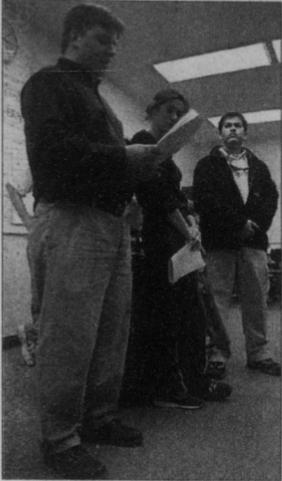


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Ed Page, chief justice of the Student Supreme Court, reads the decision to uphold the removal of a controversial USSA referendum.

Speaker's Decision Upheld

The Student Supreme Court ruled that Speaker Mark Kleinschmidt's actions were consistent with his duties.

By KIM MINUGH
Assistant University Editor

After three days of deliberation, the Student Supreme Court announced Sunday that the removal of a controversial referendum from the Feb. 15 ballot was constitutional and in accordance with the Student Code.

But the plaintiffs in the case said they would continue to fight to get the referendum on the ballot.

"We've promised it to students, and we owe it to them to get it on the ballot," said Corye Barbour, a member of Alliance for Creating Campus Equity and Seeking Social Justice, and the board of directors of the United States Student Association.

On Jan. 21, Student Congress Speaker Mark Kleinschmidt dropped the referendum from the ballot after the Student Code's mandate for a two-thirds majority vote was brought to his attention.

The referendum, which called for a \$3 increase in student fees to fund

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Speaker Mark Kleinschmidt said he feared the impact of the court's decision.

UNC Could Make Up Snow Days on Weekend

By DERICK MATTERN
Staff Writer

Interim Chancellor Bill McCoy is expected to announce a revised semester schedule by Wednesday after a student committee advised holding class on weekends and Good Friday to make up three snow days.

Provost Dick Richardson and McCoy met with the Student Advisory Committee to the Chancellor and the deans of several departments Friday to discuss options for making up the three days of missed class-

es due to the monster snowstorm that hit the state two weeks ago.

UNC-system General Administration mandates that all system schools have 150 class days each academic year.

After determining weekends to be the best option, committee members wrestled with religious issues, deciding that one Saturday and one Sunday would be fair to all faiths.

The committee recommended Sunday, Feb. 27, and Saturday, March 25, as the best dates.

Much more concern centered around

Good Friday, a proposed third option. Committee members said one option could be to consider the holiday a full class day but to end classes at noon.

But there were many heated objections.

"It's one thing to take away a



Interim Chancellor Bill McCoy is expected to decide by Wednesday.

Sunday (from a Christian), but Good Friday is a much bigger holiday," said committee member Annie Peirce.

Other committee members supported the suggestion, emphasizing the non-religious nature of the University.

Richardson also outlined two other options, including a shortened spring break or canceled reading days.

Cutting into Spring Break did not receive any support from the committee.

SACC Chairwoman Monika Moore also contested replacing reading days with class. "We need our reading days. Not

having them will be a strain on students."

No policy exists at UNC for replacing missed class days, Richardson said. In the past, professors had been trusted to make individual arrangements for lost time.

Richardson said students whose professors had independently scheduled makeup classes would be exempted from the proposed weekend classes.

"We can honor what has been done up to this point as long as it meets the three days missed," he said.

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dining dilemma

As part of our student elections coverage, the DTH will examine the top five student issues based upon the paper's survey of 300 students.

