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## Endorsing Rumors Dispelled

Ex-SBP Candidate Amanda Greene said she had not decided who she would endorse for the runoff.

By KATIE ABEL  
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Despite rumors circulating Thursday that Amanda Greene planned to back Brad Morrison in the runoff race for student body president, the candidate said she and her campaign would not support either Morrison or Nic Heinke.

"My campaign has not endorsed anyone and most likely will not," Greene said. "I and my campaign have not endorsed anyone at all."

Greene outwardly denied that she would support Morrison even after other student body president candidates and members of several campus organizations said they had heard she would endorse him.

Even members of Greene's campaign staff said Greene had sent them e-mail messages suggesting that she might support Morrison.

"I sent an e-mail to members of my campaign staff discussing who I might possibly support, but no decision had been made whatsoever," she said.

Members of some student groups said they had heard the rumors, but said that they were not planning to endorse Morrison regardless of whether Greene showed support for him.

Groups that endorsed Green included the Alliance for Creating Campus Equity and Seeking Social Justice, the Residence Hall Association and Sangam, the campus South Asian awareness organization.

Members of ACCESS said they had no plans to endorse Morrison, but instead would now support Heinke.

"Nic was the candidate we had voted as our next-best candidate after Mandy," said Eboni Staton, ACCESS co-chairwoman.

RHA President David Jernigan said RHA was not endorsing either candidate. Student Environmental Action Coalition and Sangam members also said they were not supporting a candidate.

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## BOG Lays Out Plan to Handle Enrollment Growth

By KATHLEEN HUNTER  
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The UNC Board of Governors braced for the next millennium with a discussion of potential solutions to projected systemwide enrollment growth at its meeting Thursday on the Winston-Salem State University campus.

The proposal, which entailed two

five-year phases allowing for gradual enrollment expansion, was discussed in the Committee on Educational Planning, Policy and Programs' meeting.

UNC-system President Molly Broad said the BOG's goal was to align enrollment growth with a financial plan that each university was capable of meeting.

"The enrollment plan we are trying to build for the next 10 years is an effort to

serve all North Carolinians that will be seeking an education," Broad said.

Broad said the proposal would cost UNC-Chapel Hill \$1.1 billion in new facilities.

Judith Pulley, vice president of planning for UNC General Administration, said the committee meeting explored ways to deal with a projected increase of 48,000 students across the system over

the next 10 years. "We looked at options of how to fill the gap between demand and supply," she said.

Pulley said the proposal divided system schools into two categories depending on the size of the campus. Smaller system schools would aim to increase growth by twenty percent by using current facilities more efficiently. "We are looking to provide economies of scale

by setting a target of 5,000 students for most institutions," Pulley said.

This move would help ease financial burdens faced by smaller schools, she said, by supplying more tuition money to cover the fixed costs of operation.

According to a press release, leaders at the state's historically black institu-

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## Judgment Day



A Senate vote on the two articles of impeachment is planned for around noon.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON - With acquittal assured, the Senate talked its way through a final full day of closed-door deliberations Thursday at President Clinton's impeachment trial, set for climactic noontime votes Friday in the case that one Democrat called "this sordid saga."

Sen. Olympia Snowe of Maine became the fourth Republican to declare her intention to vote to acquit on both charges, following the lead of other moderates who broke party ranks a day earlier. "In my heart and in my mind, I believe to a moral certainty that my verdict is just," she declared in a written statement.

Inside the chamber, where Chief Justice William Rehnquist presided, the talk was blunt at times. "Over and over and over again, from both sides of the aisle," senators denounced the president as a liar, GOP Sen. Bob Bennett of Utah said later.

A two-thirds vote is required to convict the president and remove him from office, and there is no chance of that happening. Instead, whatever suspense lingered at the end of the five-week trial was whether either article of impeachment would attain a bare majority - a psychological threshold that had no bearing on Clinton's fate.

Republicans have a 55-45 majority in the Senate. A steady stream of lawmakers came forward Thursday to announce their intentions for the roll calls on perjury and obstruction of justice, dividing largely along party lines on presidential guilt or innocence but offering nonpartisan condemnations of Clinton's behavior with Monica Lewinsky.

"There can be no doubt that President Clinton's conduct has made a mockery of most of his words, or that his example has been corrosive beyond calculation to our culture and to our children," said Oregon Republican Gordon Smith, who said he would vote to convict.

"No one, not any senator in this chamber nor any person in this country, will look at this president in the same way again," said Democrat Dick Durbin of Illinois, who said he would vote for acquittal on both charges.

Sen. Joseph Lieberman said he had concluded that Clinton's "wrongdoing in this sordid saga does not justify making him the first president to be ousted from office in our history." The Connecticut Democrat had commanded nationwide attention last September with highly critical words about Clinton's behavior at a time the White House still hoped to avoid congressional action.

