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## March Marks Round 2 of UNC Tuition Battle

Students chanted protests as they walked from the Pit to the Board of Governors meeting at the Carolina Inn.

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More than 100 students marched down Cameron Avenue carrying banners and signs and chanting protests like "What do we want? - unity, equity, access!" and "Hey hey, ho ho, this high tuition has got to go!"

Heads turned to watch as the group passed by. Television news crews ran alongside the crowd, trying to keep up.

Onlookers who gathered at the sides of the road gave the march the feel of a parade. Some even joined the throng of students who beckoned for others to walk with them to the Carolina Inn - the site of the Friday's Board of Governors meeting.

Because the board was not discussing the Board of Trustees' recent tuition increase proposal Friday, participants said they were not protesting but raising awareness on the issue.

The BOG heard an overall status report on all 16 system campuses at the meeting, but UNC-system President Molly Broad made only small mention of faculty salary woes. The BOT voted 9-3 on Oct. 28 to raise tuition \$1,500 for all students during the next five years.

After marching to the steps of the building, Young Democrats President Matt Jones led the group silently inside, where they filled the seats opposite the

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Margie Wakelin leads a group of students protesting a proposed tuition increase as they marched from the Pit to the Board of Governors meeting at the Carolina Inn. The march wound its way through campus amid chants of "No University without diversity."

BOG members' tables.

"They've said a lot of things that make us think we have a chance," said freshman Sandi Chapman, a member of Alliance for Creating Campus Equity and Seeking Social Justice. "We're just

here to make sure they make the right decision, that is, to not raise tuition."

Students set up banners reading "Keep UNC Accessible" and "UNC Cannot Afford This" and decorated the back wall of the room with small signs

that read "Locked Out of College."

Throughout the meeting, board members took time to acknowledge the students, BOG Chairman Benjamin Ruffin opened by voicing his appreciation of the student presence. "We are approach-

able. We are here because of you."

Jeff Nieman, president of the UNC Association of Student Governments and a nonvoting BOG member, said the

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## Professors Draw Lines On Increase

Chemistry Chairman Ed Samulski drafted a letter to spur the BOG to raise tuition at the University.

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A rift dividing UNC faculty has deepened after 37 department chairmen signed a letter last week urging the Board of Governors to adopt a proposal that would raise tuition to boost faculty salaries.

The letter, drafted by Department of Chemistry Chairman Ed Samulski, countered the position of another faculty letter, both of which were sent to the BOG during its Friday meeting.

In the letter expressing opposition to the tuition increase, 58 faculty members, 31 of whom were members of the newly formed Progressive Faculty Network, called the initiative a short-term solution for a long-term problem.

Samulski's pro-increase letter said the chairmen were concerned about UNC losing its competitive edge and expressed the need for immediate action. "I hope it encourages the BOG to look more seriously at what's going on at Chapel Hill," Samulski said.

In January, the BOG will consider the Board of Trustees' proposal calling for a \$1,500 raise in tuition over five years.

Samulski decided to write the letter Tuesday and then sent out an e-mail message Wednesday to 50 department chairmen, encouraging them to sign it.

He then gave the department heads eight hours to go to his office and sign. Thirty-six chairmen added their signatures before the meeting began Friday.

"Department chairs more than anybody know the pressures of staying competitive," said David Guilkey, chairman of the Department of Economics.

"We know the constant struggles of trying to get new faculty and retaining the ones we've got."

Department of Psychology Chairman Peter Ornstein said chairmen must deal with the threat of losing faculty every day. "It's open season on UNC faculty," Ornstein said.

He said many faculty members supported the proposed tuition increase.

Ornstein also said the faculty members who signed the letter in opposition were not blind to the salary woes, but they did not think raising tuition was the appropriate solution. "Even they realize we're in a difficult financial situation."

Douglas Long, Department of Philosophy chairman, said the differences of opinion among faculty were unfortunate. "I'm sorry the issue is

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## SBI Joins Investigation Of Residence Hall Fires

By BETH O'BRIEN  
Staff Writer

To quell student anxiety and prevent more sleepless nights, the State Bureau of Investigation has jumped into the fray of solving the mystery of the three recent fires at Morrison Residence Hall.

The SBI was called in early Friday morning after the third suspicious fire in two nights disturbed the calm of the South Campus high rise. The organization is aiding local officials in the search for answers.

On Sunday, the faint but pungent aroma of smoke could still be detected as the sixth-floor elevator doors opened. A white towel streaked with black lay at the base of the study lounge door in silent testimony of Friday's incident.

University Police Chief Derek Poarch said that like both previous incidences, Friday's fire was categorized as suspicious. Two fires took place early Thursday morning. The first occurred in the seventh-floor kitchen shortly before 2 a.m., and the second fire broke out about an hour and a half later.

Police reports indicate that Friday morning's fire was reported around 2:30 a.m. Responding officers discovered the

source in the sixth-floor study lounge. An email was sent out to all campus residents Friday alerting them of the fires and safety precautions.

Morrison Area Director Lynn Ellison confirmed that in addition to the study lounge, her own apartment suffered extensive smoke damage.

"Soot covers everything," Ellison said, adding that it would be two weeks before she could live there again.

"Honestly, I'm just thankful that it was my own apartment, and not one of the student's rooms. With the stress of exams coming up, that would be the last thing they need."