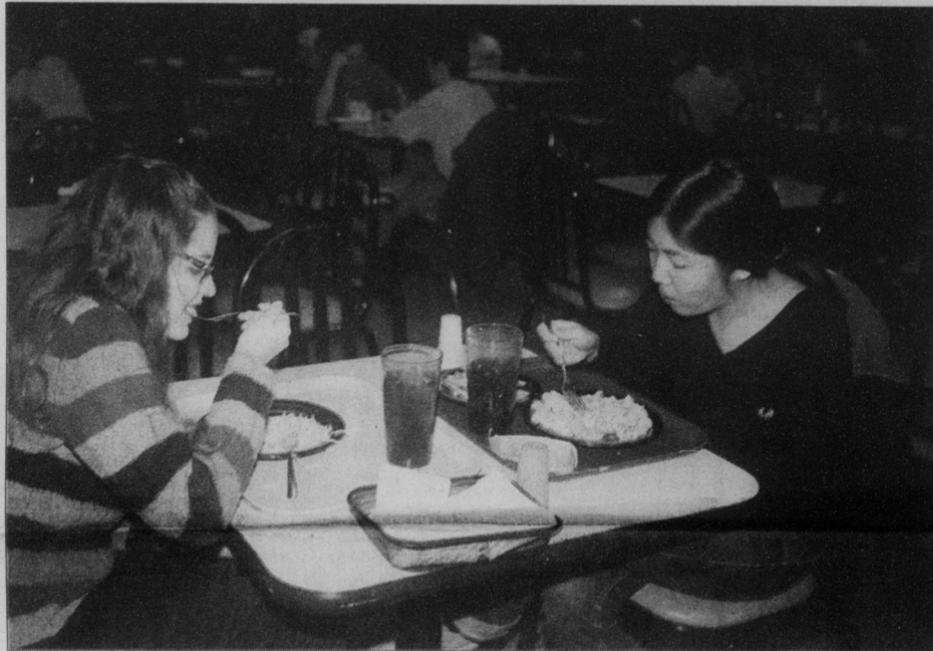
TODAY:
Dining services

TUESDAY:
The accessibility of student government

WEDNESDAY:
Race relations

THURSDAY:
Parking

FRIDAY: Tuition



DTH/MARGARET SOUTHERN

Sophomore vegetarian Emily Askew (left) and vegan Tanya Kim eat carefully chosen meals at Chase Hall. Vegetarians sometimes have difficulty finding a variety of meat-free meals at the campus dining halls.

By JASON ARTHURS
Staff Writer

Following a year of work between student government and Carolina Dining Services, this year's student body president candidates still have high hopes for improving food accessibility and quality on campus.

Longer hours at Chase Hall, more affordable meals, increased meal plan options and CDS staff appreciation are just some goals of this year's candidates.

Student Body President Nic Heinke said he and this year's administration made some good progress with CDS, but admitted

there was still room for improvement.

"We made a lot of headway philosophically, but the issue broke down to (the fact that) dining is a revenue-generating area," he said. "I felt like we had to compromise a little more than I wanted to."

Heinke said he focused on South Campus dining this year, hoping to have Chase Hall open Fridays. While this goal has not yet been achieved, he stressed the need for continued pressure on the part of his successor.

Student body president candidate Brad Matthews, who served as Heinke's senior adviser this year,

said that while he understood the difficulties of dealing with a profit organization, he planned to continue the pressure to improve hours at Chase Hall.

"Students need good, reasonably priced food and fast accessibility at the places that (students) live," Matthews said. "You've got 52 percent of the students on South Campus, and I expect better services there."

Matthews said he also wanted to make CDS more financially accountable in several areas.

"High prices at the (South Campus) Mini-Mart give students no choice but to open their wallets

and be gorged," he said.

"At the very least we need some good answers and an organized focus on meeting student needs, not making profits."

Candidate Michael Harris also emphasized the need to improve service at Chase Hall.

"Chase has got to be open more," Harris said. "We've got to get on it and stay on it. CDS may lose money, but they are a service."

Candidate Matt Martin echoed Harris' and Matthews' sentiments, saying he hoped to utilize more student pressure to gain longer hours at

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UNC Students to Stage Kinder, Gentler Protest

By KATIE ABEL
University Editor

Students will continue their fight to keep UNC tuition low at this week's Board of Governors meeting, but the signs and chants of protest that defined their opposition last fall are no longer part of the agenda.

The BOG meeting, which will be held Thursday and Friday at the Carolina Inn, marks the third round in a five-month debate about whether UNC should raise its tuition to fund faculty salary increases.

The board will evaluate UNC-system President Molly Broad's tuition increase plan, which calls for a \$475 increase during the next three years. The BOG will then make a recommendation to the N.C. General Assembly for approval this summer.

