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Congress almost lifts CAA from Code

Allred leaves meeting prematurely in protest

BY MAC MOLLISON
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Student Congress came within a hairbreadth of ejecting the Carolina Athletic Association from the purview of student government Tuesday night.

In a vote breaking an eight-to-eight tie, Speaker Luke Farley chose to kill the bill rather than accept an amendment that would have salvaged student body elections for the post of CAA president.

The vote came shortly after Student Body President James Allred left the meeting in protest. Congress adviser Jon Curtis also left the meeting at the same time.

The bill was drafted in response to a Student Supreme Court case brought against Congress by CAA earlier this month after representatives passed legislation that revoked their access to privileged tickets to varsity men's basketball games. CAA, which helps distribute basketball

tickets and oversees Carolina Fever, won the case, arguing that it derived its authority from the Department of Athletics rather than the student body.

"After close examination, I am of the opinion that CAA, in its current form, serves sometimes contradictory constituencies, and as such has no place in the Student Code," Chief Justice Matt Liles wrote in the opinion of the Court.

Congress' bill would have stricken Title VII, which outlines rules concerning CAA, and removed some other references to CAA in the Code.

"This legislation is just the bitter recognition that we don't have any authority over them," Farley said at Tuesday's meeting.

But CAA President Rachel High circulated a letter strongly requesting that the CAA remain in the Code for purposes of student elections.

"The CAA president is, indeed, the voice of the students when it comes to athletics," she wrote. "For that reason, the CAA should remain in Title VI of the Code."

Student affairs committee chairman Tyler Younts said High's request "baffled" him. "In court they argued that their author-

ity came from the administration via the athletic department, and therefore we couldn't regulate them," he said.

Finance committee chairman Val Tenyotkin introduced the amendment to leave allowances for the election of the CAA president in the Code.

Tenyotkin and other representatives advocated working with the CAA in a deliberative process to create a new Title VII that would recognize that CAA's authority is derived from University administrators

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UNC black faculty point to progress

BY CORI SUE MORRIS
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In 1966 Hortense McClinton became the first black professor at UNC. She taught in the School of Social Work for 18 years.

Black History Month

Less than 30 years after McClinton arrived, the University had progressed so much that it had the most blacks holding endowed chaired professorships of any American university.

In April 1993 UNC had 11 out of the country's total 74 of these professors, who taught a variety of fields ranging from chemistry to philosophy.

One of these professors was Charles Daye, who still teaches in

the School of Law. Daye, who began teaching in 1972, said he believes the challenges he has faced throughout his career have been no different than those of other faculty.

Although Daye said he believes there has been improvement in faculty diversity through the years, he said it has been hard to sustain.

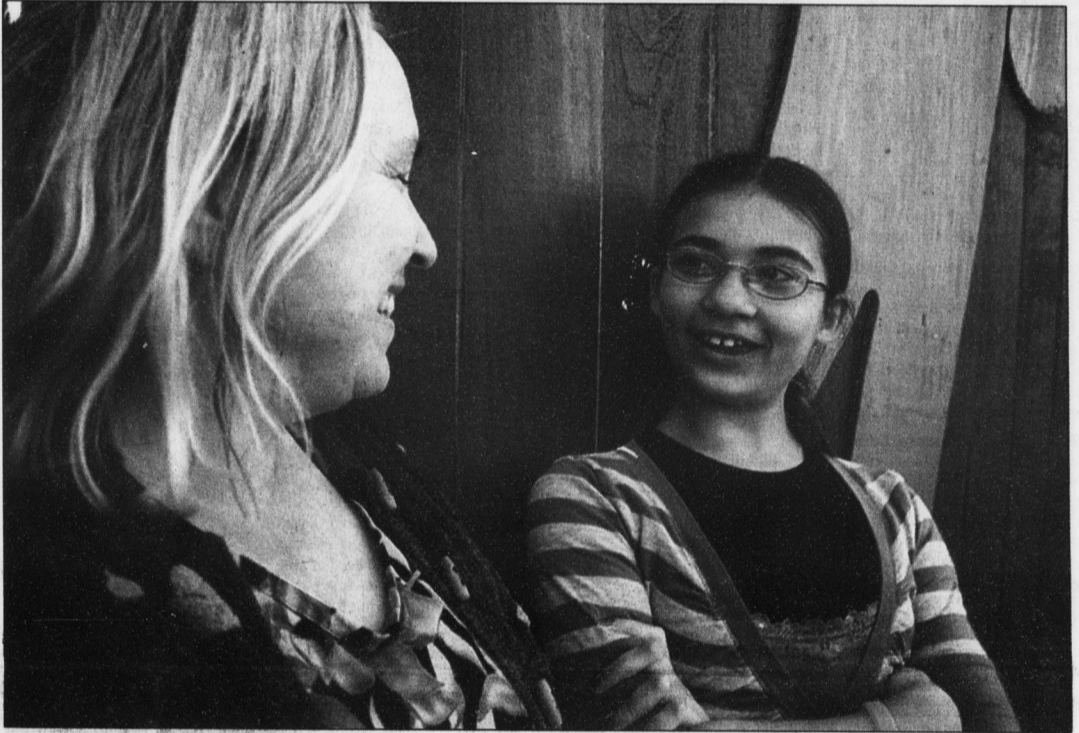
"People come, and sometimes they don't stay, retire or pass away," he said.

