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## Duke lacrosse season canceled

COACH RESIGNS AMID RELEASE OF AFFIDAVIT, INCLUDING PLAYER E-MAIL

BY KAVITA PILLAI  
STATE & NATIONAL EDITOR

Duke University officials announced Wednesday further fallout from allegations of rape against members of the men's lacrosse team.

Director of Athletics Joe Alleva released a statement saying he has accepted the resignation of the men's lacrosse coach, Mike Pressler. Duke President Richard Brodhead also announced the cancellation of the

team's season and all associated activities.

The statements followed the release of a previously sealed search warrant, which included an e-mail sent from the account of sophomore lacrosse player Ryan McFadyen of Mendham, New Jersey.

The e-mail — signed "41," McFadyen's jersey number — was sent shortly after a woman reported she was raped during a March 13 party at 610 N. Buchanan Blvd., then the home of three Duke lacrosse cap-

tains. The black woman, who reported that men at the party yelled racial slurs at her, had been hired for the party as an exotic dancer, along with a second woman.

No charges have been filed, and DNA tests from 46 of the 47 lacrosse players have not yet been returned from the State Bureau of Investigation.

"Tomorrow night, after tonight's show, I've decided to have some strippers over to Edens 2C," the e-mail states, adding that

there would not be any nudity. "I plan on killing the bitches as soon as they walk in and proceeding to cut their skin off ..."

Edens 2C refers to a residence hall on Duke's West Campus.

Brodhead, in a statement, called the e-mail "sickening and repulsive." He also stated that McFadyen has received an interim suspension and is no longer on campus.

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### ONLINE POLLS:

#### SEEKING INPUT

Would you attend the Senior Class Address?

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#### Edit Page redesign

Do you like the new Editorial Page redesign?

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## Veteran pair square off for Congress post

Vote expected to be heavily partisan

BY MAC MOLLISON  
STAFF WRITER

The campus political world is guaranteed to keep spinning tonight, when two political Titans butt heads over the position of speaker of Student Congress.

Reps. Kris Gould and Luke Farley will play their best politics in the opening meeting of the 88th session of Student Congress, competing to convince representatives to vote them into the position.

Incumbent members said the outcome of the vote rests on the shoulders of the dozen new graduate student representatives.

"It seems like most of the undergraduate representatives are pretty

much decided," said Rep. Dustin Ingalls, citing partisan allegiances to the UNC Young Democrats and College Republicans.

Gould served as speaker pro tem in the 87th session of Congress, which wrapped up Monday, and is a former co-president of Young Democrats.

Farley held the contested

speaker position in the 87th, and his ties to conservative groups on campus suggest that both candidates will be backed by partisan supporters.

Both said they will focus on increasing student interest in Congress, especially among graduate students, meaning that swing voters likely will have a difficult choice to make.

The candidates also have pledged to improve Congress' efficiency further — Farley's key campaign promise in last year's vote, and one that members on both sides of the aisle agree he has fulfilled.

Farley also stressed the need for transparency, hosting a series of poorly attended meet-and-greets during the term.

The speaker presides over all Congress meetings and is an ex-officio member of all committees, among other duties.

"I think there's no reason not to give him the job again," said Ingalls, a Young Democrat and former roommate of Gould's.

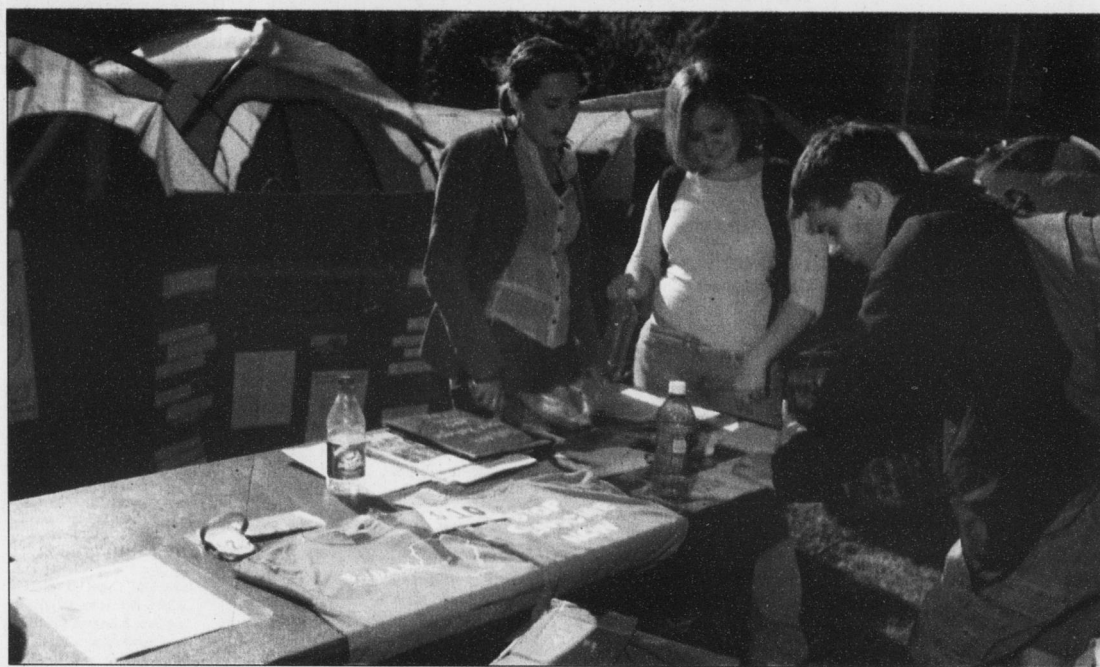
But some representatives expressed different sentiments.

