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## BSM Endorses SBP Candidate Baker

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Student body president candidate Dustyn Baker picked up a key endorsement Wednesday night as the Black Student Movement lent its support to her after a question-and-answer session addressing racial tensions at UNC and the need for increased minority representation.

Baker, an active member of the BSM, said, "The most important thing I can do for everyone in this room is to be your voice."

When asked what the most pressing minority concerns are, she said "admission, retention, recognition."

Candidate Caleb Ritter offered to use his more limited experience with minority groups as a strength.

"When I face these minority issues, I will be looking toward the BSM for input," he said. "The BSM will be represented on my Cabinet."

Candidate Eric Johnson emphasized his founding role in the Student Ambassadors program, which sends students to rural N.C. counties that are underrepresented in UNC's student body.

"I know how to take a great idea and turn it into tangible reality," he said.

Candidate Annie Peirce promised to aggressively seek minority group input when making policy decisions and to

increase minority representation in student government.

"We're not drawing the number of minorities that we need in key decision-making departments," she said.

Candidate Warren Watts offered to host a statewide race relations conference on campus.

"It is one of my goals as student body president to get everyone's voice heard and everyone's needs met," he said.

Candidate Justin Young discussed his prior experience in encouraging healthy campus diversity in Freshman Camp and preorientation.

"I don't have to talk about bridging our diversity, I've lived it," he said.

Candidate Correy Campbell did not attend.

Every candidate lamented the self-segregation on campus and offered plans to address the problem.

The mostly cordial atmosphere was briefly shattered by an audience member's bitter attack of Johnson's portrayal of his Student Ambassadors program.

Alleging that the program didn't seek to attract minorities to the extent to which Johnson claimed, she said, "You're feeding us a pack of lies."

In response, Johnson said the program is expanding this year and will include counties with more minority representation.

Addressing why the group hosted the

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Student elections candidates gather outside 111 Murphy Hall as BSM representative Matthew Shaw (right) checks attendance.

## Ind. Gunman Opens Fire on White House

Accountant Robert Pickett, who had a history of mental illness, was shot in the leg by Secret Service agents.

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A middle-aged accountant with a history of mental illness fired several shots outside the White House on Wednesday and then was shot by the Secret Service as he waved his handgun menacingly, authorities said. The tense, nighttime standoff sent tourists running for cover.

The midday drama unfolded just outside the fence at the edge of the South Lawn, 200 yards from the building where President Bush was inside exercising.

The man, wounded in the knee and hospitalized under guard, was identified by law enforcement sources as Robert W. Pickett, 47, from Evansville, Ind. He had been fired by the Internal Revenue Service in the mid-1980s, and neighbors said he kept to himself, resented the IRS and was obsessed with West Point, where he had dropped out after a semester in 1972. Pickett had acknowledged in court records suffering from mental illness and trying to commit suicide.

Bush, working out in the White House residence, was alerted by Secret Service agents "but understood that he was not in any danger," spokesman Ari Fleischer said. First lady Laura Bush was in Texas. Vice President Dick Cheney was working in his White House office.

The shooting was the latest in a string of security scares that have brought tighter protection for U.S. presidents. In 1995, then-President Clinton ordered Pennsylvania Avenue closed in front of the White House following the Oklahoma City bombing. Earlier that year, a man was shot on the White House lawn after scaling a fence with an unloaded gun.

The latest incident, shortly before noon on a sunny, springlike day, triggered a tight security clampdown. Tourists were evacuated from White House rooms, and police in riot gear took up positions around the executive mansion and beyond its gates.

Dan Halpert, a tourist from Queens, N.Y., was on the National Mall nearby, when officers told him to get down and clear out.

"We were all running away. It was scary," said Halpert, 24.

The confrontation occurred on E Street where tourists gather along the White House fence to snap photos of the executive mansion and hope for a glimpse of Bush jogging on the track encircling the South Lawn.

There is an unobstructed view from the fence to the mansion.

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Franklin Street, circa 1971, shows how much the famous strip has changed in the last 30 years. Only two establishments seen in this photo, Sutton's Drug Store and The Shrunken Head Boutique, can still be found downtown.

## No Gap in Residents' Loyalty to Local Stores

When many graduates return to Chapel Hill, they find the face of Franklin Street dramatically different

By Isaac Groves  
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"We try to provide the services that most chains don't," he said. "You can't be here forever if all you want to



Dawn Peebles, Internationalist Books

than when they left. But some stores are doing what they can to stick around despite the influx of chain stores.

John Woodard, the pharmacist and owner of Sutton's Drug Store said he has seen many changes in the last 24 years, and while he is optimistic about downtown, he is not always pleased to see his neighbors move on.

