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## Biker Town

Carrboro receives an award for catering to cyclists. See Page 4



## Pretty Penny

\$150,000 gift will help make the free-standing BCC a reality. See Page 3

## Free Throw

UNC takes it to the hoop against Hampton tonight. See Page 7

## Weather

Today: Sunny; H 76, L 46  
Saturday: Partly Cloudy; H 71, L 40  
Sunday: Sunny; H 70, L 42



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## BOT to Form Tuition-Evaluation Panel



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Chancellor James Moeser and Tim Burnette, chairman of the Board of Trustees, meet Thursday morning with other BOT members.

By LIZZIE BREYER  
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After weeks of speculation about a potential campus-initiated tuition increase, members of the UNC Board of Trustees took the first step toward a solid proposal at their meeting Thursday morning.

After an informational presentation on past tuition increases from Provost Robert Shelton, officials called for the formation of a committee to evaluate if there is a need for a new tuition increase and to draft a proposal before the BOT's meeting on Jan. 24.

"I would like to get together a group, have them chew on the data, think about what other data we need and consider possible scenarios," Shelton said, meeting with approval from Chancellor James Moeser and BOT members.

Student Body President Justin Young, a voting member of the BOT, said he met with Shelton after the meeting to iron out the committee's potential composition. He said they tentatively decided to have a 10-member committee, which would include three students, one graduate and two

undergraduates. The other members would be faculty members, trustees and administrators.

The subject of tuition was first raised by Sue Estroff, chairwoman of the Faculty Council, in her opening remarks. Estroff said she was aware that the BOT would be discussing tuition and asked them not to justify an increase in the name of faculty salaries.

The last campus-initiated tuition increase at UNC came in 1999 after the Chancellor's Committee on Faculty Salaries and Benefits proposed a 5-year, \$300 increase to help close the gap between average faculty salaries at UNC and those at its peer institutions. "I would like to unlink a tuition increase specifically from faculty salaries," Estroff said. "Posing a tuition increase in this way creates a division between faculty and students that we have in the past found untenable."

Discussion about the motivation behind a potential tuition increase dominated the remainder of the meeting.

The two problem areas on which Shelton's pre-

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## Anthrax Traces Found in Raleigh

The Associated Press

RALEIGH — A trace of anthrax was found at a Raleigh mail distribution center Thursday night. The trace was so small that public health officials deemed it "not medically significant."

The trace was found on a shrink-wrapped pallet, kept in a locked vault at the Westgate Road distribution center, according to Gov. Mike Easley's office. Health officials said the trace posed no threat to the public.

Easley spokesman Fred Hartman said late Thursday that he was not sure of where the pallet came from.

Hartman said he hoped to have more details at a briefing Friday morning.

"Even though this trace has been deemed not medically significant, the governor made it clear that he is going to keep the public informed on any information regarding their health and safety," Hartman said.

## University Responds To Town's Concerns About Cost Sharing

By LIZZIE BREYER  
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Every time a UNC student sets off a smoke alarm in a residence hall or runs to Franklin Street after a winning basketball game, the town of Chapel Hill picks up the tab.

Although the town has said it isn't happy with the cost-sharing situation, University officials said at the UNC Board of Trustees meeting Thursday that they are ready to respond to the town's concerns.

"We indicated to the mayor that after today, we will be prepared to respond to the memorandum of understanding," said Nancy Suttentfield, vice chancellor for finance and administration, referring to a document issued by the Chapel Hill Town Council on Sept. 10.

The memorandum outlined 17 areas of cost sharing on which the town and the University wanted to reach consensus, and Suttentfield said the chancellor would send a letter to Mayor Rosemary Waldorf addressing UNC's progress on the issues.

Several of these fiscal equity issues were settled when the Development Plan was approved, said Town Manager Cal Horton. In negotiating for the Development Plan, UNC administrators agreed to continue their policy of handling all trash disposal from University buildings. They also will maintain new streets, if the streets are built solely for University development, and they will pay for the burden on the transit system if more students are accepted.

"At a meeting several weeks ago, we reviewed each of the issues. We concluded we had addressed most of the major issues by way of the Development Plan and the town stipulations added to the Development Plan," Suttentfield said. But several troubling discrepancies

remain, and they represent a significant amount of money, Horton said.

"Every time the University builds another building, that's another building that our fire department has to protect," he said. "We think the University should be paying \$1.4 million for fire services, and right now they are paying \$850,000."

Suttentfield also said several significant issues, such as a request for the University to mitigate the adverse effects of traffic and storm water, still are awaiting negotiation.

The town also holds the position that all land the University purchases that could support tax-paying entities, such as businesses or homes, should incur property taxes — something to which the University has not yet agreed.

The town also must bear the extremely expensive cost of cleaning up Franklin Street after the spontaneous celebrations that follow winning basketball games. "The last NCAA tournament cost \$75,000," Horton said. "The University makes no contribution to that."