For all the expressions of disgust, a formal effort to censure the president appeared all but dead, a victim of Republican opposition. Democrats said they would make an effort to force a post-trial vote on the Senate floor, and failing passage, would draft a statement of condemnation. Three Republicans, Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania, John Chafee of Rhode Island and James Jeffords of Vermont, announced Wednesday they would not vote for conviction on either article.



Freshman Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., and Mike Briggs, his press secretary, walk out of the U.S. Capitol on Thursday afternoon. Edwards says he still does not know how he will vote.

## N.C. Senator Undecided As Vote Nears

Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., say he will make his final decision based upon the law, not party politics.

By JONATHAN COX  
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WASHINGTON - As Capitol Hill prepares for a possible verdict this morning in the nation's second-ever impeachment trial, freshman Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., says he is still contemplating his vote.

"I have to tell you I'm still listening. I haven't made up my mind," he said as he took a brief break from the session Thursday on the Capitol lawn. "I want to wait until everyone has spoken before I make my decision."

This hesitation comes from a man in his first political office who recently served as a witness to Monica Lewinsky's deposition. Just weeks ago, Edwards had only seen the Lewinsky scandal played out on television.

Now engulfed in the impeachment trial, Edwards will join other senators making their historic decisions.

Edwards said senators of both parties were delivering impassioned arguments inside the guarded chambers to persuade colleagues to join their camps.

Following the legal teams' final arguments Monday, each senator was given floor time to state his or her case. A few just handed in written briefs, he said, but many more took their allotted 15 minutes to speak to the legislative body.

"I'm just seeing if they have something I haven't thought about," Edwards said of the closed-door proceedings that have "dragged on" for three days.

But even with these marathon sessions that have run late into the evening, Edwards said the senators had maintained decorum and respect for

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## More Blacks Finding Friends in Grand Old Party

By MATT DEES  
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Henry McKoy could be described as a political Darwinist.

Elected in 1994 as the first black Republican to serve in the state Senate since Reconstruction, McKoy said he evolved from a liberal protester in Greensboro in the tumultuous 1960s to a Republican legislator in the 1990s.

McKoy said his role as a husband and father caused him to reconsider his values and his politics.

"I see this simply as an evolution in my life," he said of his political rebirth.

"When I became a father, it caused me to look at the world very differently. My personal evolution led me here, not a disillusionment with the Democratic Party."

McKoy began his political career as the vice president of the student body at N.C. Agricultural & Technical State

University in the mid-1960s, leading demonstrations at an institution that was a hotbed of civil rights activism.

He later became head of the N.C. Civil Rights Commission under Gov. Jim Hunt in the late 1970s and stayed on when Gov. Jim Martin, a Republican, took over in the 1980s. After serving in the Martin administration for nearly a decade as a Democrat, McKoy switched parties in 1989.

And despite the rarity of his position as a black Republican, the political phenomenon is becoming both increasingly common and contentious.

Thad Beyle, political science professor at UNC, said though the number of



A month-long series highlighting historical landmarks and contemporary achievements of African-Americans.

black Republicans was still relatively small, the conservative trend among blacks was slowly gaining momentum.

"The rule of thumb is that if blacks come out to vote, they vote 90 to 95 percent Democratic," Beyle said.

"But not too long ago that figure would have been 100 percent. There is some growing strength among conservative blacks who have moved up the socioeconomic ladder and have started voting Republican," he said.

One example that illustrates the blurring of the line between blacks and Republicans came in Raleigh last month. The Black Caucus and House Republicans rallied behind a black candidate, Rep. Dan Blue, D-Wake, for the speaker position. He missed upsetting new speaker Rep. Jim Black, D-Mecklenburg, by one vote.

This apparent bridging of the gap has

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## Opposites Attract

Political pundits attribute the rise of black conservatism to everything from family values to political ambitions. But many agree that the trend will continue to gain momentum around the United States.



Winston-Salem Alderman Vernon Robinson has been a strong advocate of education reform in his ward.



Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas was one of the first black conservatives to receive national attention.



U.S. Rep. J.C. Watts, R-Okla., was recently named to the prestigious post of Secretary of the GOP Conference.

## Recount on RHA Votes

Staff Report

Votes for the Residence Hall Association presidential race between Jermain Reeves and Murray Coleman will have to be recounted, Elections Board Chairwoman Heather Faulk said Friday morning.

Errors crept into the votes counted for the race because of complications in determining which graduate students should be counted.

Computers counted votes made by graduate students in several districts in which they should not have been counted, Faulk said. The hand-counted written votes were counted correctly.

"Jermain's votes were counted differently by the computer than they were by the Elections Board," she said.

Faulk said she will spend the weekend recounting the uncertified votes.

The Senate is the last primitive society in the world.

Eugene McCarthy