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TODAY: Clear; high 55-60
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"Educational and Career Opportunities for Blacks at UNC" will be the subject of a forum at 5:30 p.m. in 226 Union.

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BSM endorses candidates for student offices

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NOTE STUDENT ELECTIONS
BSM Forum



Student Body president candidates discuss minority issues at the Black Student Movement forum Wednesday night

DTH/Carth Fox

The Black Student Movement endorsed Mark Bibbs for student body president, Dacia Toll and Wendy Bounds for Daily Tar Heel co-editors, Charles Streeter for Residence Hall Association president and Tracy Kirincich for Carolina Athletic Association president after a forum sponsored by the organization Wednesday night.

BSM President Arnie Epps said about endorsing Bibbs: "By far we felt he was most prepared to meet the needs of the African-American community and also because of his experience and proven leadership. He had concise, concrete ways for us to get a (free-standing) black cultural center."

BSM executive assistant Michelle Thomas said members endorsed Bounds and Toll for DTH co-editors because, "They have the most detailed outline as to what they'll be doing to ensure the problems that have been going on between the black community and The Daily Tar Heel will be resolved."

The BSM central committee interviewed all candidates Tuesday, and BSM dues-paying members who attended the forum voted on endorsements.

Student body president

Scott Peeler said he felt strongly about not raising student fees unless absolutely necessary.

BSM members asked Peeler to justify an expenses-paid RHA weekend

that had been held at the beach Labor Day weekend to organize the RHA governing board. Peeler, who left the forum early because of a job interview in Cincinnati, explained the weekend was funded with student rent rather than with student fees.

The topic of a free-standing BCC, which has been promised by University administrators for almost 20 years, was a key issue during the forum.

BSM members questioned Rashmi Airan about her role in Bicentennial allocation of funds.

Airan said as chairwoman of the student Bicentennial planning committee she had no authority to channel money toward causes such as a free-standing BCC. "I was in no way part of the planning of where the Bicentennial money goes," she said.

A permanent development officer could be a partial solution to focusing more attention on the BCC issue, she said. "I can do as much as I can to appoint a permanent development officer."

Mark Bibbs said he was in favor of a free-standing BCC at any cost. "I've got a backbone, and I'm willing to go toe to toe with administrators about the BCC."

Combining the BCC and an African-American studies department in one building would make it possible to receive state funds, because the project would have academic ties, he explained.

John Moody said he thought a multicultural center, which also would house a BCC, would be a more attainable goal than a BCC alone. "In going around to the dorms, people have been much more receptive to that," he said.

"Things are not simply black or white," he said. "We need to address other minority needs as well as blacks. Of course, the BCC would be an integral part of a multicultural center."

Mark Shelburne said he would not make any unilateral decisions about the BCC. "I'll receive input from interested

groups," he said. "Some people are very much opposed to a new building, but it's not impossible to have a new building," he said.

Howell Hall, the building that houses the School of Journalism and Mass Communication, could be a possible location for a BCC, rather than constructing a new building, he said. The journalism school is scheduled to move into Carroll Hall.

BSM members expressed concern about Airan's position as vice president

of the DTH Board of Directors and whether it would result in biased election coverage.

Airan said her position could not be used to influence the DTH's coverage of student body president candidates. "I have nothing to do with actual news," she said. "We just deal with money, and I worked on the proposal to change the editor selection process."

Airan said she did not think her position constituted a problem. "I don't feel it is necessary for me to resign from the Board of Directors because it's not a

conflict of interest."

Bibbs said his off-campus work for the University with the N.C. General Assembly in Raleigh had given him comprehensive political experience and would not detract from his on-campus performance as student body president.

Accused of being a "politico," Bibbs said he saw nothing wrong with being overtly political. "I'm not as bad as The (Daily) Tar Heel portrays me to be," he said.

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Littering, line jumping prompt CAA to alter distribution policy

By Maria Sweeney
Staff Writer

The Carolina Athletic Association will revamp ticket distribution procedures in response to the littering and line jumping that occurred at Sunday's ticket distribution for the Duke men's basketball game, said Stefan Shepherd, CAA ticket co-chairman.

