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Daum Uses Veto Power To Prevent IDC Funds

By RACHEL HODGES
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Student Body President Jen Daum vetoed legislation Wednesday to fund advertising for the Independent Defense Council, exercising her veto for the first time on something other than a technicality.

Congress voted Feb. 18 to appropriate \$95 to IDC, a recognized student organization that provides alternative defense for students coming before the Honor Court.

But for the first time since taking the presidency, Daum thinks Congress has made a disappointing decision, she said.

In a strongly worded letter to Congress explaining her rationale, Daum stated that student fees would not be allocated to fund a program of a weaker caliber than the student attorney general's office.

Daum said in an interview that IDC serves the same purpose as the student attorney general's office. "Students are already paying for the service that IDC provides with the attorney general's office," Daum said. "And (IDC officials) are untrained."

Daum said she vetoed the legislation because she thinks the student attorney general and her staff can defend students brought before the Honor Court adequately.

But some IDC officials said students deserve a choice. "We're here for students who would like another option," said IDC President Emily Keifer. "You can choose a public defender in the real world or one of your own."

When students come to the student attorney general's office, officials do not immediately inform them that there are other options for defense, and Keifer said IDC officials are concerned that students aren't aware of alternatives.

But Student Attorney General Amanda Spillman said the IDC should be responsible for its own publicity. "They exist separately from us," she said. "We're not responsible for publicizing their organization."

While Daum said she did not contest the IDC's right to exist as a student organization, she said student fees should not go to pay for its advertising advancement.

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DTH/LUCAS HAMMONDS

Freshman Sascha Bollag on Monday protests UNC's treatment of housekeepers.

Housekeepers Assert Cause

By DANIEL THIGPEN
 University Editor

On Monday inside South Building, a group of housekeepers had their first chance to air numerous complaints about the Housekeeping Services Department directly to Chancellor James Moeser.

Outside the building, a small group of students, faculty, staff and area residents stood in a circle and shouted at the entrance, asserting their support for the frustrated employees.

But even after the early morning meeting concluded, any resolution seemed to be at a standstill.

The meeting took place nearly four months after housekeepers first contacted the chancellor about their dissatisfaction with policies and practices within the housekeeping department.

About 10 housekeepers from various divisions met with Moeser on Monday, in addition to eight other UNC faculty members and administrators.

Two of the employees who actively have represented the housekeepers' side of the discussions – Barbara

Prear, president of UE Local 150, the N.C. Public Service Workers Union, and Marsha Tinnen, a union member, were quick to address the small congregation outside South Building at the meeting's end.

The two characterized Monday's proceedings as a heated affair between the housekeepers and the administrators most directly involved with their department, namely Director of Housekeeping Bill Burston and Laurie Charest, associate vice chancellor for human resources. The result, in their eyes, was stagnation. "This is so frustrating," Prear said after the 90-minute private conference. "I don't feel we got anything. ... I thought it was getting better, but it's going backward."

Prear and Tinnen's main frustration coming out of the meeting was the way they thought administrators dealt with complaints about their zone manager, Chuck Matheson. The housekeepers have expressed concern about Matheson since he took his post in July, claiming that he is disrespectful and intimidating toward workers.

"They are completely refusing to do anything about this man," Prear said. "I don't believe we're getting anywhere with the administration."

Matheson could not be reached for this article, although he told The Daily Tar Heel in January that all allegations against him are false.

The housekeepers say Moeser did not want to get involved with the ordeal because of personnel matters. Moeser also could not be reached for comment after the meeting, but a University spokesman confirmed that sentiment.

Burston declined to comment about the concerns brought forth in the meeting. "Most of the items discussed were personnel issues, and I'm not willing to discuss those," he said.

Overall, others in attendance Monday described a less-contentious atmosphere. Most described their role as observers who offered little to no input on discussions. "At this point, I'm not sure that anything was settled," said Joseph Jordan, director of the Sonja Haynes Stone Black Cultural Center. "It was really a listening meeting."

Jordan is one of three other faculty members – all of

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Student Body President Jen Daum said student fees should not fund the IDC's advertising.



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Tonu Kalam (right) conducts Andrew Hummer, Cassidy Pratt, Wayla Chambo, Jonathan Rohr and Kevin Crotty as Crotty, a senior musical studies major, gives a solo in rehearsal for the UNC Symphony Orchestra performance today.

Symphony Showcases Winners

By AMI SHAH
 Staff Writer

On any given afternoon, the delicate notes of a flute or the chiming of the marimba breathe life into UNC's upper quad.

Hill Hall, home of the Department of Music, houses five of the University's finest musicians as they rehearse for one of the most significant performances of their lives.

Kevin Crotty, Andrew Hummer, Cassidy Pratt, Wayla Chambo and Jonathan Rohr will be featured in the UNC Symphony Orchestra's performance today after winning the annual UNC Concerto Competition at Hill Hall Auditorium.

The exclusive competition is only open to juniors and seniors,

and participants must be endorsed by a music professor.

