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## Allred touts progress in October Report

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Two years ago James Allred was busy compiling the October Report for then-student body president Matt Calabria as part of his duties as student body secretary.



Today: October Report  
Tuesday the blue cover of the just-released 167-page document bore Allred's name, and the pages serve as

the executive branch's evaluation of his accomplishments midway through his term as student body president.

"It's just been far less sleepless nights," Allred said, referring to the fact that put-



Student Body President James Allred released the report Tuesday hailing that he's already completed 47 of his total 83 platform promises.

ting together the report was Student Body Secretary Clay Schossow's responsibility this time around.

"In some ways, I'm much more proud since it's my administration this time around and my platform and my vision," he said.

Since taking office in early April, the Allred administration has sped through 47

platform planks out of 83 total, according to the 2006 October Report.

Allred said he expects an additional 23 planks to be completed in the near future.

Chief of Staff Christie Cunningham, who is responsible for coordinating the work of executive branch committees, said she attributes the progress largely to good research that went in when developing the platform.

"We didn't create new programs," she said. "We just wanted to fix student services and, most of all, improve them."

Allred's campaign platform included promises for tuition predictability, an increase in student advisers, more emergency blue light boxes off campus and improved campus parking for students.

The report is broken down into sections written by cabinet and committee members.

Platforms planks recognized include:  
■ Tuition and student fees: Although this year's tuition and fee talks are far from complete, Allred has seen some progress in predictability.

A revamped student fee process, in the works before Allred took office, led to a recommended increase of \$56.48 — a significantly lower increase than last year's raise of \$170.05 for undergraduate students.

Tuition predictability has improved for in-state students now that UNC-system President Erskine Bowles' 6.5 percent tuition cap passed. Talk of a long-term

plan also preceded Allred's tenure.

"We are on the brink of one of the best tuition and fee increases we've seen in years," Allred said.

■ Academic advising: Representatives from the administration worked with academic advisers to help select five new full-time advisers. Cunningham said the plank was intended to address an area that student government leaders thought could be improved — academic services.

■ Printing: Allred advocated for the installation of One Card readers at campus Information Technology Services computer labs. A limit of 500 pages per semester was

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## Fans, finances caused demise

### Bunting failed to fill stadium

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After watching the North Carolina football team lose, 34-0, to Louisville in Kenan Stadium in 2004, Matt Gers was angry.

The UNC senior was frustrated at the failures of the team, which had gone a combined 5-19 during the previous two seasons.

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name.

"I felt like we should have had a coach of a higher caliber," Gers said. "If you look at the other sports, we should be better."

Gers' proposal was shot down two years ago by UNC's strong finish — "we put it on ice for a while," he said — but gained steam after the Tar Heels' sluggish start to this season.

The number of hits for firebunting.com went through the roof. Message boards, radio talk shows and Athletics Director Dick Baddour's e-mail filled with fan vitriol. In the news media, Bunting was portrayed as a coach on the hot seat.

And that reaction to the team's 1-6 start, more than anything, led



John Bunting's contract will pay him until 2009 unless he accepts another job elsewhere.

to the decision to fire Bunting on Sunday.

"I felt like we were already being bombarded with those questions, that it could only create a more severe difficult situation for the players and the staff to operate in," Baddour said Monday, when asked why he announced the change in the middle of the season.

Though Gers' part in creating the maelstrom around the program was minimal, it was an example of a method that didn't exist more than a decade ago.

Former UNC head coach Carl Torbush, who is now the linebackers coach at Division II Carson-Newman, said technology can play a large role in coaching decisions at high-profile schools.

"Once they invented the Internet, once they invented talk radio, once they invented the computer, things sped up," Torbush said in a phone interview Friday.

"Things that used to take months or years now get going instantaneously."

And nothing starts an Internet controversy faster than a losing streak.

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## Congress backs off on ticket reform

### Allred veto stands following debate

BY MAC MOLLISON  
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Student Congress members voted 10 to six to uphold a veto by Student Body President James Allred Tuesday night, reversing the passage of a bill the body voted unanimously in favor of only four weeks ago.

The defeat of the bill, which would have ensured equal treatment of all students requesting athletic tickets by subjecting them to one ticket lottery, means ticket distribution will not change before Congress' next full meeting, at the earliest.

Allred vetoed the bill because of concerns that student athletes, disabled students and others would be treated unfairly if it were enforced. He also said Congress doesn't have purview over ticket distribution.

Speaker Pro Tem Dustin Ingalls

said that if the bill had been upheld, he would have introduced an amendment to forbid only student government and Carolina Athletic Association members from receiving advantages in ticket distribution.

The bill's failure prompted him to promise to introduce a new bill next week with only those changes.

Allred told Congress he wasn't prepared to comment on whether or not he would veto Ingalls' new bill.

"If that's the will of Congress, I can't see going against that at this time," he said. "I'd be disappointed, but I think there are better things we can deal with right now."

"Come talk to me as you're drafting it, I'll be happy to talk about it," he told Congress leadership.

