

Campus Y names two leaders

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Casey Beckner and Jeff Chen were elected co-presidents of the Campus Y for the 2008-09 school year.

"I think they'll work very well together," said Sarah Schuyler, this year's Campus Y co-president. "I have no doubt that they'll be fantastic for the Y."

Beckner, who garnered 36 percent of the vote, ran against three others — Lindsay Guge, Jasmin Jones and Sophie Solomon — for the female co-president position. Chen ran unopposed for the male co-president position and received about 95 percent of the votes.

The Campus Y constitution requires the election of one male and one female president. This tradition began when the YMCA and the YWCA joined in 1963. Leaders wanted to ensure that women still had leadership opportunities.

Chen and Beckner both served as co-chairs on committees this year. They will begin their terms as co-presidents after Spring Break.

"I feel like we both bring really different things but really great things, so I think we'll be a really good team," Beckner said.

"Historically we have been a forum through which students can find their voice for social change, and that will continue to be our main goal."



Jeff Chen ran uncontested for the male co-president position and was elected Tuesday night.



Casey Beckner was elected to the female co-president position with 36 percent of the vote.

Chen and Beckner said they hope to focus on recruitment and targeting students who are not yet involved with the Campus Y, UNC's largest student group.

"I think that social justice issues just keep coming up," Chen said. "I think there will definitely be a future for the Y on campus."

Beckner said she wants to maintain a high member-retention rate.

"My main, overarching goal is to help publicize the Campus Y in a way that it's never been publicized before," she said.

Schuyler said that Beckner and Chen are both personable and will be able to get people involved.

Virginia Carson, director of the Campus Y, said it is the responsibility of the co-presidents to organize the executive committee and the program committees.

This can be difficult because the Campus Y has 18 committees, nine special projects and at least 1,800 members.

"One thing we struggle with is fostering a sense that they are all part of an organization. Having strong communicating skills is very handy," Carson said.

Although Chen and Beckner were elected under the current constitutional provision, Schuyler said she wants to look into changing the one male, one female presidential position.

"That law inherently excludes anyone who does not identify as a man or a woman. I think most people don't think about that," she said. "The Y is for everyone."

But Carson said that the tradition has provided strong, balanced leadership.

"If the students want to take a fresh look at it, I would be willing to do that," Carson said.

Campus Y members also elected Jimmy Waters as the minister of information. Nora Llabona and Vikram Dashputre will reassume their positions of internal and external treasurers, respectively.

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National and World News

FROM THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

Some in GOP ask Huckabee to quit

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) — Against overwhelming odds, Mike Huckabee keeps brushing off calls to drop his presidential bid for the good of the Republican Party.

Some GOP sages suggest it's hard to quit while you're still winning races, despite the mathematical reality of the delegate count.

This time there is no incumbent, but John McCain has a commanding lead. Some Republicans suggest Huckabee's insistence on staying in the race could hinder the party's ability to unify behind the front-runner.

Obama, McCain win in Potomac

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) — Barack Obama powered past Hillary Rodham Clinton in the race for Democratic convention delegates Tuesday night with primary victories in Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia.

Republican front-runner John McCain won all three GOP primaries, adding to his insurmountable lead in delegates for the Republican nomination. He congratulated Mike Huckabee, his remaining major rival and a potential vice presidential running mate.

Pakistani opposition leaders make plans to form coalition government

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Leaders of Pakistan's two main opposition parties said Tuesday they would form a coalition government if their groups win the biggest share of votes in next week's parliamentary elections.

The hour-long meeting came one day after a survey by a U.S. organization predicted the opposition would score a landslide victory in the Feb. 18 ballot.

Zardari said his Pakistan People's Party would invite Sharif's Pakistan Muslim League-N as well as "other democratic forces" to join a governing coalition even if Bhutto's group won enough legislative seats to rule on its own.

Sharif said the political, social and economic crisis facing Pakistan had reached the point that "we all have to join hands and save the country from any further deterioration."

Violence by Islamic extremists linked to the Taliban and al-Qaida has been rising, particularly in the northwestern regions along the border with Afghanistan, and politics has been snarled in bitter wrangling over the long military rule led by President Pervez Musharraf.

Guantanamo may see executions

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — If six suspected terrorists are sentenced to death at Guantanamo Bay for the Sept. 11 attacks, U.S. Army regulations that were amended two years ago open the possibility of execution by lethal injection at the military base in Cuba.

Any executions would probably add to international outrage over Guantanamo, since capital punishment is banned in 130 countries, including the 27-nation European Union. The updated regulations make it possible for the executions to be carried out at Guantanamo.

Aborigines receive formal apology

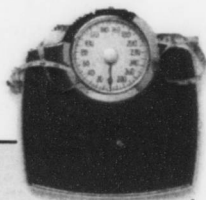
CANBERRA, Australia (AP) — As Parliament convened Wednesday, Prime Minister Kevin Rudd Prime put forth a motion asking lawmakers to formally apologize for past policies that "inflicted profound grief, suffering and loss" on Australia's indigenous people.

Aborigines remain the country's poorest and most disadvantaged group.

The apology is directed at tens of thousands of Aborigines who were forcibly taken from their families as children under now abandoned assimilation policies.

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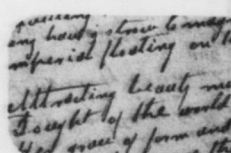
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The Ins and Outs of Comedy Writing

Saturday, February 16, 3:30-4:30, Union 3102



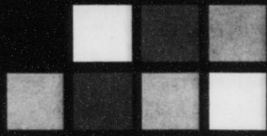
The A Daily Show Panel

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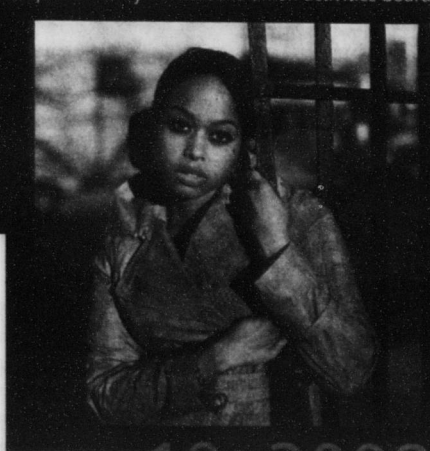
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