

**TICKETS**

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Peach Bowl representative Matt Garvey said that while there are still plenty of tickets available, there is a measure of urgency. "It's entirely possible that we will be sold out after we announce our SEC team on Sunday."

Garvey said it makes a strong statement that between his office and the UNC ticket office 7,413 tickets were sold to UNC fans on the first day they went on sale. "It's obvious that UNC has some good fans, and they're showing it right now."

Another way for students to obtain tickets is from Burgess Foster, a UNC junior selling package deals in the Pit every day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Foster

is offering a ticket and bus transportation package for \$123.93, or students may buy the components separately.

The Georgia Dome seats offered by Foster are in sections 110, 121 or the first 10 rows of sections 318 to 325.

Foster said today is the last day to purchase tickets from him, and he hopes to sell out of tickets. Foster would not say how many tickets he has already sold.

Foster said he supports the football program so strongly because UNC has the best athletes in the country. He said he is especially proud of Ronald Curry's dedication and spirit. "He's the reason why I'm out here selling tickets."

Some students said they have been deterred from attending the bowl by high ticket prices. Sophomore Jean Hawthorne said the cost influenced her decision not to

attend the game. "I'm excited about our team making the bowl," she said. "But as a college student around Christmastime, there's no way I can afford it."

Students who are planning to go to the Peach Bowl said they find the general ticket prices to be expensive but worth the money. Senior Justin Greene, who said he is attending because he wants to support UNC, bought his tickets through the athletic department.

Greene said traveling expenses plus the Christmas season are already financially taxing and that the ticket price should be lower. He said, "My parents are going to be paying me back in the form of a Christmas present."

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**SESSION**

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The legislature faced problems formulating a 2001-02 budget, with the state's continually declining economic outlook hanging over their head.

Dissension in the Democratic party over a half-cent increase in the state sales tax delayed the passage of a state budget by three months. The Group of Eight - dissenting Democrats who went against the Democratic Party line - said the increased sales tax unfairly impacted minorities and the poor.

The legislature finally passed a \$14.4 billion budget in late September, making North Carolina the last state in the nation to pass a budget.

The legislature also battled over the creation of new state legislative and U.S. congressional redistricting plans required by the population shifts of the 2000 Census. The legislature passed a representative redistricting plan in October. A congressional redistricting plan was not passed until late Thursday night.

Rep. Dan Blue, D-Wake, said he was disappointed in the length of this year's session.

"The state of Texas is two times as large as North Carolina, and they concluded all their state business in a fraction of the time that we took," he said.

"I'm not even going to try to make an excuse for us."

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levels, and some will say we should be more like Michigan on the high end."

Shelton said he plans for the task force to present multiple tuition increase proposals to BOT members and the public several days before the Jan. 24 BOT meeting so those proposals can be evaluated. "I would hope we could eventually present two or three scenarios to the Board of Trustees and evaluate the pros and cons of each," Shelton said. "Putting myself in the board's role, I think they want us to do the homework."

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**QATAR**

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After the presentations, Adler said, there will be open dialogue between Moeser and the students to discuss the issues presented by the different groups.

Thorp said time has been the only constraint on the seminar. "There wasn't enough time to have all the discussion we wanted." He said there were many

issues presented and that students posed numerous questions, causing the group to cut some discussions short.

But Thorp said the seminar has been a success overall. "Whether we go to Qatar or not, it's definitely been worthwhile."

Kleysteuber also said the seminars have been going well. "The students we selected are spectacular. It's a diverse mix of people."

One of these students, senior interna-

tional studies major Michael Hoffman, said both sides of the issue have been presented equally rather than just the pro-Qatar opinion.

"What's been most interesting is learning about the population within Qatar," he said.

He said one concern is by allowing only Qatari citizens to attend the school, the University would be ignoring the 80 percent of the nation's residents who are not citizens. Hoffman said this goes

against UNC's tradition of accepting more than just the privileged class.

Student Body President Justin Young said student feedback like Hoffman's has contributed to the success of the seminar. "It's been hard-hitting and insightful," he said.

"I don't know the end result, but the chancellor will be listening."

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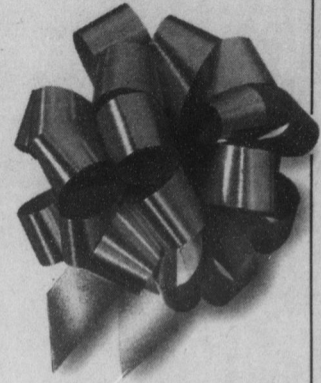


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