

LIFE AFTER LEADERSHIP

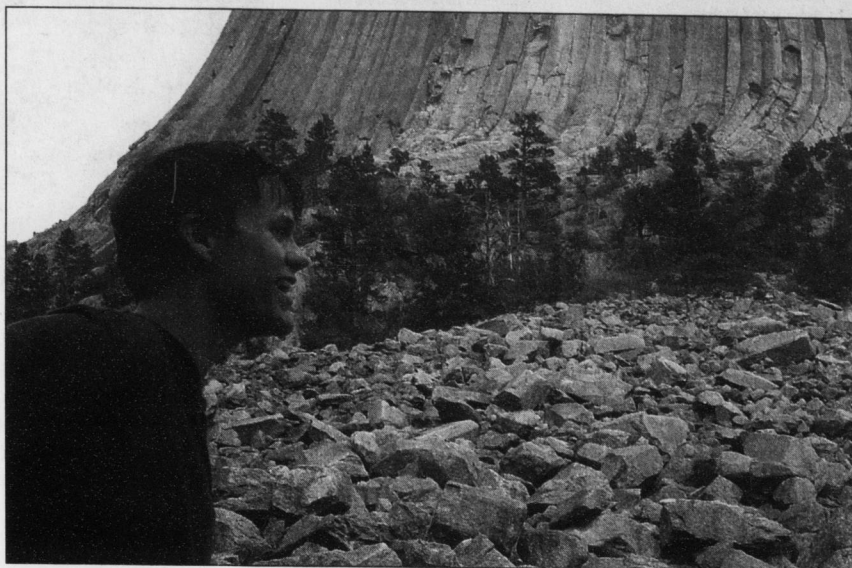
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After a year of hard work and not much spare time, last year's student government leaders passed their responsibilities to a new group of dedicated students in April.

This time last year these former student leaders were busy scrambling to attend meetings and form campus policy in between their daily schedules.

Checking in now, they've taken different paths. One is busy adapting to life in medical school, another is taking an administrative role just down the road. Yet another is continuing his research at the University.

All are adjusting to the change in pace as the spotlight begins to fade from their time at the top.



COURTESY OF SETH DEARMIN
Seth Dearmin, former student body president, walks in front of Devils Tower in Wyoming. After a strenuous year leading student government, Dearmin spent his summer taking a West Coast road trip.

Name: Seth Dearmin
Former title: student body president
Current job: UNC-system General Administration
Dearmin couldn't pull himself away from Chapel Hill after gradu-

ating in May. He began his new job down the road six weeks ago. "To some degree (it's) an extension of what I was exposed to last year as student body president," Dearmin said. But before he joined the higher-education policy world, he and his roommate took a one-way trip across a northern route to the West Coast. He said it was nice to not have any

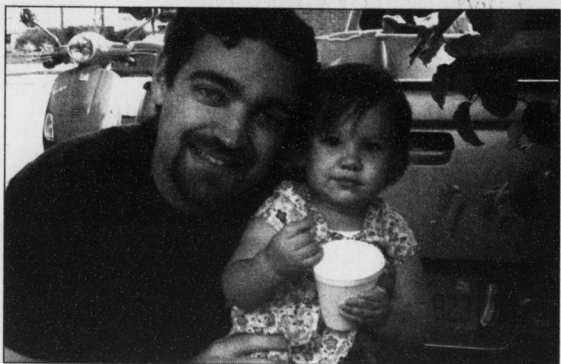
worries and focus on being young. But now he said he's putting in long hours at the office. "It's not the same sense of freedom and carefreeness of being a student ... being able to go out on Franklin Street multiple nights a week." Dearmin said he will hold the position with the UNC system for one year and then will consider traveling or graduate school.



COURTESY OF JUSTIN JOHNSON
Justin Johnson, who led CAA last year, poses with grandfather, Peyton Wrench, at Oak Island. Johnson is attending medical school this year.

Name: Justin Johnson
Former title: Carolina Athletic Association president
Current job: student, Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions
Former CAA President Justin Johnson left Blue Heaven to move up the East Coast. Johnson said he is looking for ways to get involved on campus — including student government. So far he said he has worked at a free clinic and tutored at a local high school.

After graduating in May, Johnson spent part of his summer working in a lab and being an umpire for girls' softball teams in Chatham County. Johnson said the lessons he learned from working with CAA will help him with his future endeavors. "As a physician I'll be working with all different types of people working as part of a medical team — stuff we did all the time at CAA."



COURTESY OF MIKE BRADY
Mike Brady, last year's Graduate and Professional Student Federation president, is using his newfound freedom to spend time with his daughter, Lana.

Name: Mike Brady
Former title: Graduate and Professional Student Federation
Current job: graduate student
Still enrolled at UNC, former GPSF President Mike Brady, now spends his time with his daughter and working on his research project. "I'm leading a pretty simple life now in comparison," Brady said. But he said he misses the link to students he felt through student government.

"It's amazing how disconnected I feel already, just having been away for a few months," he said. After a four-year stint with student government, Brady said he will find another way to get involved again — just nothing major. But Brady said he still tries to interact with students on campus. "I still try to be a go-to person," he said. "Whenever I overhear people talking about a problem I usually stick my nose in and tell them where they need to take their issues."

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