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## Congress Seeks Code Definition

Members of Student Congress and the executive branch are clashing over the Student Code's meaning.

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Discrepancies over the student law code have left members of the executive and legislative branches of student government seeking clarification.

Student Body Secretary Minesh Patel said the conflict arose over a question as to which of the student body president's cabinet members had to be approved by student congress.

"Two weeks ago (Speaker of Student Congress) Brad Morrison introduced legislation that attempted to address whether or not cabinet members needed to be approved by student congress," Patel said. "A discussion ensued revolving around student code, and I think ultimately what ended up happening was two distinct interpretations of the code were presented."



Speaker Brad Morrison said Student Congress should approve all cabinet appointments.

"At the heart of the matter, I think you have a debate about whether (cabinet members) are appointed members or not," he said.

Student Body President Reyna Walters said a lawsuit could be a final alternative if she a Morrison could not work things out. Walters said she disagreed with Morrison's belief that cabinet members must be approved by student congress. "I think the cabinet members serve at the pleasure of the student body president," Walters said. "(They) are directly accountable to the president who is directly responsible to the student body."

Walters said cabinet members differed from appointments because they were a part of the executive branch.

"The difference as I see it is that there

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Some UNC ONE Card accounts have been overcharged, prompting officials to take action.

## Problems With Software Result in ONE Card Woes

About 2,000 University students reported errors with their UNC ONE Card account balances.

By PATRICIA WRIGHT  
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Some students have been baffled by problems with their UNC ONE Card balances and charges in recent weeks.

Students have been losing or gaining money from their flex or expense accounts on their ONE Cards. When these students' cards were scanned, end balances were displayed as much lower or higher than the last time they used their card. Other students reported duplicate charges for items purchased on their ONE Cards.

"Students are actually not losing or gaining money in their accounts," said Rut Tufts, Director of Auxiliary Services.

"The problems resulted because software used to scan ONE Cards was scheduled to change in June, but the company who makes the software was unable to deliver it until early August," Tufts said.

As a result, the software was insufficiently tested during that period, which

affected the ONE Cards of about 2,000 students, Tufts said.

At the beginning of the year, software problems caused registers in Student Stores to lose their ability to determine if money had been deducted from accounts, Tufts said.

Mike Freeman, ONE Card service director, said as a result, the new software billed some students more than once for their purchases.

But while the duplicate charge problem was fixed in August by changing the software, account balance problems still persisted, Freeman said.

The ONE Card Office started to investigate problems with unusually large or small account balances after students reported the problem, Tufts said.

He said ONE Card employees began to fix the problems last Wednesday by changing the software and going into the database to check the account of each student.

Tufts said about 95 percent of the problems had been solved and the rest would be fixed by the end of this week.

One student affected by the problems, Colleen McGee, a senior from Jacksonville, had problems with her expense account balance.

McGee said her balance mysteriously increased by \$800. She said her balance remained at \$1200 for a few weeks before she reported the error to the ONE Card office.

When she reported it to the ONE Card office, employees said they knew about her problem and were working on it. McGee said she was not happy nor was she terribly disturbed about the problem.

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RUT TUFTS  
Director of Auxiliary Services

"I am just glad I was one of the ones with too much money instead of not enough in my account," she said. McGee said her balance was still incorrect.

Tufts apologized for any inconvenience regarding the ONE Cards, and said concerned students should come to the ONE Card office.

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## Alcohol Campaign Retooled Student Count Exceeds State, System Estimates

The "Don't Get Wasted" campaign will be revamped, but some students said its message was not effective.

By LINDSAY KIM  
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Last year, UNC started Don't Get Wasted, a public relations campaign addressing the problems of binge drinking and alcoholism on campus.

After Don't Get Wasted's alcohol-free kickoff event Fall Fest was rained out with no alternative event to dissuade students from drinking, the campaign has been keeping a low profile on campus despite its enthusiastic start.

But Susan Kitchen, vice chancellor of

student affairs, said a media campaign was underway to revamp the program. She said UNC had hired a campaign consultant to design graphics for Don't Get Wasted to attract more student interest.

A prototype of the mascot, Mr. Funski, was sent out in the summer to incoming freshmen through The Daily Tar Heel.

But because response from students was poor, the campaign is now being revised, she said.

Students will be introduced to the new Don't Get Wasted mascot in the near future, Kitchen said.

But despite efforts from administrative officials to publicize the campaign, some freshmen said they had even heard of the Don't Get Wasted campaign.

Some upperclassmen said they thought the campaign would not discourage many students to not reach for a beer.

"I think that it's not that effective and people are going to drink and do whatever they want," said Mariko Foust, a junior from Winston-Salem.

Eugene Wheeler, a junior from Erwin, said the Don't Get Wasted campaign had not taken enough steps to get its message across.

"It's just a slogan. There's no action taken, so it's pretty pointless."

But administrative officials are convinced the campaign will make a dent in alcohol abuse on campus.

"Everything ties together - the Union, intramurals..." said Sue Gray,

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By ALYSON PEERY  
Staff Writer

Local schools have been flooded with students this year, but the system has adjusted to manage the problem.

Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools spokeswoman Kim Hoke said tenth-day enrollment figures totaled 8,553, exceeding district projections by 85 students and state projections by 158 students.