Today UNC has 130 black faculty members, representing about 4.5 percent of UNC's 2,885 total faculty, according to the most recent data from the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment.

Black students make up about 9.9 percent of the University's

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A FOREIGN SEPARATION



Kathleen Barton (left) sits with Leila Fallahi, Sima Fallahi's daughter, as Leila explains what she will say to her mother when she visits her in jail this weekend: "I love you." Sima Fallahi is awaiting a decision determining if she will be deported to her native Iran. DTH/TRACI WHITE

Carrboro resident faces deportation

BY SARA GREGORY
ASSISTANT CITY EDITOR

Sima Fallahi and her daughter Leila haven't hugged since Nov. 29.

Sunday, the two will be able to meet outside the glass partition that has separated them for the past three months.

"I get to see my mom and touch her and hug her," 11-year-old Leila said. "She took a parenting class, and now we get to do activities together when I visit."

Detained by Chapel Hill police last November after a routine background check found an outstanding warrant for her deportation, Fallahi was confined at Mecklenburg County Jail on Dec. 1.

Friends of Fallahi said an Immigration and Customs Enforcement officer is scheduled to make a decision today on the status of her custody. His decision will determine if she will be allowed on a supervised release from jail.

Police found a "final order for removal" — deportation orders for the Iranian-born woman who has lived in the United States since 1985 — when Fallahi applied for a street vendor permit Nov. 27.

When she returned to the police station to pick up the permit Nov. 29, police arrested Fallahi and took her to Orange County Jail.

There, Fallahi tried to reach someone to take care of Leila. Fallahi was unsuccessful, and Leila returned home from school to an empty house and spent five hours alone before friends of Fallahi's picked up the child.

Fallahi eventually would identify Kathleen Barton and Bob Wright, an engaged couple she introduced to one another two years ago, as Leila's temporary guardians.

"We owe Sima one, and this is a big one that we're trying to pay her back with," said Wright, who lobbied the Chapel Hill Town Council

on Monday to offer aid to Fallahi. The couple also found Fallahi's legal representation, and they are footing many of the legal bills.

Coming to America

Fallahi entered the U.S. on a student visa, but when it expired in 1996, she failed to acquire a nonstudent visa.

Staying permanently was never Fallahi's intent, but her conversion to the Unitarian faith and Leila, born out-of-wedlock, made her reconsider returning to her native Abadan, in southern Iran.

Barton said Fallahi's religion and single motherhood wouldn't be accepted in Iran.

Fallahi hired Greensboro attorney Manlin Chee to handle a 1999 application for political asylum, but the request was denied after Fallahi missed a hearing, said Randall Stroud, who now is representing Fallahi. A judge issued

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Sima Fallahi's time in the U.S.

1985 Sima Fallahi comes to America from Iran on a student visa

1996 Fallahi's student visa expires

1999 Fallahi files for political asylum

1999 Fallahi's appeal for asylum is denied

Nov. 29 Chapel Hill police arrest Fallahi after discovering an outstanding warrant for her deportation

Today An Immigration and Customs Enforcement officer is expected to make a decision on her custody status

GOP sifts through governor's budget

Want temporary taxes to expire

BY ERIN FRANCE
STATE & NATIONAL EDITOR

RALEIGH — The continuing debate on the state budget centers on more than just percentage points and fund allocations; it strikes at what legislators see as the responsibility of the state.

