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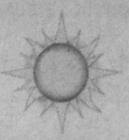
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Tuition Task Force Feels Pressure of Deadline

Committee members fear the two remaining two-hour meetings are not sufficient to discuss all tuition issues.

By JOHN FRANK
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After the Task Force on Tuition's second meeting was canceled Friday because of bad weather, an increased sense of urgency has confronted its members. But members disagree about whether the committee's two remaining two-hour meetings will allow for adequate discussion of the complex issue of tuition. The committee has 10 days remaining before its deadline to complete a tuition proposal that will go before the UNC Board of Trustees at its Jan. 24 meeting. Provost Robert Shelton, who is chair-

man of the tuition committee, is confident that the group can finish its work in time, but co-chairman and Student Body President Justin Young said he is not so sure. "There are so many issues and factors involved," Young said. "This isn't something we can handle quickly." UNC Association of Student Governments President Andrew Payne said Monday that the UNC-system Board of Governors has not yet set an official date to act on campus-initiated tuition increases, the type of increase the committee is considering. But campus officials are under the impression that the Jan. 24 meeting is the trustees' last chance to act on a tuition increase that would be implemented in the next academic year. The tuition committee was formed last semester after Chancellor James Moeser's suggested at the Nov. 15 BOT meeting that officials examine the need

for a campus-based tuition increase. Members met once before Winter Break, but only to disseminate information and handle administrative details. The next meeting was scheduled for last Friday but was canceled after Chapel Hill received a heavy snowfall. On Wednesday, the committee will meet again to pick up where it left off, developing guiding principles and goals for tuition. Members also are expected to discuss the possibility of rescheduling the canceled meeting and the feasibility of preparing a proposal by the Jan. 17 deadline Shelton has set for the committee to complete its work. Senior Eric Johnson, one of four students who sit on the committee, said the shortened schedule makes it difficult to examine all the issues that would go into crafting a proposal. "There is just no way to come to a rational decision of tuition needs and make a decision on

tuition in 10 days," Johnson said. But other committee members are optimistic that a proposal can be drafted in time. "I don't think we will have any problem getting done in time," said Stephen Weiss, chairman of the Department of Computer Science. Shelton said the committee has a unique opportunity to influence the BOT with the proposal members have been charged to draft. "We have been given a job by the trustees, so we need to make every effort to fulfill it," Shelton said. "I don't think (extending the talks past the deadline) is advisable because the BOT needs to take action." Shelton expects Wednesday's meeting to run smoothly because group members communicated via e-mail during Winter Break. He said the difficult part of the committee's work - determining the need for and amount of a tuition increase - will be tackled at the last meeting,

which is scheduled for Jan. 15. Shelton set that ending date at the last committee meeting so that campus groups, like the Faculty Council and student government, can assess the proposal and weigh in on it before the BOT meeting. Before the break, Young had expressed a desire to hold a campuswide referendum to garner student opinion on the topic of tuition increases. But Young said Monday a referendum is now unlikely because of the shortened time period. While the committee is divided about the timeline for the proposal, members agree that the quality of their work remains the main focus. "The important thing is getting the job done right," Weiss said. "If we have to go to the BOT past the deadline, then that is what we have to do."

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UNC, Qatar Discussion Stagnates

UNC is awaiting a response from the Qatar Foundation about the budget proposal for the potential program.

By DANIEL THIGPEN
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Officials involved in deciding whether UNC will extend its business degree program to the Middle East are finding themselves discussing details longer than anticipated. Chancellor James Moeser said last year that he hoped to have a decision by the end of 2001 about creating a branch of the Kenan-Flagler Business School in Doha, Qatar. But Provost Robert Shelton said negotiations with the Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development - the organization that approached UNC about establishing a branch in the region - have come to a standstill. "We're moving cautiously as we have all along," Shelton said. "Better to wait a little bit and get it right." Qatar Foundation representatives requested that UNC officials submit a revised budget for the potential program, which Shelton said UNC sent to them in late December. The University is now waiting on a response, causing a delay in the proposal's development. Moeser, who could not be reached for comment Monday, has been soliciting input about the proposal from administrators, faculty and students since November, although the ultimate decision is in his hands. Shelton insisted that although Moeser's decision has been postponed indefinitely, it does not mean there is a problem in the negotiations with the Qatar Foundation. "I would say it's an indication that negotiations are complicated," he said. Many officials said they believe the extension of the chancellor's decision-making process also is a result of the intense debate ignited by the campus community in the wake of the proposal. "I think it's just that the chancellor is weighing things carefully," said Nancy Davis, associate vice chancellor for University relations. "I think negotiations like this take time, and the chancellor is taking the time to make a thoughtful decision." Some officials said the conclusion of an informational seminar begun last month also might have influenced the

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Heat Returns For Residents Of Alderman

Students in other residence halls also had problems with heating, but those were specific to one room.