Students living in Morrison were increasingly unhappy with the upheaval. Freshman Ben Davidson said not all students were quick to evacuate the building. "You'd see people standing on the balcony, waiting to see if there were others going down," he said.

Michael Fulton, a freshman from Greensboro, said the frequency of the fires had heightened student concerns. "Every night you go to bed, you're wondering, 'Do I have to put these shoes on again?'"

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## Board Approves Rex Purchase

The acquisition of Rex Healthcare could expand UNC Health Care's patient base into Raleigh.

By MEGAN BUTLER  
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The Board of Governors approved a \$100 million bond Friday to be used in the acquisition of Rex Healthcare in Raleigh.

After waging a losing battle with Duke University to purchase Raleigh Community Hospital last year, UNC Hospitals, now UNC Health Care, turned its financial attentions to Rex in April.

Duke's deal extended the medical school's reach into the Triangle community. For UNC Health Care, such a purchase could have the same effect, while broadening its influence on managed-care companies and pulling more patients into UNC's field of care.

Dr. Eric Munson, president of the UNC Health Care system, said the N.C. General Assembly would not be part of the process to obtain the bonds.

Approval of the bond only gives the Health Care system authority to sell the

bonds, Munson said.

By approving the bond, the BOG approved a reimbursement resolution that allows the hospital to use cash reserves to purchase Rex and then reimburse themselves later by issuing the bonds, said Jeff Davies, UNC vice president of finance.

While there have not been any estimates for the cost of acquiring Rex, The Raleigh News & Observer reported that the deal between Duke and Raleigh Community cost Duke \$180 million.

Munson said he could not discuss specifics related to acquisition costs. The terms of the deal require nondisclosure of details until the final agreement is reached.

Munson did say that if the cost of acquiring Rex exceeded the \$100 million from the bonds, the rest would be funded through the UNC Health Care cash reserves.

To acquire Rex, it would only cost UNC Health Care whatever amount exceeded the \$100 million allocated by the bonds for the acquisition.

"I cannot discuss how much (the reserves) are either," Munson said.

Now that the bond has been approved, the system must go to an investment bank and get a credit agency to sell the bonds, Munson said.

He said the proposal was going to the Rex board on Dec. 6 for approval. UNC Health Care already approved the deal Nov. 5, Munson said.

Right now, Stokes said the UNC Health Care system and Rex Healthcare were in the process of "due diligence." Stokes said the due diligence period was a time of nondisclosure until a final agreement was reached.

"This is a time where both institutions check each other out," he said.

Both Rex and UNC Health Care use the due diligence period as a time to analyze the benefits and drawbacks of the acquisition, Stokes said.

The purchase would benefit both the UNC Health Care and Rex, said John Stokes, vice president of public affairs and marketing for UNC Health Care.

"Rex would be a wholly owned subsidiary of UNC Health Care," Stokes said. He said the new classification would give UNC Health Care an increased patient pool and a wider Triangle audience.

Rex would gain the academic support of UNC Health Care.

"Rex would get access to a higher level of research," Stokes said.

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Several North Carolina football players, holding up a sign retrieved from the crowd by punter Brian Schmitz, show their support for Coach Carl Torbush after Saturday's game.

## UNC Players Shower Torbush With Support After Victory

By EVAN MARKFIELD  
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As his North Carolina teammates made their way to the west end zone en masse to celebrate their win against Duke, punter Brian Schmitz was getting a little help from a fan to show his support for UNC coach Carl Torbush.

Schmitz held up a sign retrieved from the crowd that read "KEEP CARL," as he and his fellow Tar Heels seized the opportunity to defend their coach, who was reportedly going to be fired after the Duke game.

"I saw it in the stands, and I called the kid down and made him bring it to me," Schmitz said of the sign. "It's not right at all if he does (get fired), and that was the biggest point today - that it's not fair, it's not right."

"For a school as classy as North Carolina to do something so classless like that, it's mind-boggling." Schmitz was not the only Tar Heel showing his feelings for Torbush openly after the game. As the beleaguered coach finished his postgame television interview and walked toward his team in the end zone, he was ambushed by injured linebacker Brandon Spoon.

A smiling Spoon wrapped Torbush up in a fierce bear hug as safety David Bomar came by to add a pat on the coach's back.

Before the end zone celebration - watched by the good portion of the Kenan Stadium crowd that remained once the game was over to cheer for the team and the coach - players hoisted Torbush up on their shoulders to celebrate their only home vic-

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## INSIDE Monday

### Running for Glory

The North Carolina women's cross country team races today in Bloomington, Ind., in the NCAA Championships. UNC is ranked sixth in the nation. See Page 6.

### Tipping Off a Season

North Carolina begins its quest for a fourth national championship today in Lahaina, Hawaii, against Southern California. Injuries have forced UNC to shift its lineup. See Page 7.

### Recap the Semester

Tonight is the last DTH Association of Student Leaders meeting for 1999. Representatives are encouraged to attend the meeting, which will be held at 7 p.m. in 209 Manning Hall.

### Today's Weather

Rain;  
High 60s.  
Tuesday: Cloudy;  
Low 70s.

*I just can't imagine playing for someone else.*

UNC quarterback Ronald Curry