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ulation in past censuses, but the stan-dards for the 2000 census were less stringent than in previous years. The looser standards are constitutionally suspect as they might qualify as a form of sam-pling, which the Supreme Court has pre-viously ruled unconstitutional.

In 1999, the Supreme Court ruled 5-4 to prohibit "the use of statistical sampling in calculating a population for pur-poses of apportionment" but did not strike down the use of any statistical methods whatsoever.

During the hearing Wednesday, Utah counsel Thomas Lee argued that infer-ring the population of a home based on that of a neighboring residence is unconstitutional because making such an inference goes beyond using a mere statisti-

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cerns, saying lack of funding in the dramatic art department has prevented the hiring of new tenure-track faculty for the past five years.

"At the present time in terms of reg-ular faculty we have no members of color," Dooley said. "We have self-iden-tified the need to diversify the faculty."

cal method for gathering data. "That's sampling," he said. "Sampling is taking information about a part to make an inference about the whole." But U.S. Solicitor General Theodore Olson, who represented the federal gov-ernment, argued that estimating occu-pancy in a select few cases is not a form

of sampling. "Sampling technique is completely discrete from the imputation technique," Olson said. "In my thinking of it, it is drawing logical inference from the data available."

But Justice Sandra Day O'Connor held that the key was not to determine whether hot deck imputation was a sta-tistical method but whether all statistical methods can be ruled unconstitutional sampling. "We have to establish whether this hot deck imputation is a type of sampling, which it seems to me it very well may be," she said.

Kenan-Flagler Business School Dean Robert Sullivan said there is a lack of qualified minorities for faculty positions, so there is a high demand for candidates. The school has 12 minority faculty mem-bers – 11.8 percent. "We specifically try to seek out talented minority faculty," Sullivan said. "There is clearly a recog-nition to increase the size of the pool."

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Despite the gap between the number

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Justice David Souter said a distinction should be made between making an inference for a small group and random sampling like that previously struck down but the sourt Souter held that it is logical to make

an educated guess about occupancy based on who lives next door. "Birds of a feather flock together," he said. "People who live near one another tend to be alike."

But Souter said that no matter whether inference is determined to be unconstitutional sampling, Utah's griev-ances might not be redressable because more than two years have passed since the transgression occurred.

"It's a real issue in this case whether a statute that is geared to information at a particular time can reverse itself," he said. O'Connor concurred that both states

have progressed since the census taken and that population likely has

of white and minority faculty and stu-dents, officials said diversity is an integral element in any learning environment, and efforts are being made to increase

the number of minorities at UNC. "I'm going to make better decisions when I'm sitting at a table and nobody looks like me," Shelton said.

"You want that diversity of input." Minorities make up 19.7 percent of the business school's undergraduate population and 48 percent of students in the Master's of Business Administration Program

According to Jeff Cannon, director of the school's undergraduate program, 15 of the 20 black students who applied to enter the business school this coming fall were accepted. Sullivan said it is much easier to

attract graduate students because the school can more directly target them. The school works to attract minorities

to its graduate school through programs like the Consortium for Graduate Study



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shifted. "Things have happened since that census was taken," she said. But Lee claimed Utah could not have filed suit earlier than it did and that revised

population numbers could still be legally thered and used for apportionment. The Supreme Court is expected to rule some time before its summer recess. Even if the Supreme Court were to rule in favor of Utah and new popula-tion data were collected, President Bush

might not submit those numbers to Congress and would be within his legal right not to do so, stated several justices, including Justice Antonin Scalia.

"I sort of wouldn't want to take a representative from the people of North Carolina," he said. "If I were the president, I might not want to do it and risk making the people of North Carolina mad."

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in Management, an alliance of 14 busi-ness schools that offers merit-based scholarships to facilitate the entry of minorities into managerial positions. Sullivan said the school also has joined other business schools in intro-

ducing a program for minority high school students in hopes of promoting the business administration major and attracting students to the University.

Cole said the journalism school makes many efforts to recruit minorities Also, Cole said the school has a number of scholarships with minority preference. Shelton also suggested that more entic-ing introductory classes may make certain majors more attractive. He said diversity

is necessary among faculty and students and that efforts like these are just the first step in making UNC a more inclusive and realistic place to teach and learn.

"It is a much better preparation and reflection of the real world," he said. Dooley also said he strives to include minorities and minority issues in all spects of the dramatic art department. "We take the idea of diversity very seriously," Dooley said. "It is not an addition to an education.

It is an education."

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The N.C. General Assembly will consider recommendations from those committees when it reconvenes May 28

and begins redrafting the budget. But legislators insist that the current figure for budget cuts is preliminary. "That's just a target," said Rep. Warren Oldham, D-Forsyth and co-chairman of the House Appropriations Committee. "That's just what we're trying to reach. It has to do with a certain percentage of the budget, and education accounts for a great proportion of the budget." Although Gov. Mike Easley informed

state agencies last week to brace for bud-get cuts, he wrote in a March 21 letter to UNC-system chancellors that one of his goals was to "protect the classroom" from the effects of the budget cuts. Since then, the Easley administration and the General Assembly hour pro-

and the General Assembly have pro-duced conflicting numbers about the best way to spare education from the cuts while balancing the budget.