Competition winners perform with the orchestra as featured musicians. For many student musicians, the opportunity to be featured with an orchestra of this magnitude as undergraduates is rare. The orchestra is a 95- to 100-member ensemble open by audition to music majors, non-majors and community members.

Crotty, a senior music major from Raleigh who plays the trumpet, is a recipient of UNC's Fletcher Scholarship and Burch Fellowship to study music in Europe and a semifinalist in The National Trumpet Competition.

Crotty is highly motivated in his pursuit of music. "It has

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Candidates Say Reform Helped, Hurt Campaigns

By BILLY BALL
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As election season winds down, many former candidates said they think the Larson-Daum Campaign Reform Act of 2002 had a decidedly large impact – both negatively and positively – on this year's election.

Student Body President Jen Daum and then-Student Congress Speaker Tony Larson drew up the act, which was passed in November, to level the playing field during campaigning.

Daum said one of the major intentions of the act was to push candidates to use their funds more efficiently.

Student Body President-elect Matt Tepper said the new campaign reform guidelines – which significantly reduced the amount of money candidates could spend on their campaigns, mandated that funds used be provided by Student Congress and shortened the campaign season – forced candidates to be more thrifty.

Tepper's campaign manager, Ben Adams, said although the campaign relied on past methods to publicize, the shortened season affected their creativity. "It made us a little more resourceful," Adams said. "We still used the same techniques people used last year."

Among the stipulations of the new campaign guidelines, candidates were not allowed to post fliers, posters, pins or any other kind of campaign materials until two weeks before the election. In previous years this time period was three weeks.

Adams said the shorter campaign season was probably better for students because they likely were tired of campaigning efforts after two weeks.

But other candidates said the two-week span for campaigning was not enough to educate the students well enough about the issues.

"Two weeks to get your message out isn't long enough," said Ben Pickett, former student body president candidate.

Liz Manekin, former senior class president candidate, also questioned

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President-elect Matt Tepper said the campaign reform act forced candidates to spend money more wisely.

North Carolina on the War					
Would you support military force against Iraq?	Feb. 18-20		Nov. 18-21		Total Responses
	Feb. 18-20	Nov. 18-21	Feb. 18-20	Nov. 18-21	
Would support	66.5%	70.5%	42.4%	—	—
Would not support	25.5%	19.3%	48.5%	—	—
Don't know	6.8%	8.7%	7.7%	—	—
No response	1.2%	1.4%	1.4%	—	—
Total Responses	517	699	517	—	—
Would you support an attack using only air strikes?	Feb. 18-20		Nov. 18-21		Total Responses
	Feb. 18-20	Nov. 18-21	Feb. 18-20	Nov. 18-21	
Would support	78.1%	80.0%	56.1%	54.1%	—
Would not support	14.5%	13.0%	34.2%	34.6%	—
Don't know	6.4%	5.7%	8.7%	9.7%	—
No response	1.0%	1.3%	1.0%	1.6%	—
Total Responses	517	699	517	699	—

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N.C. Support for War Drops but Remains Strong

By EMMA BURGIN
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A decrease in support during the past two months still leaves more than half of North Carolinians in favor of using military force to remove Saddam Hussein from power in Iraq.

According to a poll conducted last week by Elon University, 67 percent of N.C. residents support military action against Hussein. This number has decreased from 70.5 percent in November.

The percentage of those opposed to a war against Iraq totals 25.5 percent now, as opposed to 19.3 percent in November.

The poll, conducted Feb. 18 to Feb. 20, sampled the opinions of 517 adults in the state and has a margin of error of 4.4 percent.

Sharon Spray, director of Elon's Center for Public Opinion Polling, said public opinion about the war has

not fluctuated recently because of the vast amount of information available to the public.

"The less education about a subject, the more the public opinion fluctuates," she said.

Richard Kohn, UNC director of the curriculum on peace, war and defense, said the poll shows that U.S. citizens would prefer to have allies before entering into a war with Iraq.

About 78 percent of the people polled said they would support an attack if the United States were able to assemble a coalition of allies, including Arab nations. Only 14.5 percent of respondents said they would not support war under these circumstances.

Poll participants were split on whether they would support an attack that did not have the backing of the U.N. Security Council – 42.4 percent said they would support an attack, and 48.5 percent said they would not.

"It seems pretty clear that the Bush administration

has made a case but not such an overwhelming case," Kohn said. "People feel pretty reluctant."

The poll also showed that while N.C. residents are worried about terrorists attacking the country in the near future, they are less worried about an attack on North Carolina.

"It shows that North Carolinians are pretty sensible people," Kohn said. "Given the demographics – the size of the cities and the spread of the population – it is highly unlikely we'd suffer a chemical or biological attack in our state. (Terrorists) would target a place with greater symbolic value."

Spray also said North Carolinians don't think they're a plausible target. "Most of the state is small towns and rural, so they don't feel an immediate threat."

Ninety-four percent of North Carolina residents also are bypassing the urge to stockpile supplies.

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Music expresses that which cannot be said and on which it is impossible to be silent.

Victor Hugo