"The CAA is thinking of moving to a ticket distribution system more like Duke's," he said. "We are thinking of setting up tents where students can pick up their numbers to eliminate camping out on the grounds of the Dean Dome."

CAA wants a change, but Shepherd didn't expect one until next year.

The CAA will sponsor a forum at 6 p.m. Feb. 6 in 03 Murphey Hall, Shepherd said. This forum will provide students with the opportunity to offer suggestions and comments about better ways to distribute tickets.

Darren Lucas, Smith Center director of ticket operations, said athletic department officials requested that CAA move the lines for future ticket allocation because of Sunday's litter.

Shepherd said, "In the future, students will not be allowed to camp out on the grounds of the Smith Center. However, students can camp out at the F West parking lot next to the center."

Chris Little, a sophomore from Greensboro, was one of many who complained that fair ticket distribution was impossible because of line breaking.

"When I camped out for Duke tickets, people cut in line," he said. "It didn't really affect me, because I was not very far back in line, but for people that were far back, they probably got bad seats."

Shepherd said that it was the students' responsibility to control cutting in line, but the CAA is still trying to figure out what can be done about students saving spaces for others.

"The distribution procedure has worked fine in the past," he said. "Problems were amplified due to the University of Virginia game. Other ticket distributions in the past have not taken place on game day."

Jay Roseborough, a senior from Charlotte, said he had a solution to the problems of ticket distribution.

"They need to have special days or times allotted for students in each class to do away with the long lines, because the present system leaves you waiting in the cold. If one person is in line, it really means that there are 20."

Shepherd said he hoped many people would come to the forum to voice their opinion on ways to improve procedures.

"With only three more distributions left, changes in procedure will probably be under the direction of new officers and occur next year," he added. "All we (CAA) want is what works best for the students."

Congress committee asks Bibbs to resign court post

By Steve Politi
University Editor

A Student Congress committee passed a resolution Wednesday night requesting Mark Bibbs to step down as Student Supreme Court chief justice because of his candidacy for student body president.

If Bibbs does not resign from the post, committee members will move to impeach him, said Ron Swift, chairman of the Rules and Judiciary Committee.

"We have a duty to impeach him," Swift said.

"We're formally showing (him) the problem we have. If he still breaks the code later on, we will have to impeach him."

The resolution will go to a vote before the full congress Feb. 5.

Bibbs said he would not resign, adding that the committee's move was politically motivated.

"These immature political games must end," Bibbs said. "Obviously, my political adversaries will stop at nothing in their attempts to ruin my political credibility."

Rep. Caroline Doyle, a committee member, denied that the move was political in nature and emphasized that Bibbs was violating the Student Government Code.

"I definitely do not think this is political," she said. "This is clearly stated in the student code."

She added that while other student body president candidates had been questioned for their ethics, none explicitly were in violation of the Student Government Code.

The resolution states Bibbs was violating Title III, Part 1, Act 1, Section A.5 of the code.

But congress Speaker Tim Moore said the committee was out to get Bibbs for political reasons and was ignoring

the wrong-doings of other candidates. Other candidates also are breaking the code, Moore said. He said he could not cite specific sections of the code, because he did not have a copy of the code available at the time.

Bibbs said he would not comment on the case if it went before the full congress. But Moore predicted the bill would be "totally destroyed" in full congress.

"It's total bullshit," Moore said. "I know none of them are stupid enough to think they're going to win this."

Doyle said it was not the committee's position to be concerned with the doings of the full congress. "Anything can happen with this."

Swift said a recent lawsuit filed against Bibbs and against Student Congress for not taking action against the chief justice was a factor. "By doing this, (congress is) no longer being prosecuted," he said.

Kirincich targets 5 areas of improvement for CAA if elected club president

By Jennifer Talhelm
Staff Writer

Tracy Kirincich says her experience with Carolina Athletic Association makes her one of the most qualified people to be the group's president.

Kirincich, a junior computer-science major from Lake Hopatcong, N.J., spent two years as a CAA Cabinet member and currently serves as CAA vice president.