But when Suttentfield asked the BOT for its opinion on the fiscal equity issue, trustee Stick Williams said he had some concerns. He said he hoped the General Assembly would form a study committee so UNC would not have to set a precedent itself.

Williams also said he wanted to see the non-monetary benefits that UNC brings the town, such as research and intellectual climate, incorporated into the discussions, even if no specific price tag can be put on those contributions.

"Before we go give money, I hope there's some way we can establish the kind of contributions we're already making," Williams said. "It's easy to say the University is costing the town, but they don't see what benefit it brings."

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## PERUVIAN PIPER IN THE PIT



DTH/KIMBERLY CRAVEN

Fernando Boza plays Peruvian music on the panpipes in the Pit on Thursday. Boza was playing as part of the Social and Economic Justice Fair sponsored by the Campus Y. The fair was held to increase student awareness of the SEJ's activities.

## Opposition Lays Siege to Final Taliban Sites

A U.S. official, speaking on the condition of anonymity, says there is some fighting near the center of the city of Kandahar.

The Associated Press

BANGI, Afghanistan — Northern Alliance forces and Pashtun tribesmen encircled two of the Taliban's last remaining strongholds at opposite ends of the country Thursday. **America Attacks**

The Taliban's supreme leader vowed to fight to the death and to seek the "extinction of America."

Backed by U.S. warplanes, the alliance laid siege to the northern city of Kunduz, where the defenders include an estimated 2,000 to 3,000 foreigners loyal to Osama bin Laden.

In the south, the Taliban clung to tenuous control of its

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## UNC Not Only School Qatar Has Courted For Satellite Campus

Virginia Commonwealth University has already opened a satellite school in Qatar, and Cornell University's will open in 2002.

By MICHAEL DAVIS  
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As UNC explores the possibility of a business school in Qatar, several peer institutions also are forging relationships with the Middle Eastern nation.

Both Cornell University and Virginia Commonwealth University have agreed to or have created schools in Qatar.

The University of Virginia considered the option in 1998 but decided against a satellite campus.

Richard Toscan, VCU's dean of the School of Arts, said the institution opened an arts and design school in Qatar in the fall of 1998.

VCU agreed to a 10-year, \$50 million contract for the campus in Qatar, Toscan said, adding that a formal campus branch will open in 2002, accommodating 23 faculty and administrators and 120 students already at the school.

The agreement also provided for the construction of a \$10 million, 70,000-square-foot building, which Toscan said was funded solely by the Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development. The foundation is a nonprofit organization based in Qatar working to improve that country.

Toscan said the satellite campus, which is in its fourth year, is a major success. "We've been very pleased with the results."

But the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks alerted the school to place more emphasis on security issues, he added. Toscan downplayed the potential of a security threat at the Qatar campus.

Tracy Hickenbottom, media coordinator for the Weill Medical College of Cornell University, said the Qatar campus will provide the country with a medical institution to cater to its citizens' needs when it opens in 2002. "The whole idea is to provide medical assistance to that part ... of the world," Hickenbottom said.

According to Cornell's Web site, funding for the school's first

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## E-mail Survey Shows Faculty Split Over Qatari Campus

By JORDAN BARTEL  
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Survey results released Thursday indicate mixed reactions from faculty to UNC's proposed undergraduate business degree program in Qatar, although almost all faculty members who visited Qatar displayed positive responses.

The survey was sent to the 42 participants of the Nov. 2-5 trip to Qatar, as well as 802 faculty members in the College of Arts and Sciences and 104 faculty members in the Kenan-Flagler Business School.

Among trip participants, 69 percent responded "definitely yes" when asked if UNC should estab-

lish the program, and another 26 percent indicated a somewhat positive reaction to the program. Of the trip participants, 2 percent were undecided and another 2 percent indicated a somewhat negative reaction. No one responded that the University should "definitely not" pursue the venture.

The survey, conducted by the UNC Office of Institutional Research, was sent via e-mail last Friday requesting faculty to respond by Tuesday.

Among faculty of the College of Arts and Sciences and the business school, reaction was mixed.

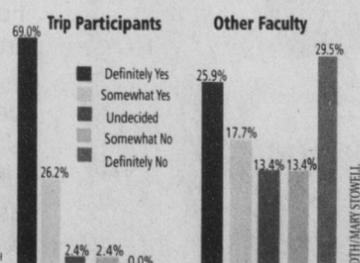
In the College of Arts and Sciences, more

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### Weighing In

Results from the Qatar survey initiated by Chancellor James Moeser show support for the program from trip participants, but a mix of positive and negative reactions from faculty overall. Forty-two trip participants and 305 other faculty members from the College of Arts and Sciences and Kenan-Flagler Business School responded to the survey.

SOURCE: OFFICE OF INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH



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It is not possible to fight beyond your strength, even if you strive.

Homer