

# E-mail to Greek listserv prompts controversy

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An e-mail sent to a Greek listserv Friday calling organizations in the Interfraternity Council and the Panhellenic Council the only "real fraternities and sororities" is creating friction within the Greek community.

The e-mail, sent from IFC member Jonathan Flora's account, said the listserv should be limited to IFC and Panhellenic members because they are "the only ones who graduate and give money to this school anyway."

It was written in response to an e-mail from Craig Hoover of Alpha Epsilon Pi — a predominantly Jewish fraternity that became a fully recognized member of the IFC on Tuesday — advertising a fund-raiser.

"It's an awful thing to say," said

IFC President Wyatt Dickson. "It's in no way representative of the IFC or the large majority of IFC members."

Flora denied sending the e-mail and said it was sent by someone else after he left his computer at a friend's house for the weekend. He said he does not know the identity of the author.

"I'm sure it was a friend of mine; I'm almost certain I left my e-mail open Thursday night," Flora said. "It was a thoughtless, spur-of-the-moment, probably alcohol-induced contribution to the listserv."

The listserv — to which every member of the Greek community is subscribed — has been shut down in the past because members posted homophobic e-mails.

Larry Braithwaite, president of the predominantly black Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity Inc., responded to the listserv saying he hopes the e-

mail had been only a "racist and disturbing" joke.

"I tried to be nonconfrontational," Braithwaite said. "I thought it was so racist and inflammatory; I didn't think anyone in their right mind in 2003 would say that."

Alpha Epsilon Pi President Phillip Brodsky said most members of his fraternity were not offended by the e-mail from Flora's account. But he said that kind of e-mail can give people the wrong impressions of fraternity members.

"It kind of fits into the typical stereotype of the fraternity guy that's not very diverse," Brodsky said. "Not racist, but not the most open of people."

This year, Dickson said, the predominantly white IFC fraternities and Panhellenic sororities have been working to improve relations with other groups, such as the Greek Alliance Council and the predominantly black National Pan Hellenic Council. He said he does not want these efforts to be put on hold because of the e-mail.

"It's unfortunate that something this stupid could set us back," Dickson said. "The response to it was overwhelming; I don't think anyone supported (the e-mail)."

Jay Anhorn, University director of Greek affairs, said that the listserv was created for members of the Greek community to exchange ideas and promote events but that a new posting policy will be in place next fall. He would not comment further about who might have sent the e-mail or if disciplinary action will be taken.

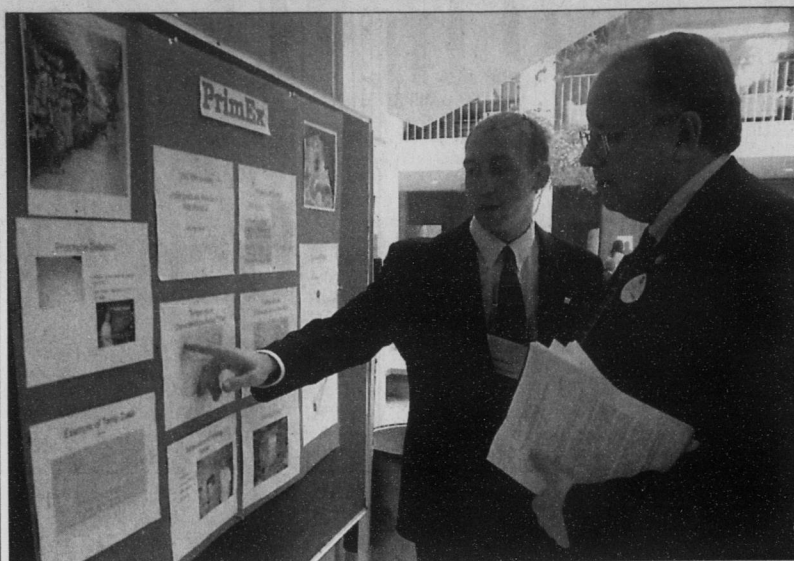
Dickson said listserv postings will be limited to the Department of Greek Affairs and executive boards of various Greek organizations to limit listserv abuse.

Braithwaite said something needs to be done to show that these feelings will not be tolerated in the Greek community.

"There should definitely be some disciplinary action taken ... because this action is totally unacceptable," he said. "I'd be floored if this was just swept under the rug."

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## LEARNING CURVE



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UNC-Wilmington junior Mike Hollister explains PrimEx to Sen. Richard Stevens, R-Wake, at the Research in the Capital Symposium held at the N.C. General Assembly on Tuesday. The event's purpose

was to give legislators an idea of academic work being done in the system. Ninety-six students were invited from the 16 UNC-system schools to present original research to state legislators. UNC-system President Molly Broad kicked off the symposium.

# Shiites celebrate freedom

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

KARBALA, Iraq — Swaying and chanting, some bleeding from self-inflicted wounds of ritual mourning, an estimated 1 million Shiite Muslims marched to this city's holy shrine Tuesday, celebrating their

freedom from years of repression by Saddam Hussein's government.

The turnout for the pilgrimage, which ends Thursday, highlighted the power and potential of Iraq's majority Shiite community. Despite bitter internal differences,

the Shiites, who represent 60 percent of Iraq's 24 million people, were able to pull off the event on short notice and with no violence.

It showed how once again upheaval in a Middle East country has brought followers of the Shiite branch of Islam to the forefront. It happened in 1979 when Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini founded a Shiite theocracy in neighboring Iran, and three years later when Israel invaded Lebanon, drove out Yasser Arafat and ended up facing the Shiite fighters of Hezbollah.

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### FOR THE RECORD

In the April 22 article, "Student slides pulled from show for nudity," The Daily Tar Heel incorrectly reported that journalism Professor Pat Davison met twice with Carolina Union Activities Board representatives regarding the content of a photography exhibit. It also was incorrectly reported that Davison believed CUAB representatives had seen all the photos that were to be shown in senior Jason Arthurs' portion of a slide show before the show was approved. The DTH regrets the errors.

Confusion still remains over the process used to approve photos in the exhibit. Davison said Tuesday that CUAB approved the slide show under the impression that the photos he presented for print were the same photos that would make up the slide show. He said CUAB never specifically asked to see the photos that would be part of the slide show.

But Tootsie Burk, gallery chairwoman for the Carolina Union, said Tuesday that CUAB believed the photos viewed were the only ones that would be in the exhibit.

# Battle of the chefs Culinary Challenge



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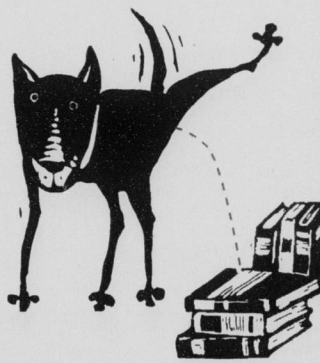
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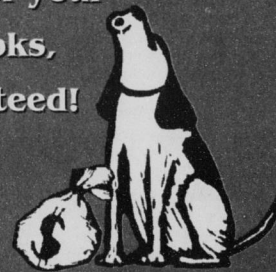
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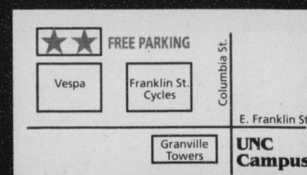
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