But Jeff Davies, UNC-system vice president of finance, said the system budget could not stand to lose hundreds of millions of dollars. "If those kinds of dollars are cut, we would certainly cut instruction," he said. "We are very hopeful that this will change substantially." Davies said the UNC system usually

tries other measures like restructuring school administrations and leaving vacant positions unfilled – only rarely does it make cuts directly to the class room

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Knowing transit will be available from the parking lot, as opposed to what stu-dents on North Campus experience now, provides safer parking for our students who will be here in the evening," said Sue Kitchen, vice chancellor for student affairs. But others expressed worry that stu

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became a member of the Transportation and Parking Advisory Committee. But Young said he felt his connection with campus administrators deteriorating throughout the year. "It became a lit-tle more strained," he said. "It tended to

"I don't doubt that we have an economic problem in the state," Davies said. "But I don't think that we could provide the same level of education with those cuts."

Oldham said universities can manage the cuts better than K-12 education or

"At the higher education level, they do have some options," he said. "The larger research institutions have the option of going to funding provided by research (grants)." He said the legislature's numbers are

not in agreement with the governor's because Easley has a dual role - dealing with the current budget and attempting to formulate one for the next fiscal year.

Sen. Howard Lee, D-Orange, cochairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, said the General Assembly will consider factors besides finances when making cuts to the UNC system.

"The subcommittee will take the (\$695 million) and apportion it out," he said. "They will also evaluate if they took the whole amount and find out the impact on the (individual) campuses." Lee said he further expects the sub-committee to look at cutting adminis-

tration costs first.

"Obviously, our first commitment is to protect the classroom," Lee said. "As to the university system, our other com-mitment is to fund enrollment. It'll be -painful, and it'll be tough to do. Everything has to be justified at this round." point.

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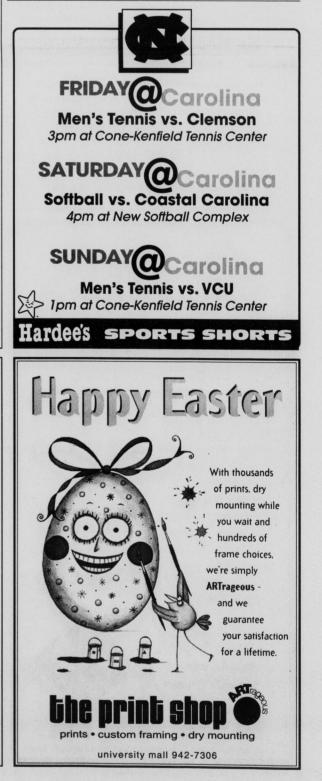
dents might have to walk farther to their destinations or wait alone for buses. Young said he hopes that when the

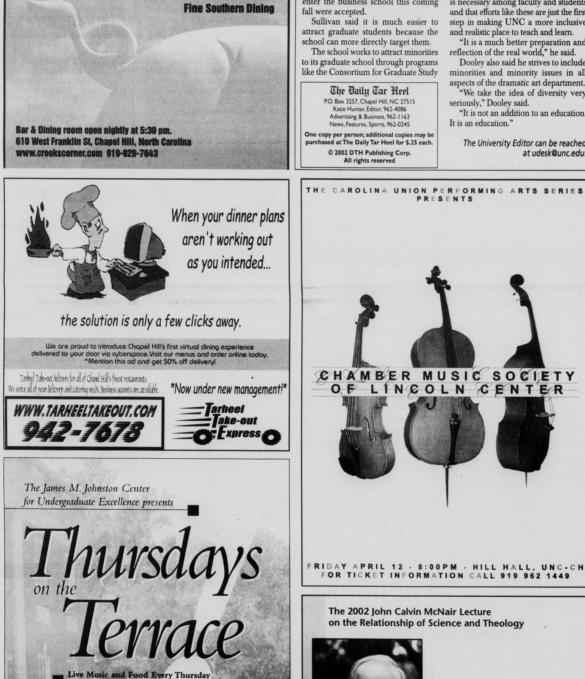
trustees vote on the proposal, they will keep students' safety and access needs in mind. "To us, in our eyes, the safest alternative is granting access as we do now and letting us park near where we need to go.'

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be frustrating at times." He said that once he and his officers noticed the trend, they did their best to continue to communicate student concerns to administrators. "We stepped in where we could, but the outcomes were a little unfortunate, in my eye."

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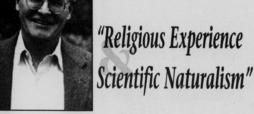
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