Broad's plan includes a one-year, \$200 increase at UNC and N.C. State University to help fund faculty pay boosts.

The proposal also calls for a \$275 increase at all 16

system schools during the next three years for high priority capital needs on all campuses.

The Coalition for Educational Access will hold meetings at 9 p.m. today in 111 Murphey Hall and Tuesday at a yet-to-be-determined time and place to update students on Broad's plan.

Coalition member Michal Osterweil said students would attend the meeting to alert BOG members of their presence but had no plans to stage vocal opposition.

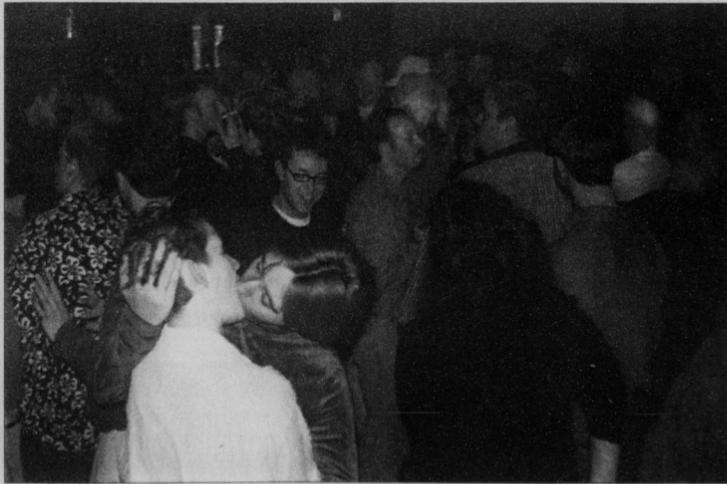
The approach differs vastly from the large-scale protests that brought more than 400 students to the Board of Trustees meeting

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Coalition member Sandi Chapman said that asking students to fund capital improvements set a bad precedent.

'OUT' ON THE TOWN



DTH/RACHEL LEONARD

UNC juniors Traci Durica (left) and Emily Haddad share a passionate moment while dancing at Gotham on Friday night. The club was quickly filled to capacity for the kickoff of the gay and lesbian party *Insomnia*.

UNC Police Charge Man In Accident

A man turned himself in to University Police on Friday in connection with a hit-and-run pedestrian accident.

By ALEXANDRA MOLAIRE
Assistant University Editor

University Police have arrested a Durham man after he allegedly hit a pedestrian at a campus crosswalk and fled the scene Wednesday.

The incident marks the second pedestrian accident on Manning Drive in the last three months.

Police charged Tony Tosh Jr., 37, of 5 Lakemont Circle, Durham, on Friday with felony hit and run while leaving the scene of an accident involving an injury and driving without a license.

A white utility van struck Sarah Katherine McCarty, 26, a designer for the Alumni Review, on Wednesday morning while she was crossing a crosswalk near the Craigie Parking Deck.

McCarty was taken to the emergency room at UNC Hospitals and released Wednesday.

McCarty said she suffered from a broken wrist, a concussion and an assortment of scrapes and bruises. She refused to comment on the arrest.

University Police Chief Derek Poarch said Tosh turned himself in after police identified him as a suspect. "We talked to him on Thursday evening because we wanted to question him Friday," he said. "We indicated that if he did not come in to talk to us, we had enough to issue a warrant for his arrest."

Police gathered information about the suspect from eyewitness reports and from people who contacted police after the description was published, he said.

Poarch said he did not know if a trial date had been set.

The first Manning Drive accident involved Fusayoshi Matsukawa, a post-doctoral research fellow for the School

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INSIDE Monday

Meet the Candidates

Six students are vying for the position of 2000-01 student body president. To learn more about this year's candidates, check out their profiles on page 8.



Calling All Leaders

The first Association of Student Leaders meeting of the semester will be held tonight at 7 p.m. in 111 Murphey Hall. If you have any questions or would like to join, contact Managing Editor Vicky Eckenrode at vicky@email.unc.edu.

Today's Weather

Sunny;
High 50s.

Tuesday: Chance of rain;
High 40s.

Man has his will — but woman has her way.

Oliver Wendell Holmes