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Keith steps down as president of CAA

CURRENT VICE PRESIDENT TO ASSUME GROUP'S HELM

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The news came just days before the Carolina Athletic Association's already hectic schedule kicked into high gear and days after the organization made formal steps to address mounting criticism of President Will Keith's administration.

Citing "personal reasons," Keith stepped down Wednesday.

He tendered his resignation to

the University's Division of Student Affairs shortly before classes ended on Wednesday for fall break recess.

He notified his Cabinet that afternoon by e-mail that he would be leaving the CAA as the group moved into its busiest weeks of the year.

"There've been a lot of personal situations I've had to deal with in the last couple of weeks," Keith said in an interview. "I certainly didn't want to put CAA in jeopardy."

Two days later, the CAA took center stage to help host "Late Night with Roy Williams." And the CAA is making final plans for this year's Homecoming celebration and the annual Michael Hooker 5K run, both of which will take place before the end of October.

"We finished up 'Late Night' on Friday, and we're going into the Homecoming schedule soon," Keith explained, adding that he wanted to resign before preparations for Homecoming intensified.

A group of the University's student leaders met late Sunday evening to decide whether or not



Former CAA President Will Keith said he wanted to hand over the reins before the busy week of Homecoming.

CAA Vice President Lindsay Strunk said she was surprised to hear that Keith was resigning — especially with such a full calendar of marquee events approaching.

But with three years of experience, she feels more than prepared to hit the ground running, she added.

Strunk worked side-by-side with Keith during the past six months, experience that she said will help make the transition more seamless for the CAA cabinet members.

And much of the planning for CAA's big events was finished before Keith resigned, she said.

The association did little more on

Friday night than sit back and watch the dance and dunk show with fellow Tar Heels. "We were all there as Carolina fans," Strunk said. "Other than that, we were just passing out the glow-in-the-dark necklaces."

In the coming weeks, a committee of student leaders will be created to appoint the group's new vice president.

When Keith resigned, the CAA and student government finally seemed to be clearing the rash of criticisms that plagued Keith's six-month tenure.

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Digital music to come to UNC

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Starting in January, students living on campus will be able to legally download and share as much music as they want through a free network pilot program sponsored by a major music label.

Throughout the spring semester, students at UNC-Chapel Hill and N.C. State University will have unlimited access to music downloading programs, and will decide if they want continued access to the programs in the fall.

The N.C. School of the Arts, N.C. Agricultural & Technical State University, UNC-Wilmington and Western Carolina University have arranged contracts with four providers: Apple's iTunes and iPod, Ruckus Network, Cdigix and Rhapsody.

Jeanne Smythe, director of computing policy at UNC-CH, said she anticipates the service to cost individual students about \$2 per month starting in the fall, plus a small fee for each song.

Tom Warner, director of coordinated technology management for the UNC system, said the project is a "response to a change in culture that technology has brought on."

"Higher education is always evolving to respond to the latest trends in student life as well as higher education," he said.

Warner said UNC-CH's pilot program will blaze the trail for other system schools, which have looked to UNC-CH to get things rolling.

He emphasized the University is pursuing this initiative for academic purposes and not solely because of student demand. He said some students would find the program useful for classes that deal with the history and music.

"It's up to us to provide you the tools you need to learn, so that's what we're trying to do with this."

He said the University will assess the success of the pilot program at the end of the spring semester.

Smythe said the pilot initiative should give Information

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FAIR PLAY



Above: Fairgoers enjoy one of the many rides on the midway at the N.C. State Fair in Raleigh on Saturday afternoon. The fair kicked off Friday morning. Below: Ben Brake hugs his cow, Rain, before competing in the Jr. Beef Heifer Exotic Commercial class at the fair Saturday night.

INDUSTRY'S ILLS LINGER OVER FAIR

BY AMY THOMSON
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RALEIGH — The lights of the midway were visible against a gloomy backdrop Friday morning, marking a cloudy start to the 151st North Carolina State Fair.

Lines for the more than 90 rides brought in by new operator Reithoffer Shows of Gibsonton, Fla., stayed relatively short throughout the night.

But estimates for the first-day turnout hit 61,289, up from the average by about 12,000 people.

Over by the livestock arena, Bobby Sue and Daisy Duke were ready for action. Cleaned and brushed, the heifers had been training for this day for most of their young lives. Their hooves had even been painted.

Jenna Pacinelli, 12, and her sister Amanda, 15, have been training the Simmental heifers for a little less than a year on their grandmother's farm. "They're put separate from the rest of the cows," Amanda Pacinelli said. "You feed them and walk them every day to get them used to walking on a halter."

Heifers are judged on the structure of their



muscles and the straightness of their backs.

