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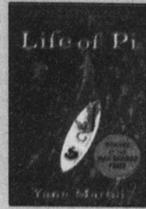
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Students speak up over suit

SUMMER READING BOOKS

Members of the summer reading selection committee will meet at 8 a.m. today to announce their choice of the book incoming freshmen will read this summer. Three possible books remain.



Life of Pi
Yann Martel
The story of a boy's travels with animals — and his search for truth.



Blood Done Sign My Name
Timothy B. Tyson
A memory of civil rights struggles during the 1970s.



Mountains Beyond Mountains
Tracy Kidder
An account of Paul Farmer's efforts in public health.

BY CAROLINE KORNEGAY
STAFF WRITER

On the eve of the announcement of this year's summer reading selection, two students broke their 2 1/2-year silence over a lawsuit that brought them — and the University — national attention.

Daniel Grinder, a member of The Daily Tar Heel staff, revealed Tuesday that he was one of the three anonymous students who filed the suit after the University asked all incoming freshmen to read Michael Sells' "Approaching the Qur'an: The Early Revelations." The case was dismissed in September by a U.S. District Court judge.

Though the third plaintiff chose to remain anonymous, she issued her first statement Tuesday concerning the case.

Kris Wampler, a member of Student Congress who interns with The John William Pope Center for Higher Education Policy, a conservative think tank, was the first student plaintiff to connect his name to the suit. He did so in a Nov. 20, 2004, article in The Chapel Hill Herald.

Grinder said he filed the suit because he

thought the selection violated the constitutional separation between government and religion.

"I definitely felt it violated the separation of church and state," Grinder said. "I felt it was necessary to stand up to the University at that point because it seemed they were forcing something on incoming freshmen."

The female student who decided to retain her anonymity was referred to as Jane Doe by Joe Glover, president of the Family Policy Network, which filed the suit in July 2002.

"I didn't get involved for any notoriety or attention. I was curious to see how the law approaches the use of a religious text in a public University," the student said in the statement released by Glover on Tuesday.

Grinder said that he recently changed his mind about retaining anonymity.

"I was worried about possible consequences or repercussions," he said. "(Now) I don't care if my name is known. It's kind of a nonissue."

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CAA race slims down

Candidate drops out of elections

BY JOSEPH R. SCHWARTZ
ASSISTANT UNIVERSITY EDITOR

Candidates seeking the top post in the Carolina Athletic Association are running their campaigns based on an old sports adage: Adversity can be a great motivating factor.

Although Mark Longwill decided to drop out of the race Tuesday, citing a lack of time and resources, three students initially declared their intentions to run this year. The past two years featured only one candidate on the ballot.

Longwill said Tuesday that he would throw his support behind candidate Justin Johnson.

Officials attributed the increase to notable and public CAA controversies, including Homecoming week, that placed a spotlight on the organization.

Then-CAA President Will Keith announced last spring that Sister Hazel would perform at the Homecoming concert before the group had signed a contract. Sister Hazel ultimately wanted more money than the association could provide, and officials had to scramble to find another artist.

"I feel with the spotlight that has been put on the Carolina Athletic Association this year that more people feel they can implement changes," said Lindsay Strunk, who took the reins of the CAA after Keith resigned in October.

Both remaining candidates — Hayes Holderness and Justin Johnson — said they were compelled to mount a campaign to repair the damage done this year.

Johnson, who has been with the CAA for two years and now serves as director of special projects, cemented his plans to seek office in November. "This past year, we made a lot of mistakes under some of the leadership, and experiencing that and witnessing some of the mistakes we made made me want to have a bigger leadership role," he said.

Holderness, a member of the ticket distribution committee, said students have a negative perception of the CAA because its process lacks transparency. "Sometimes, obstacles get in the way, but we really want people to see that we're doing the best we can," he said.

Each candidate said the CAA

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Legislators aren't sure about hikes

Future support hinges on uncertain budget outlook

BY EMMA BURGIN
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Some legislators say there is enough money in the state's general fund to allow the UNC system a break in resident tuition increases, but others claim that the system's Board of Governors is misguided in its assumption that the state can carry the load.

Legislators are likely to face a substantial deficit of as much as \$1 billion when they convene in Raleigh on Jan. 26 to draw up the 2005-07 budget.

While the board reaffirmed its stance against systemwide and in-state tuition increases during last week's meeting, the General Assembly has the final say on hikes. The legislature approved campus-based hikes last summer for all system schools.

The board's decree followed Chairman Brad Wilson's public statement against resident tuition increases, citing members' constitutional obligation to keep public higher education affordable.

Rep. Tim Moore, R-Cleveland, said he is glad to see the board take such a firm stance.

"It's a wise approach," he said. "I wish the BOG felt they had more support from legislators."

The former BOG member said he thinks faculty salaries and student aid funded this year by tuition revenues could be provided for by the state next year.

