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1. Bakersfield (8)	19-0	160	1
2. Washburn, Kan.	18-0	152	2
3. Philadelphia Textile	16-1	144	3
4. Franklin Pierce	16-2	136	4
5. N.C. Central	17-0	128	5
6. Virginia Union	15-2	120	6

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BCC planners still debating center location

By Thanassis Cambanis
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Planning for the new, free-standing Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center has faltered on the topic of the building's site, but the center's overall programming has been worked out, BCC planners said this week.

"The only thing causing a problem right now is the location of the site," said Tim Smith, co-founder of the Black Awareness Council.

The joint planning committee — made up of members of the BCC Advisory Board and the chancellor's working group — is debating the relative

merits of two sites: the patch of land between Wilson Library and Dey Hall and the "ditch" between Coker Hall and the Bell Tower, across South Road from the Wilson Library site, Smith said.

Smith said he could not predict what kind of decision the group would make. "It's really a business deal," he said. "It's the real world."

Journalism Professor Harry Amana, the chairman of the BCC Advisory Board who also has led the talks between the two groups, said the group's final report might not make any recommendation at all about the BCC's location.

"We might not recommend a site;

maybe we'll recommend two sites," he said.

The discussion about possible sites has been intense, Amana said.

"There have been some rigorous discussions about the pros and cons of various sites," he said. "The student coalition (for a free-standing BCC) favors the Wilson site, but again we haven't made any recommendation."

Provost Richard McCormick, chairman of the working group, said that regardless of the group's recommendation, the Board of Trustees would make the final decision on the location of the BCC.

"We're deciding what to recom-

mend," McCormick said. The report might recommend one or two possible sites, he said.

Amana said that once the group issued its report, Chancellor Paul Hardin and the BOT still had to consider and approve it.

Smith said he was confident the report would be viewed favorably.

"The package that we have to send to the Board of Trustees is very thorough," he said. "I don't think we'll have any problem getting it through."

The size range the group was considering fell well within the coalition's expectations, Smith said.

"Right now you're talking about an

area of what they call usable space of 30,000-plus square feet, maybe 40,000," Smith said. "The total space would be about 50,000 square feet."

McCormick said that although he preferred not to discuss size specifications, the group would recommend a size depending on the amount of funds they expected to raise.

"We're going to recommend a fairly large building, but how large depends on prospects for fund raising," McCormick said. "The money for the construction of the building has to be raised privately."

A final report originally was expected by early February, but the group hasn't

begun drafting the joint proposal.

"I think we're doing it the right way by not rushing," Amana said. "We've had some deadlines we've had to adjust. It's taking time to build a consensus."

Amana said that at the Feb. 12 meeting, the joint group would designate a few members of the advisory board and the chancellor's working group to form a writing group responsible for drafting the report.

McCormick said the group was taking its time.

"We don't have a projected finishing point," he said. "The most important thing is to make sure it's a good report."

WEDNESDAY IN THE NEWS

Top stories from state, nation and world

Haitian refugees stage strike to end isolation

MIAMI — Haitian refugees confined behind barbed wire in the U.S. Navy's Guantanamo base because they had the AIDS virus were on a hunger strike Tuesday.

The approximately 270 refugees, including all the children except infants, have not taken food since Friday, said Lt. Cmdr. Gordon Hume of Atlantic Fleet headquarters.

The refugees' attorney, Michael Ratner, said his clients were determined to end their legal limbo, which has lasted more than a year.

"The hunger strike is continuing until we get some commitment from the administration that we are going to get these people out," he said.

U.S. Immigration and Naturalization spokesman Duke Austin said the protest would make no difference in the Haitians' status.

Anderson might join U.S. delegation to U.N.

NEW YORK — Former hostage Terry Anderson said Tuesday that he had had informal talks about joining the U.S. delegation to the United Nations, but no decision had been made.

And contrary to reports, Anderson said there was no discussion about signing on as Ambassador Madeleine Albright's deputy.

"We didn't discuss the deputy spot because, as I understand it, it has traditionally been a career foreign spot. ... We talked about other places I might be helpful, where I have considerable interest and knowledge," Anderson, the longest-held U.S. hostage in Lebanon until his release 14 months ago, said.

Clinton, Major agree to February meeting

LONDON — British Prime Minister John Major will meet President Clinton in Washington, D.C. according to a Tuesday announcement.

The visit follows speculation in London that the relationship has gotten off to an uneasy start.

Major's Downing Street office said the Conservative prime minister — who has only spoken by telephone to Clinton — will be the first European leader to meet the new president.