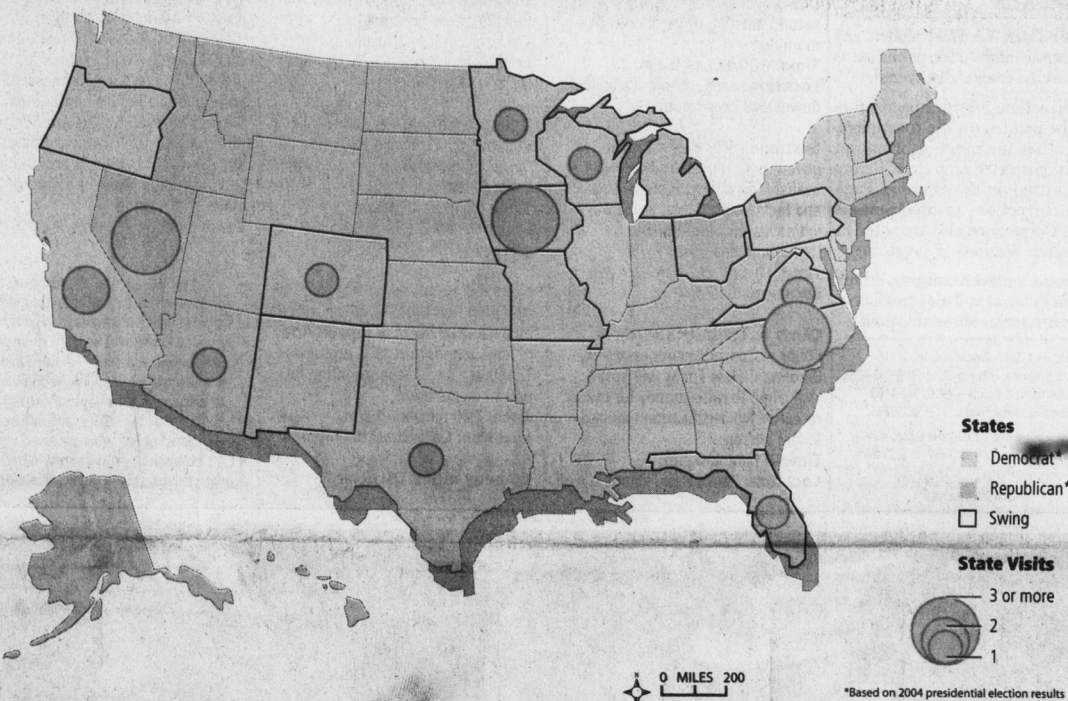
Congress' reversal of the decision is one more aspect of an ongoing power struggle between the body and the Allred administration, which leaders of both branches have acknowledged.

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## EDWARDS ON THE ROAD

### A political stumping ground?

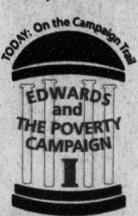
John Edwards has spoken at multiple events across the nation since the beginning of September, raising questions as to whether he is laying the groundwork for a possible run for presidency in the upcoming 2008 election. Visit apps.dailytarheel.com/blogs for details about Edwards' visits to other states.



### Travels point to political ambition

BY SHANNAN BOWEN  
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Other than a few family portraits, some books and a couple



of cans of mixed nuts, John Edwards' office at the UNC School of Law appears unused.

It's appar-

ent that the office, where Edwards sits as director of the Center on Poverty, Work and Opportunity, is not his only workplace.

An analysis by The Daily Tar Heel of Edwards' calendar items shows that the potential White House hopeful has spent about half of the past two months away from Chapel Hill, where he and wife Elizabeth recently built a \$4.2 million estate.

His travels are leading many to believe that the former senator

is gearing up for 2008.

Edwards said he typically spends about one day a week at the law school office.

"When I'm here it varies dramatically," he said.

Usually his three-person staff at the center has his schedule booked for the day with interviews, conferences, guest speeches in classrooms and meetings with members of the center's advisory board.

"I spend a lot of time traveling, making phone calls, meeting with donors or potential donors," he said. "I don't keep a

time sheet, so I don't know how much time that all takes."

Since the end of August, Edwards has led four events for the center — a coffee hour with campus community members, a panel about Hurricane Katrina relief progress and two other panels concerning poverty issues.

"If you were to break up what I spend my time doing, basically it's this and everything connected with this, which is by far the major component of what I do,"

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## Former student searches for Hollywood fame

BY KATIE HUGHES  
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An anonymous friend slipped Erin White the key to a ritzy apartment complex in Studio City, Calif.

The key has been passed down for years, its owner gaining access to a world where the well-heeled lease space fit for Hollywood royalty.

The aspiring singer and actress, who graduated from UNC in May, blends in here.

Next to the pool, fiddling with her broken iPod (which she cannot afford to replace, she said), she indulges in the privileges of her new membership.

This membership is not to the five-star edifice or the high society that pays its rent, of course, but to the "Los Angeles contenders," an unofficial temp community of Hollywood hopefuls responsible for this in-the-know behavior.

It's a sharing and caring attitude that doesn't seem very L.A.

"I think everyone in L.A. is crazy," White said. "My next-door neighbor plays piano for Dr. Dre

— everyone knows somebody out here."

A serious car accident during the summer left White depressed, broke and unable to put the finishing touches on her upcoming album, *Anticipation*.

After a month-long recovery, White was towing her life in a fully packed U-Haul down Interstate 40, completed album in hand.

"(The accident) taught me to roll with the punches," she said.

White, who graduated with a degree in exercise and sports science, shares a one-bedroom apartment with a children's dance teacher who moonlights as a hip-hop dancer.

The two met last year while White was performing aboard the Palm Beach Princess cruise liner in Florida. White's roommate, Casey, grew up on a "cow farm" in Wisconsin, and the two clicked immediately, a pair of "down-home girls" dreaming of the bright lights in the big city.

Her hometown of St. Pauls, N.C., is uncon-

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Erin White, who graduated from UNC in May, sings aboard a Florida-based cruise ship. She is pursuing a career in music and acting.

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### FIERY ISSUE

A governor's task force on hazardous materials weighs in on the Apex chemical plant fire that forced residents to evacuate.



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### HAVING A BALL

Zeta Beta Tau holds a fundraiser for the Orange County Rape Crisis Center by having students sign an oversized beach ball to support the cause.

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Sen. Paul Wellstone of Minnesota, who received his A.B. from UNC in 1965, is killed in a plane crash. At the University he was a member of the wrestling team.

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