She said her campaign would focus on five main areas: ticket distribution, Homecoming, non-revenue sports, division within the CAA Cabinet and the Student Recreation Center.

Ticket distribution is one of CAA's biggest responsibilities. Kirincich said she wanted to improve the present distribution system.

"The basketball team was practicing

while we were distributing tickets, so we had to close a few windows and that slowed things a lot," she said. "I want to make sure that even if the basketball team is practicing, or if we have to close a few windows, we have a way to open them up."

She also said she wanted to try to avoid distributing tickets during finals. "We're kind of at the mercy of the ACC schedule, but we're trying to work for that," she said.

CAA members have examined other Atlantic Coast Conference schools and schools the same size as UNC to find out whether there was a better way to distribute tickets, but they decided the present system was best, Kirincich said.

"There's not much you can do with a school this size," she said. "We can't do what Duke does — just open the doors."

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Tsongas expected to face upward climb in later primaries

By Jason Richardson
Staff Writer

Despite recent success in New Hampshire polls, presidential candidate Paul Tsongas faces formidable challenges in his effort to win the Democratic nomination.

"Unless something unexpected happens, Tsongas might have to reconsider his options," said John Bunzel, a senior research fellow at the Hoover Institution in Stanford, Calif.

Although many experts predict Tsongas, a Massachusetts native, will fade from the Democratic spotlight in later primaries, the former U.S. senator could play a major role in the Feb. 18 New Hampshire primary.

"Tsongas has as good a chance in New Hampshire as any of the Democratic nominees," Bunzel said. "His chances are best in New England because that's where he's known."

But once the race turns southward, disorganization within the campaign should become apparent, Bunzel said.

"The chances of his becoming the national front-runner are not that good, because he has little organized support within the party and low strength in other parts of the country, especially in the South," he said.

Tsongas supporters still believe his record will capture enough delegates to win the Democratic nomination.

"(Tsongas) has always been the un-

derdog, and he has always come out on top with the right message at the right time," said Brad MacKenzie, a Tsongas press secretary.

Earlier in the campaign, Tsongas said he needed to finish in the top three in New Hampshire to win the nomination, MacKenzie said. The candidate's economic proposals should appeal to New Hampshire voters, he said.

"The main issue, the only issue, is to get the economy going," MacKenzie said. "He is running on the idea that the Cold War is over — Japan, Germany, and Taiwan won. The only way to bring us back to economic strength is to revitalize our economic base."

The Tsongas campaign has released a 91-page book, "A Call to Economic Arms," to explain his plans for combating the decline in national industry.

Tsongas' economic plans are designed to "sound the economic alarm, change the Democratic Party to the Party of Economic Growth and win the White House," MacKenzie said.

Tsongas would end annual increases in military spending and would use the peace dividend for social programs,

Campaign 1992: The Candidates



Paul Tsongas
Former U.S. Senator
Democrat

Born: February 14, 1941 in Lowell, Mass. Education: Bachelor's degree from Dartmouth College, 1958; Law Degree from Yale Law School, 1967. Career: Peace Corps volunteer, 1962-1964; Congressional Intern, 1966-1967; Private law practice, 1971-1974. Massachusetts Deputy Assistant Attorney General, 1969-1971; U.S. Representative, 1974-1978; U.S. Senator, 1978-1984. Family: Married to Niki Sauvage Tsongas; daughters Ashley, 17; Katina, 14; Molly, 10.

"America is the pursuit of excellence, not the casual acceptance of economic decline. We must have leadership that is committed to world pre-eminence in the strength of our economy."
—Paul Tsongas

Tsongas, a soft-spoken intellectual in the style of Adlai Stevenson, has capitalized on his popularity in New England and recent charges of adultery against Bill Clinton to gain in the New Hampshire polls.

MacKenzie said. "He survived cancer in the mid-1980s, and he sees a parallel between his struggle against cancer and our economic situation," MacKenzie said. "It takes tough love, tough steps that are

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I am the blues. — Willie Dixon (1915-1992)