"There may be some areas where spending can be adjusted," Moore also said that even though he doesn't like tuition increases of any kind, the UNC system should look to nonresident students for revenue.

But another former BOG member, Sen. John Garwood, R-Wilkes, said the state does not have the money to help keep faculty salaries competitive. "I hate to say put it on the students, but somebody's got to pay it."

But Sen. Majority Leader Tony Rand, D-Cumberland, said that during difficult economic times, some sacrifices — including greater affordability — have to be made for quality.

The UNC-system finance department revealed last week that system schools generated \$112 million in revenue from campus-based tuition increases and enrollment growth. UNC-Chapel Hill alone raked in \$18.7 million in tuition revenue and growth funds.

At most schools, including UNC-CH, this revenue was put toward faculty salaries and student aid.

Rand said these two areas can be adequately funded only by revenue from tuition increases — for both resident and nonresident students.

"Right now, about the only place you're going to get any salary enhancements is through tuition increases because the state doesn't have much money at all to provide raises for faculty," he said.

UNC-CH's Tuition Task Force has outlined three tuition proposals, all of which include hikes for in-state and out-of-state students. The University's Board of Trustees will vote Jan. 26 on a request to send to the BOG, who is slated to vote March 18 on all campus-initiated tuition increases.

The board is expected to turn down any request for in-state tuition increases, although the door has been left open for a rise in nonresident tuition.

Rep. Robert Grady, R-Onslow, said the General Assembly might take its cue from the board's March decision. "I think it'd be great (to have no increase). The tuition increases have been driven by the universities themselves, not the legislatures."

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A campaign worker solicits signatures for a student body president candidate in Teague Residence Hall on Tuesday evening. Freshman Jiayin Xue (right) is one of the 800 signatures each SBP candidate needs to obtain by Thursday.

Staffers give order to chaos

Passionate volunteers are key to managing hectic campaigns

BY STEPHANIE NEWTON
STAFF WRITER

As candidates fire up Microsoft Excel and tally numbers of signatures, it's clear that this year's election season is turning out to be a true lesson in economics.

While "output" comes in the form of coveted petition signatures, many candidates are trying to stress the essential nature of student "input," personal motivation and an awareness of campaign laws to their staffers this election season.

With a formal warning already issued to all candidates regarding campaign violations, campaign managers are stepping up their efforts to monitor support.

Many campaign managers have indicated the importance and pleasure of recruiting volunteers who are passion-

ate about the candidate's platform and leadership style.

"The most effective way to get them excited is to personally invite or call them," said Justin Wade, who is managing a core committee of 30 workers and an additional 250 reserve members to aid in Seke Ballard's campaign for student body president.

For Hudson Vaughan, a campaign staffer on Seth Dearmin's stump, the roots of such passion are clearly memorable.

Working at what he calls the grass-roots level, Vaughan said he never feels overwhelmed by his tasks to the point of quitting.

"It's been a ton of work ... but it doesn't feel at all like we're doing it all for him," Vaughan said. "I think his

accessibility has been great."

Justin Guillory, who is managing more than 100 people working for student body president candidate Tom Jensen, similarly highlighted Jensen's friendliness and talent. "Everyone enjoys being around him," he said. "They know it's not a waste of time."

Justin Johnson, candidate for Carolina Athletic Association president, said he also doesn't need to use excessive force when organizing and motivating his troop of campaign workers.

"Most of them know about my ideas for making changes with the CAA next year," he said. "It doesn't take a lot of pushing people

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Seniors snag \$12,000 for 2nd speaker

BY KRISTLE SPELLMAN
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UNC students could get a dose of Comedy Central during Commencement weekend.

Mo Rocca, a TV personality formerly of "The Daily Show," might grace the steps of South Building to render UNC's first "Senior Class Address," if the plans of senior class officers come through.

Working with other branches of student government since last semester, officers are in the middle of arranging Rocca's appearance the evening before Commencement to kick off the celebratory weekend.

Tuesday night, Student Congress appropriated \$12,000 to the executive branch of student government to serve as a portion of the cost of bringing in Rocca.

Members of student government have yet to make an offer to Rocca's agent.

"(The event) is all contingent upon his accepting our offer," said Senior Class Vice

President Becca Frucht, noting that if he declines, the possibilities of getting another speaker might be minimal with graduation approaching quickly.

Student Body Vice President Alexa Kleysteuber said that once the Student Advisory Committee to the Chancellor received approval to have the event, the biggest obstacle was finding a speaker at an affordable cost.

Kleysteuber said that while Rocca generally charges \$20,000, he understands that UNC is a public university and asked student officials to make an offer. Now that Congress has approved the request, student government is prepared to offer \$18,000.

In addition to the \$12,000 from Congress, the senior class will provide \$2,000, Campus Y will offer \$1,000, and funds from the Office of the Provost will

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Mo Rocca (left), former "The Daily Show" personality, visits UNC in 2002. Senior class officers are trying to get Rocca for a "Senior Class Address."

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