"It just depends on the judge," Jenna Pacinelli said. "I think I'm going to do, not first place, but somewhere in the middle."

The sisters' grandfather, Richard Jenks, has lived and worked on a farm all his life. He raises tobacco and beef cattle in Apex.

With increasing amounts of development in his area driving up property taxes and last week's

tobacco buyout likely making small tobacco farms unprofitable, Jenks said he'll probably retire soon. If property values go up much more in his area, he'll probably sell the farm.

All of Jenks' children have jobs in town, and those who still farm only help out on the weekends. He said he doesn't know if any of his grandchildren will go into the industry.

"My wife don't want none of them to farm," Jenks said. "... (She said) it's just too uncertain, but it's not, is it? If I've lived on a farm for 67 years ... it's pretty stable, isn't it?"

Behind J.S. Dorton Arena and away from the lights of the midway sits the Field of Dreams exhibit. There, children who might be three or four generations removed from the farm can "harvest" crops that are grown in the state.

Children also can ride a toy tractor, collect grain from a small silo replica, gather eggs and simulate the harvesting of potatoes and apples.

"This generation of parents of school-aged children have never lived on a farm," said Martha Glass, spokeswoman for the fair. "A lot of these kids don't know where an egg

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Campus voting kicks off

Ballots available on North Campus

BY LINDSAY MICHEL
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Students can cast their ballots in the 2004 elections starting this morning, when polls open at the Morehead Building for one-stop voting.

The Office of the Provost began early voting four years ago with the Orange County Board of Elections to make voting easier for students living on campus.

On Nov. 2, voters must report to a designated poll site, which causes problems for on-campus students who live in districts with off-campus polls.

"It's so helpful for college students, especially because of our unpredictable time schedules," said Jordan Selleck, chairman of UNC College Republicans.

In an effort to encourage early turnout, men's basketball coach Roy Williams will join student leaders at 9 a.m. today on the steps of the Morehead Building. The event is being organized by the nonpartisan voter education group VoteCarolina.

Executive Associate Provost Steve Allred said his office asked Williams to speak in hopes of increasing voter turnout on campus. "We're trying to generate a little interest and excitement about the opportunity to vote early," he said. "Who better to do that than Roy Williams?"

Also among those expected to speak is Student Body President Matt Calabria, who said he plans to use his time to reaffirm the importance of college students' votes. Joining Williams and Calabria will be Selleck and Justin Guillory, president of UNC Youth Democrats.

After the speeches, the leaders will enter the Morehead Building to cast their own votes — a gesture they hope will break partisan boundaries to illustrate the importance of being an active U.S. citizen.

Anyone registered in Orange County can vote from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., today through Oct. 30, on every day of the week except Sunday. Students must bring their

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Conference draws scorn, remains peaceful

BY ERIN GIBSON AND LAURA YOUNGS
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DURHAM — Protesters, police and hundreds of Palestinian sympathizers flooded Duke University this weekend during the hotly debated

INSIDE yet peaceful Fourth Annual Conference of the Palestine Solidarity Movement.

Members of PSM voted Saturday against both the removal and rephrasing of a guiding principle that prevents the group from openly condemning violence.

But Rann Bar-On, PSM spokesman and a graduate student at

Duke, said Sunday that the resolution failed by only a few votes.

The group voted to pass a resolution calling for coordination with the Anglican and Episcopal churches. "It will be an outreach with these folks," Bar-On said.

"We will send people to the churches to get them to pass a divestment resolution." Divestment is a policy, adopted by PSM, of withdrawing funds from groups associated with or in support of Israel.

A small Jewish group turned out each day to protest the conference for not condemning the terrorist acts of some Palestinian radicals. Sunday afternoon, 18 men and women from across the country came holding signs and chanting. "Our only intent is to press the

"The Islamic people are extremely hurt. ... We are kidnapped because it is being done in the Jewish name." **YISROEL WEISS, RABBI**

PSM to take an open stand against terrorist bombings," said Daniel Shuval, demonstration coordinator of Amcha, a group formed to support Holocaust victims. "They are justifying the killing of Israelis by not condemning terrorism."

But a second group of orthodox rabbis representing Neturei Karta International from New York stood across from the other protesters claiming that "real Jews" don't believe in a Jewish state, and that Zionists are not Jews.

"Zionism is a 100-year-old polit-

ical movement to gain land, which is expressly forbidden by God," said Rabbi Yisroel Weiss.

"The Islamic people are extremely hurt by what is done in Palestine, and we are kidnapped because it is being done in the Jewish name."

The group joined the remaining 45 conference members in a march across campus while more than 50 students watched.

The Jewish group chanted first while the Palestinian support-

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Members of Neturei Karta International, an orthodox Jewish group from New York, protest Zionist beliefs Sunday afternoon at Duke University.

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