Clinton spokesman George Stephanopoulos confirmed the meeting was set for Feb. 24 and said it would be "a working visit" with further details released later.

Coman assumes post as new director of SBI

RALEIGH — SBI employees said hello Tuesday to a new director, who pledged that his word was his bond, and good-bye to an old one, who said he was leaving the best law enforcement agency of its kind in the country.

Jim Coman, a senior deputy attorney general, will be sworn in Friday. Charles Dunn, who held the director's position twice, bid an emotional farewell to employees, who were told of the change by Attorney General Mike Easley at a meeting at SBI headquarters.

Coman, 50, has headed the criminal division of the Attorney General's office. He is a former police attorney and assistant district attorney in Greensboro. He also is the SBI's legal counsel.

—The Associated Press

SBP candidates swap views on environment

By Anna Griffin
University Editor

The six candidates for student body president braved chilly conditions to answer questions about campus ecology and their own environmental awareness Tuesday at the Student Environmental Action Coalition's candidate forum.

The forum, held in the Pit before a bundled crowd of about 100, lasted an hour.

The majority of questions posed to the presidential hopefuls focused on the environment and each candidate's level of "eco-friendliness." Each of the six contenders said they were concerned about being environmentally conscious.

Kevin Ginsberg, a junior from Columbia, S.C., said he would work to incorporate environmental issues into his administration just as he had tried to make himself more environmentally aware.

"I do consider myself an environmentalist, but I realize I could do better," he said.

Ginsberg, who plans to have a presidential liaison for every major student group on campus, said his liaison with



Despite the cold weather, the six SBP candidates debated for about an hour Tuesday in the Pit

SEAC would help coordinate SEAC goals with presidential policy.

Ginsberg said the key was to get as many people as possible involved in environmental efforts. He said students

needed to use the energy they devote to other causes to the environment.

"People don't know the great things the Student Environmental Action Coalition does," he said.

Jennifer Lloyd, a junior from Burlington, said students should push UNC administrators to be more environmentally aware and to give students more opportunities to conserve and re-

Cable remote users uninformed

By Nathan Bishop
Staff Writer

Spokesmen for Chapel Hill's cable company admitted Tuesday that customers might be overpaying for remote-control access because of the company's failure to publicize their policies regarding remote control fees.

Cablevision, the company that assumed control of cable access in Chapel Hill last May, charges customers \$2 per month for cable remote-control services.

But Bill D'Epagnier, vice president of customer service at Cablevision, said customers who already owned a remote-control device did not need to pay the \$2 surcharge.

Cable customers have not been officially notified of Cablevision's policy on remote-control devices, he said.

"Any customer who wishes to turn in a remote control issued by Cablevision because he or she has a universal remote, or for any other reason, may have the \$2 per month fee waived," he said.

Although customers have not been informed cable remote-control devices aren't needed, customers should be aware of this possibility, he said.

"Those customers who buy universal remotes can find out how to program them to control their cable boxes by reading the instructions that come with the remote," D'Epagnier said.

Staci Rosche, a Cablevision cus-

tommer, said she was outraged by Cablevision's failure to inform customers about its remote-control fees policy.

"(The spokesman) said Cablevision had only informed its employees of this capability, and it had refrained from informing the customers because the \$2 remote fee provided the company with significant revenue," she said.

Bob Herman, a Cablevision spokesman, said he was unaware of efforts to inform the public about remote-control user fees.

"I don't know what the company has done to inform customers," Herman said. "As far as I know, it is a relatively new policy at Cablevision to allow customers to waive the \$2 fee."

Lawmakers debate health-care plan

By Bruce Robinson
Staff Writer

N.C. lawmakers are debating the viability of a universal health-care proposal made by the Health Access Forum of the N.C. Institute of Medicine.

The proposal is built on the concept of managed competition, in which state citizens would be able to choose among private health-care organizations. These organizations include health-care

groups, health maintenance organizations, preferred provider organizations and insurance companies.

Under the proposal, these private organizations would create community health plans based on a basic package of services required by a seven-member Health Policy Commission. Inpatient and outpatient services, ambulance services, equipment, therapy and physician's services would be covered by the plan, as well as one-half of the

cost of prescription drugs and preventative services.

One-half of the proposal would be financed by payroll taxes, and the other half would be financed by income taxes so that the burden would be shared by both employers and individuals.