Republicans argue that part of that responsibility is to allow two taxes, on sales and income, to expire this year.

The taxes were passed as temporary measures, but are renewed in Gov. Mike Easley's 2007-09 budget in order to raise more than \$300 million in revenue in a year's time.

"I do not support continuing those sales tax increases," said Rep. Cary Allred, R-Alamance, who is on the appropriations committee. "I believe the legislature should

keep its word to the people."

Some source of funds will have to be found to replace the necessary revenue if the taxes are allowed to expire on time, said Chris Fitzsimon, the director of N.C. Policy Watch.

"It would be irresponsible to not collect taxes in a year where there are so many needs in our state," he said. "My position is that fundamentally ... we should assess what we can reasonably do."

And while education is a big priority for the state and is properly addressed, other needs are not mentioned in the budget, Fitzsimon said.

"No one that I know believes there's adequate resources for the mental health system," he said.

The state put a cap on the number of mental health patients the four state hospitals could admit this month, sending the excess into local

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Local rapper wants you to get your lyrical fix

BY DAVE PEARSON
STAFF WRITER

A lot of people try their best to fit in, but Billy Sugarfix is looking for those who aren't scared to fly their freak flag — at least in writing.

Sugarfix, whose real name is Bill McCormick, announced a contest for weird poetry on his blog, Surreal O' Rama.

Sugarfix earned local notoriety with his song-a-day for 100 days podcast and with the "It's Carrboro" rap, which spotlights local businesses, that he created with Brian Risk.

He said the Surreal O' Rama Song Poem Bizarre Lyrics Contest is a throwback to a 1970s subculture fad during which advertising groups charged people to set their poetry to music.

Sugarfix said the campaign was a thinly veiled scam, but some individuals saw it as an opportunity to expose their weirdness by writing truly strange poems just to find out what they would sound like set to music.

Once a full-time elementary teacher, Sugarfix also recently taught a music composition class for children at The ArtsCenter in Carrboro. He said his experience with the kids' nonlinear approach to music inspired him to create the contest.

"I wanted to see if I could get the same results with people sending me whatever," he said.

Sugarfix also works as a song composer for hire, but said most commissions are rather straightforward, and he wanted to do more creative work.

"I miss doing the strange songs and wanted

to do some more weird stuff," he said.

The Surreal O' Rama blog began as a place for him to post his fiction writing, although he said that lately the contest has taken over the site.

Sugarfix was able to bring in four respected judges for the offbeat contest: underground rock veteran Jad Fair of Half Japanese; Salon.com and Village Voice music critic Franklin Bruno; Seth Falkner of the popular Urban Coffee podcast; and Large Hearted Boy blogger David Gutowski.

"It's like expecting the bronze and getting the gold," Sugarfix said, of confirming the judges.

The contest is open to anyone, anywhere until March 10, when the judges will review all entries

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Sample lyrics from a "Song Poem"

My menthol scented nasal dilator keeps me from snoring at night I place it upon my septum then I tuck myself in tight

I dream of Sasquatch's little brother medium foot is his name he dances with the loch ness monster who happens to have the same

problem as me restless sleep but she cant count sheep because she eats (them)

-Provided by Billy Sugarfix

To enter the contest
➤ E-mail your lyrics to billysugarfix@gmail.com with the subject line "Bizarre Lyrics"

➤ Mail them to Billy Sugarfix, 104 Bim St. Carrboro, NC, 27510 with a \$1 handling fee.

➤ Submissions will be accepted until March 10.

➤ Visit Sugarfix's blog for more information: http://billysugarfix.blogspot.com/

➤ If you missed the "It's Carrboro" music video, check it out here: itscarrboro.com/download-the-its-carrboro-rap-video/

CORRECTION

Due to an editing error, the left photo that ran with the Tuesday front page story, "The times have a-changed," was incorrectly attributed. It should have read, "Copyright Don Sturkey, 1969, North Carolina Collection." The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the error.

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JORDAN COMES TO UNC

A group of students from Jordan have been traveling across the United States and stopped Tuesday at UNC, visiting spots such as the Smith Center.



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An organized UNC alumni movement to unseat University President Frank Porter Graham for being "too liberal" is discovered.

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