"I think above all, a speaker must have a strong sense of ethics," Rep. Pablo Friedmann said. "I haven't been really satisfied with what I've seen from Luke over the past year."

He and other representatives said Farley acted dishonestly when he urged supporters of a campaign to eliminate student leader stipends in an e-mail not to cooperate with The Daily Tar Heel, among other concerns.

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### FACING THE ELEMENTS



DTH/GALEN CLARKE

Junior Jessica Scruggs (center) and sophomore Laura Morrison (left), of Students United for Darfur Awareness Now, offer information to sophomore Chris Carter, who stops by the mock refugee camp in Polk Place on Wednesday. Carter signed a post card calling for

action against the genocide in Darfur that will be sent to President George Bush. Carter was a member of SUDAN his freshman year and wanted to show his support again. "It's a major humanitarian crisis," he said. "It's good to raise awareness." The camp will remain up until Friday.

## TOWN TACKLES BUDGET

Free parking, more police discussed

BY BRIANNA BISHOP  
CITY EDITOR

Next fiscal year looks to bring several changes to downtown Chapel Hill that will make it both safer and a little easier on the wallet.

The Chapel Hill Town Council favorably discussed a plan to have free parking at metered spaces on Saturdays. Sundays are already free.

"I think we should try it and see what happens," said Mayor Kevin

Foy, who brought the item before the council.

The recommendation came from a discussion Foy had with the Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership, of which he is a member.

The original recommendation from town staff was to make the meters free on Saturdays but maintain a two-hour parking limit monitored by tire chalking.

Some council members, however, want to take it a step farther. "We should make Saturday just

"I don't think it's an unfair burden to ask the merchants to pitch in. We're still going to pitch in a portion of it." KEVIN FOY, MAYOR

like Sunday: no tire chalking, no ticketing," council member Cam Hill said.

A revenue loss of \$60,000 is estimated to occur if parking is free on Saturdays.

That amount would be supplemented by a 3-cent increase to the downtown service district tax as well as by \$11,000 from the district's fund balance.

The service district tax is levied on downtown businesses, and revenues provide improved services to the district.

The remaining deficit would be picked up by the town.

Foy said because the tax rate in the district, at 5.3 cents, is so low in comparison to other com-

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## Chapel Hill sound hits national stage

BY HARRY KAPLOWITZ  
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"You can't count on stuff to happen; you just have to hope for it," says sophomore Thomas Harling, describing his take on a career in the music industry.

Subdued words for the frontman of a band that could be on the brink of making it big.

But the 20-year-old University student, whose band, Washington Lane, was the only N.C. group to reach the semifinals of mtvU's "Best Music on Campus" contest, is also brimming with anxiety.

"With music, you only have a certain time frame," he said. "I'm the ideal age, and I just want to jump on the opportunity."

Now in its second year, the Web-based competition will award one college band a recording contract with pop-punk label Drive-Thru

Records as well as an mtvU music video premiere.

"It would be awesome because it would be a foot in the door to play with bands we've always looked up to," Harling said.

His band, which started just a year and a half ago, was one of more than 300 that entered the competition.

Now, it's one of just 25.

"There are incredible student bands and solo artists in campuses across the country — way too many to keep track of," said Ross Martin, head of programming for mtvU.

"This is a just fantastic chance to shine the light and turn up the amps on these young artists."

The contest, as Martin describes it, is a multiplatform way for college students and music fans to

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COURTESY OF JAMES SCHAEFFER

Lead singer Thomas Harling and drummer Mike Duncan perform in a live show at the Visualite Theater, located in Charlotte, on Jan. 6.

## Moeser fields student queries

Chancellor James Moeser led an open-house discussion in the Student Union late Wednesday afternoon, fielding a variety of questions from students expressing issues of concern to their lives.

Organized by student government, it was the third such forum of the academic year.

The following are excerpts from those questions.

Q: In light of recent events in Durham, what's the responsibility of University administrators in regard to activities students partake in off campus?

A: I think it's important to recognize — and especially when those students are supported with scholarships — that that's a privilege, not a right.

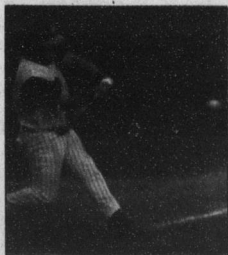
Q: I've had a problem getting help ... that's just not available in the electronic editing program (in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication), and I'm wondering why ... I've never been in a learning environment where my teachers expect me to do things that they just don't know how to do.

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**DUKE AFFIDAVIT** View a copy of the affidavit including a Duke lacrosse player's e-mail after the March 13 party

**ARTS BLOG** Visit the blog for more photographs of Washington Lane, the North Carolina band in the mtvU contest



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**DAVIDSON DRUBBING**  
The North Carolina baseball team continued its historic domination of Davidson on Wednesday, pummeling the Wildcats 23-7.

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**REDESIGNED PAGE**  
The Daily Tar Heel unveils its redesigned edit page and reasons behind the changes, initiated after a months-long evaluation process.

today in history

**APRIL 6, 2000 ...**  
UNC students travel to Columbia, S.C., to protest the flying of the Confederate flag at the state's capitol building.

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