"If they can't make it up here then they've got to get someone who can," he said. "But it's a shame to lose the flavor of local business."

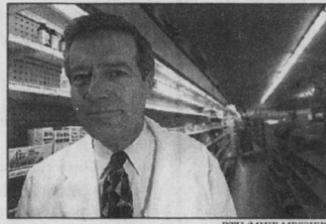
Sutton's has been a part of Franklin Street since 1923, and Woodard has owned the store since 1977.

do is make a ton of money." But while some Franklin Street merchants say they are not bitter about the arrival of chain stores like the Gap or Starbucks Coffee, some residents said they do not like the outside businesses.

"National stores suck, and they're killing Chapel Hill," said Debbie Herz-Middler of Southern Village. "I was a freshman in '85, and it was a different place then. I like the Gap ... but I don't know if its place is right on Franklin Street."

But another Franklin Street

John Woodard, Sutton's Drug Store



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## SBP to Play Key Role in Revising UNC Curriculum

Student body president candidates suggest updating course requirements and upping student representation on the review board.

By JOANNA HOUSIADAS  
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The Undergraduate Curriculum Review Board's responsibility to update UNC students' undergraduate education by 2003 is a task that will enlist the efforts of both students and faculty.

With student elections right around the corner, student body president candidates say they plan to take an active interest in the board's work.

"We are trying to make the process as open and as consultative as possible," said Lauren McNeil, head of the board's 14-member steering committee. The board plans to solicit the broadest range of student and faculty opinions possible.

Three discussion forums, held in various campus locations last semester, were used to gauge student opinion on the issue. Tom Tweed, associate dean of undergraduate curriculum, said a survey will be conducted sometime this semester to continue the dialogue.

Two students hold positions on the review board, but McNeil said the student body president can play an essential role in influencing the committee's work.

"The most effective role for student body president to take is to encourage students to participate in the process." Tweed said he feels the student body president's role is twofold. He said they must work "to provoke and organize students' reflections on outcoming proposals" and "coordinate the voicing of student opinion."

■ Candidate Caleb Ritter said he is satisfied with the current General College system. "I think overall that it's really general — it forces you to take a variety of classes and gets you thinking about what you might possibly go into."

Concerning the physical education requirement, he said, "It's a credit that doesn't seem that essential — a lot of people take it as a joke. However, at least one should be required."

Ritter said he wants to be a voice for the student body, listening to "find out what classes as a whole are considered good, and what classes are out-of-date."

■ Candidate Dustyn Baker, who currently serves as an

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Voters' Voices

This week, The Daily Tar Heel examines five issues picked by the student body that need student government attention.

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## Large Deficit May Force Easley to Divert State Allocations

By APRIL BETHEA  
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With projections of the N.C. budget deficit nearing an estimated \$740.8 million — \$240 million more than previously estimated — Gov. Mike Easley might decide to invoke emergency privileges to curb the state's growing fiscal woes.

The emergency privilege, if used, would grant Easley the authority to enact necessary actions to cut the deficit.

The last time a N.C. governor invoked emergency privilege was in

1991 when Jim Hunt used state highway and retirement funds to reduce a \$1.2 billion deficit.

A spokeswoman for Easley said no decision would be made Wednesday and that there is no exact timetable for when a decision will be made.

But Easley announced Tuesday in a memo to N.C. government department heads and chief fiscal officers that the increased deficit might possibly force him to issue the emergency declaration.

"Up to now, I have been optimistic that the deficit could be managed with-

in spending controls previously implemented," the memo stated. "However, it is becoming clear that further measures must be taken, some of which may require the issuance of an emergency declaration in order to meet the balanced budget requirement prescribed in ... the



Gov. Mike Easley

North Carolina Constitution."

The governor placed a freeze on new state hires, cut the budgets of some state departments and also ordered government-related travel be reduced, but the increased deficit will require further measures, Easley said.

State legislators say Easley is responsible for taking the necessary actions to handle the budget crisis and that they will support whatever decision he makes.

Sen. Kenneth Moore, R-Alexander, said he believes using emergency power is the only option Easley has left to deal

with the budget crisis.

Moore said that while he expected a budget surplus, he is surprised by the extent of the latest figures. "I am surprised at the magnitude (of the deficit), but we knew when we passed the budget last year that there were some risks involved."

He also said that he was upset that the deficit problem surfaced so quickly after the fall elections, which included the successful passage of the higher education bond. "I'm a little disappointed that

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The destiny of the colored American ... is the destiny of America.

Frederick Douglass