These numbers show the system is growing. "This compares with a tenth-day enrollment of 8,224 students last year," Hoke said.

Several elementary schools and two middle schools are operating at more

than their official capacity, she said.

Superintendent Neil Pedersen attributed the influx to the district's growth in recent years. Three new schools have opened since 1994.

Pedersen said general growing pains in the period of expansion might be the cause of the overcrowding.

School board member Roger Walden said waiting more than a decade without building new schools might also have created the problem. "The system has gotten itself into a bind by not building any schools in over 10 years, because the area is steadily growing," he said.

Pedersen said dealing with high See ENROLLMENT, Page 4

### FOCUS ON: STUDENT GOVERNMENT

## Administrators Listen to UNC Leaders' Lessons

Representatives from all three branches of student government work to voice student concerns to University administrators.

By ANNE FAWCETT  
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Student Body President Reyna Walters discusses student issues with Chancellor Michael Hooker as they walk down a hall in South Building.

Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Margaret Barrett teaches Undergraduate Student Court members about due process and correct court procedures.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Susan Kitchen addresses Student Congress as she sees firsthand how they work.

These scenes are commonplace in the daily workings of student government as students and administrators cooperate to implement new ideas.

Student government officials and administrators alike said their interaction was outstanding. However, the three branches of government have distinct working relationships with administrators.

Walters said student government's executive branch has the most direct contact with administrators as officers initiate proposals which they need the administration to implement. "In many ways, student government is the link between the student body and the administration."

The administration and student government leaders often agree on the needs of the student body. They clash at times, but Student Body Secretary Minesh Patel said the administrators

were often willing to see students' point of view. "Once they get a strong sense of how students feel, they are more willing to make a change."

Kitchen agreed that students' and administrators' ideas were not always in sync, but she said she worked for compromise rather than competition.

"I'm never going to agree with all student leaders on every issue," she said. "We work together and each bring a special strength."

Walters said one important way for students and administrators to work together was in committees.

As Student Body President, Walters is an ex-officio member of every student and University committee. There are 113 appointed students who are members of 66 University committees, including the food services board of directors, the sexual harassment advisory board, and the campus security committee.

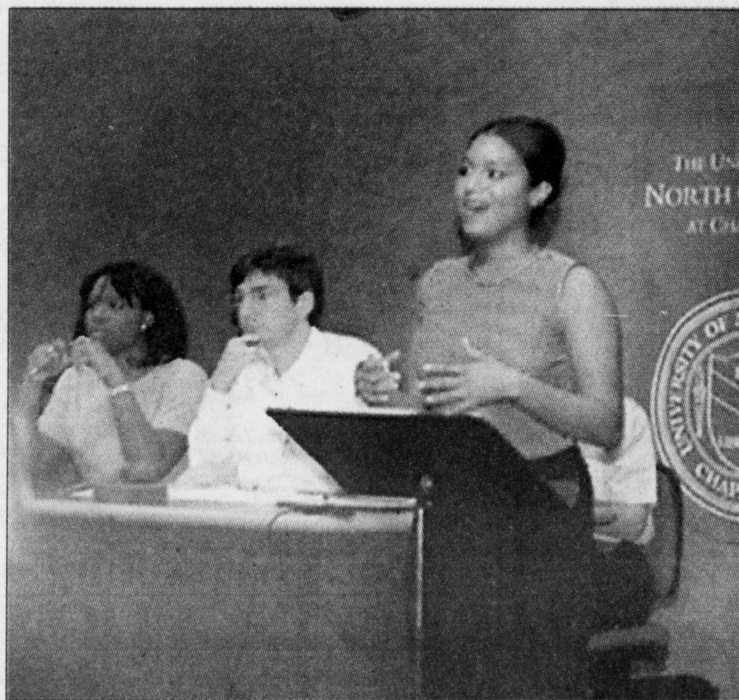
"The administration really respects the hard work that students put into government," Patel said.

Kitchen said students were a valuable part of committee work. "They do their homework, come in with goals and a sense of what they want to accomplish and are prepared. I wish I were so well prepared."

Kitchen also interacts with the judicial branch, but in a much more structured way. She hears final student appeals and Barrett advises the Undergraduate Court. Faculty and administrators also serve on an undergraduate hearings board which hears appeals before they reach Kitchen.

Barrett said the nature of the issues heard by the Court required administrative attention. "The stakes are pretty high with student misconduct."

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Student Body President Reyna Walters says the executive branch has more direct contact with University administrators than any other branch of student government.

## McGwire Connects For No. 62

St. Louis' Mark McGwire broke the single-season home run record Tuesday.

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS - Without a doubt or an asterisk, Mark McGwire and his mighty swing broke Roger Maris' home run record Tuesday night with plenty of games to spare.

Historic No. 62 was a lined shot to left, punctuating a chase that reinvigorated the sport and captivated the nation.

McGwire connected with two outs off Steve Trachsel, setting off a wild celebration in Busch Stadium. He was so caught up in the moment that he missed first base as he rounded the bag and had to return to touch it.



Mark McGwire

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Today's Weather  
Mostly sunny; mid 70s  
Thursday: Sunny; upper 70s.

You can't think and hit at the same time.

Yogi Berra