterman" and an upcoming article in Vanity Fair has ensured her greatest dream – the ability to come back and play for a hometown crowd.

Merritt plays the Great Hall in the Student Union for the first time in a concert at 9 p.m. Saturday.

A twangy hybrid of Lucinda Williams and Emmylou Harris, Merritt's musical style began to form at UNC, where she was an American studies major and a

creative writing minor. "I actually met our drummer (Zeke Hutchins) in an American history class, and we put our band together after we met," Merritt said.

Their group, formerly known as the Carbines, knocked about the local music scene for several years, playing at such venues as Cat's Cradle

Merritt's new album, Bramble Rose, dropped in May and began receiving

widespread attention. She and her band are touring to promote the album. "We've toured all over the States and

in England and Holland," Merritt said. But all of this new attention hasn't impressed the North Carolina girl, who

still speaks with her soft native drawl. "It was just one night on 'Letterman,' and the Vanity Fair shoot was one day in the string of a lot of other things, so it's not as glamorous as it appears to be," Merritt said.

"The Vanity Fair shoot was one The scheduling day in the string of a lot of other of Merritt's performance Saturday things, so it's not as glamorous as was a bit of an it appears to be." unglamorous fluke. Whitney Parris, a TIFT MERRITT member of the Carolina Union

Board, said Merritt wanted to play Cat's Cradle on this tour.

But because the Cradle was already booked, its staff turned to CUAB to accommodate Merritt. Parris said CUAB

was thrilled with the opportunity.
"We view it as sort of a homecoming for her. She's returning to her roots, Parris said.

Merritt herself is excited about the ncert. Her parents, who still live in

Raleigh, plan to be there Saturday. "It's going to be great for us to be playnormal mix of old and new and the things we're having a good time playing."

An upcoming break may give her time for more shows in the Triangle – and time to finish her undergraduate degree, which was incomplete when Merritt left UNC with nine credit hours to fulfill.

"I'm trying to do an independent study right now so I can (graduate)," she

said with a slight grumble. "I have to do a geology with a lab."

She said that she doesn't recommend school, and if history has taught her anything, it's been the value authenticity.

Commercial success may take her to farflung regions and the top of the Country Music Television video rotation, but she

still sticks with what works.

"My band and I have always been about making the show as good as it can be," Merritt said.

Tickets for Saturday's show are available at the Union Box Office for \$5 for students and \$10 for the general public.

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One weekend a month is reserved

for mandatory interim councils, which

Eight schools have members who

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Campbell University, UNC-Pembroke, UNC-Wilmington, UNC-Charlotte, High Point College, Elon

University and Lenoir Rhyne

are held at different colleges around the state where students debate their

resolutions against members from

## Student Campaigners Must Resign From Executive Branch

By BRIAN HUDSON Staff Writer

Any student government executive branch officers interested in campaigning next semester must resign Sunday, said Student Body President

She said it would be a conflict of interest for members of the executive branch to run or work on a campaign for elected office.

We have a strong commitment to . neutrality," Daum said.

Student Body Vice President Aaron Hiller said that many students do not run for a second term but that the deadline ensures that those who do are equal to students running for the first time.

"It is up to student government to make sure the dialogue is fair and it is a clean election, not to endorse one candidate over another," Hiller said.

"The purpose of student government is to serve the students," he continued. 'We can't do that when we take stances.

Daum explained that anyone who is involved in running a campaign for the

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elections in mid-February also must Hiller said it is enforced by successive resign by Sunday.

Even though elections are almost four months away, Daum said it is important to have an early "The purpose of student

"Many people already have begun campaign ing," she said.
"Campaigning is a

Daum would not name any specific officers who she knows are con-

sidering campaigning next semester.

and don't resign."

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Even though the officers will not be able to work for the rest of the semester, some members of

student govern-ment think it is for the best. David Levitch,

executive assistant to the student body president, said, "I think it would be more unfair to students if (the officers) run

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## Students Learn Legislating

By VENETA GEORGEV

There are several ways to learn about the legislative process on campus, but only one class provides students with hands-on experience.

This is the 66th year for the N.C. Student Legislature, a student-run class designed to teach legislative process.

"NCSL indoctrinates you in the leg-islative process," said Will DuPont, a senior political science major who teaches the course.

"It shows you that you don't just show up and you are a legislator, that

it takes work. The class, offered every spring, meets once a week for 1 1/2 hours to debate resolutions and work on goals.

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Some of the governors of North Carolina – such as Jim Holshouser, Jim Hunt, Bob Scott and Terry Sanford

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other schools

were members of NCSL. During the fall, NCSL meets as a club and the members can choose to enroll in the class in the spring and

receive three credits for it Club members who participate in the fall are not required to enroll to

continue to take part in the legislative The class is run by students, mainly by DuPont, who teaches students how

to write and debate resolutions and bills Grades are based on class participa-

tion, attendance and projects.
Thad Beyle, UNC political science professor and adviser for the NCSL

class, has final authority over grades.
"Students gain a chance to take part in a process that is out there," Beyle

"They get to meet people from other schools interested in legislature." The culmination of the class is in

April, when a formal session is held at the N.C. General Assembly building in Raleigh from Wednesday until Sunday During this formal event, NCSL

splits into the House. Senate and committees and pretends to be the General Assembly. Members of all eight universities

attend and vote on the council of state, speaker of the House and Senate president pro tem.

"You make new friends, not only in Chapel Hill but throughout the state,"

DuPont said. Throughout the year, the delegates

pick issues that interest them and write

Members bring the resolutions to

debate during the interim councils once a month against members at other schools. Those are then presented as a bill

and debated on the floor when NCSL is in session in April, and students have a chance to act like members of the General Assembly.

DuPont said the class is a great experience because it makes people reconsider their points of view.

"Students come to debate pertinent issues that pertain to North Carolina and sometimes the nation," he said.

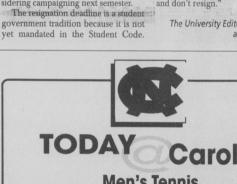
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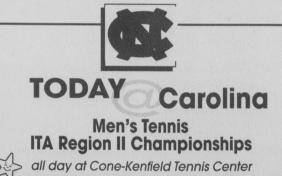
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