By DEB McCOWN
Staff Writer

Maintenance workers spent Sunday and Monday fixing Alderman Residence Hall's heating system, which staff learned was broken after students returning to campus complained of cold rooms. The problem was fixed by Monday afternoon, but by then some students had already faced two freezing nights. Several students in other residence halls also called the Department of Housing and Residential Education with complaints about individual rooms. The individual problems - most of which were related to cold air in heating pipes - were quickly resolved, said Christopher Payne, director of the Department of Housing and Residential Education. The only residence hall-wide heating problem was in Alderman, Payne said. Maintenance staff began troubleshooting the problem when they were made aware of it late Saturday night, and Alderman residents were informed via e-mail about their progress. While waiting for the heat to return, Alderman residents had various ways of coping. "I was sitting in my room with a winter coat and gloves on," said sophomore Catherine Cheng. "It was so cold I was dreading to take a shower because I thought I would get hypothermia." Other residents sought refuge from the cold by fleeing to other residence halls. "I've got some friends on South Campus, and it was unbearable, so I went and stayed with them," said junior Latorya Jarman. "My fish froze. It was dead. The first living thing I ever owned by myself, and it died. It was so sad." Curtis Wilson, the maintenance supervisor for Mid and North Campus, said he had space heaters ready in case Alderman was not warm by Monday night. But maintenance workers identified a problem with the building's heat pump Monday and fixed it Monday afternoon, said mechanic William Howard. Once the problem was fixed, it took a few hours for the building to heat up. "Any time it's this cold for two or three days, it's going to take a while for it to heat up," said Wilson, who noted that the heating system has underground iron pipes, which take a long time to get warm. Maintenance worker Rick Mangum said the 50-year-old hot water heating system is being replaced with a more efficient forced-air heating system. "This will be) much more efficient

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Local Buses Go Fare Free



Roger Suits, an 11-year employee of Chapel Hill Transit, offers a free ride for anyone "going from point A to point B," he says.

Eleven new buses have been added to help reduce overcrowding on buses and waits at stops.

By JON DOUGHERTY
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For local students and residents, shelling out at least 75 cents per bus ride in Chapel Hill and Carrboro is now a thing of the past. Transportation officials say fare-free busing, a service that started Jan. 2 and developed from a cooperative effort between Chapel Hill, Carrboro and UNC, aims to integrate public transportation into everyday life.

R a y M a g y a r, UNC assistant director of transit, compared the new fare-free system to the introduction of the fare-free U bus route several years ago, which produced a 130 percent increase in ridership during its first week. Officials will formally kick off the new service with a ceremony at 2 p.m. today at the Bell Tower. Chapel Hill Mayor Kevin Foy, Carrboro Board of Alderman member Alex Zaffron, Chancellor James Moeser and Student Body President Justin Young

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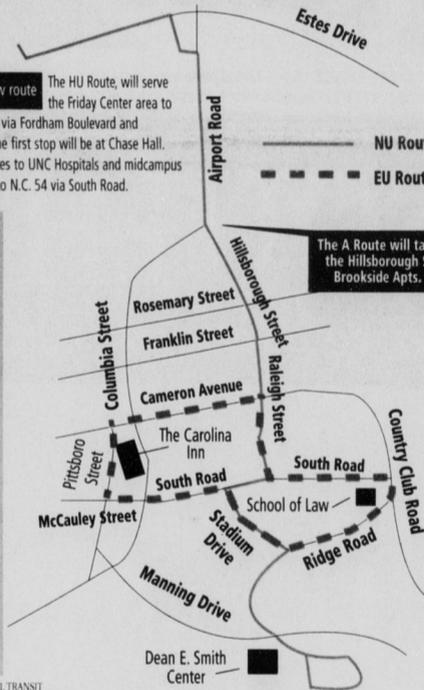
A Free Ride

Transportation planners have added new routes to increase service and campus access as a part of the new local fare-free busing service. The fare-free busing, which is a cooperative project financed by Chapel Hill, Carrboro and UNC, applies to all Chapel Hill Transit routes.

An additional new route The HU Route, will serve the Friday Center area to and from campus via Fordham Boulevard and Manning Drive. The first stop will be at Chase Hall. The route continues to UNC Hospitals and midcampus before returning to N.C. 54 via South Road.

Route Updates

A Route: now runs a 12-hour schedule rather than just peak hours.
M Route: now serves Chapel Hill Public Library.
S Route: improved service to the N.C. 54 Park and Ride Lot.
V Route: now serves the north side of the Friday Center.



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Men's Soccer Survives Scares, Wins NCAA Title

After playing in three consecutive overtime matches, North Carolina's men's soccer team beat favored Indiana to grab its first NCAA crown.

By IAN GORDON
Sports Editor

The road's beginning, its very start, was buried deep beneath intangible and inseparable layers of talent, missed opportunity, regret and desire. But its end, its oh-so-sweet finale, yielded mementos easily grasped and cherished: an appearance on national television, a trophy, a moment in time never to be forgotten. After enduring all the sweeping curves and dizzying detours along the way, one thing is certain. It wouldn't have been the same without the struggle. Despite fighting through three consecutive overtime matches - including a triple-overtime win against Fairleigh Dickinson in a national quarterfinal and a quadruple-overtime victory against Stanford

in its semifinal match - UNC put together its finest performance of the season and defeated Indiana 2-0 to win the 2001 NCAA Men's College Cup. The game, played on Dec. 16 before 7,113 at Columbus Crew Stadium in Columbus, Ohio, was the first national championship appearance for the Tar Heels, who finished 21-4. "You couldn't ask for any more than that," said senior defender Danny Jackson. "If we got to the final four and had lost to Stanford, people could've said, 'We've had a good season; it's been a great ride.' "But we knew we had the ability, and we had the drive and the determination and the character to pull it through." North Carolina did much more than merely pull through in the title game. The Tar Heels scored an early goal on a Ryan Kneipper header and were able to set the tempo for much of the remainder of the game with their stifling defensive pressure. Add a late Jackson penalty kick after freshman Marcus Storey was pulled down in the Hoosiers' 18-yard box, and UNC had dominated an IU team looking for its sixth national championship. "I didn't think they could hold the lead and hold up with extra people back, but they did, and more cred-

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UNC midfielder Matt Crawford makes a move on Stanford's Todd Dunivant in the Tar Heels' 3-2, 4OT win on Dec. 14. The Tar Heels then beat Indiana to capture their first national title.

Winning isn't everything, but wanting to win is.

Vince Lombardi