Dr. Ewald Busse, president of the N.C. Institute of Medicine, said he believed the N.C. General Assembly would

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Housing officials ban dorm campaigning

By Holly Stepp
Staff Writer

A campus election tradition — door-to-door residence hall campaigning — has died.

In past elections, candidates have gone door to door in dormitories, introducing themselves and asking students to vote for them.

But, according to Department of University Housing Associate Director Al Calarco, it is against University housing policy to solicit door to door in campus residence halls, and violators now will be asked to leave or will be escorted out of the building.

"The policy on any kind of solicitation has been in effect for at least the past three years," Calarco said. "(The policy) came about in result of student complaints about door-to-door solicitation." Solicitation is not allowed in residence halls without a permit from University housing, Calarco said.

Mark Shelburne, a campaign worker for student body president candidate Jim Copland, was told he needed a permit to solicit and was asked to leave Kenan Residence Hall on Monday while campaigning on Copland's

behalf.

Shelburne said neither Elections Board Vice Chairman Hal Kitchin nor current Residence Housing Association President Charles Streeter had voiced any qualms about door-to-door solicitations.

"When I spoke to (Kitchin and Streeter), they said there was nothing wrong with door-to-door campaigning," he said.

Copland said he thought it was a "disservice" to students in the residence halls. "But we won't be doing any more door-to-door campaigning," he added.

Other candidates do not, or no longer, plan to campaign door to door. Jennifer Lloyd, a junior from Burlington, said she did not plan to utilize door-to-door campaigns.

Adrian Patillo, a junior from Chapel Hill, said he was disappointed in the policy change but didn't believe it would be a major detriment to his campaign.

"I was disappointed, but I had not planned a large scale door-to-door campaign," he said. "It won't really be

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Presidential hopefuls united in opposition to proposed tuition hike

Editor's note: The following is the third in a four-part series investigating what issues students consider the most important and what solutions candidates for student body president have proposed.

Staff Report
Tuition. Everybody pays it; nobody likes it.

This year, the always key campaign issue of tuition has taken a new turn with a General Assembly proposal that would raise in-state undergraduate tuition 20 percent and graduate student tuition 50 percent. Out-of-state tuition rose 11.5 percent last summer.

Out of 129 students polled last week, 25 percent named the proposed tuition hike as one of the top three issues in this year's student body president race. The candidates agreed, and although several have said the increase appears to be

inevitable, all six have come out against the proposed hike.

Fighting the N.C. General Assembly's proposed tuition increase for the UNC system ranks high on candidate Kevin Ginsberg's list of priorities.

Ginsberg, a junior from Columbia, S.C., said he wanted to use the political clout of UNC students and their parents to fight any attempt to raise tuition. He vowed to organize students and vote legislators out of office if they approved the increase.

"It's the power of the people," he said. "These 30 legislators (who voted for the increase) need to realize that when elections come around, we'll remember."

Ginsberg also wants to remind the legislature of the N.C. Constitution's goal to make public education as close

to free as "practicable."

"We need to fight for a stricter interpretation of that law," he said.

Ginsberg, a member of the UNC phone-a-thon group that raised more than \$2 million from alumni last year, said funding could be raised from sources other than tuition, thereby easing the burden on UNC students. He pledged to work to increase outside giving.

"There are other ways to earn money — grants, alumni, giving," he said. "We have a lot of alumni to draw on. These are things we need to tap."

Ginsberg said he wanted UNC to

regain its reputation as one of the best college buys in the country. He cited the University's fall from its No. 1 best-buy ranking in U.S. News and World Report.

"(High school) seniors look at the best education for the money," he said. "We can't keep hitting students up for a 20-percent raise."

David Cox is an out-of-state student who says he has a "personal vendetta" against a proposed tuition hike.

"I would use my influence with the Board of Trustees and make sure the trustees understand that thousands and thousands of students are against this," said Cox, a junior from Chattanooga, Tenn.

Cox said one way to avert some of the cost of a tuition increase, if the General Assembly does approve the proposed hike, would be to look for

other sources of income. "One way to do that is to look at the Bicentennial Campaign," he said of the \$320 million University fund-raiser.

"I know that the tuition increase is going across all UNC-system schools. I think we ought to be immune to that kind of increase because we have the Bicentennial Campaign coming up, and we can use all of that money coming in for basic operational costs."

If an increase is passed, the student body president must lobby to make sure some of the money comes back to the University, he said.

"Now if we do get the increase, then I will try to make sure that a lot of that money comes back to Chapel Hill," he said.

Cox said he would work with the

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But February made me shiver with every paper I delivered. — Don McLean