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Survey: Students Prefer No Tuition Hike

Few Show For Forum On Tuition

Weighing In on Tuition

Student government conducted an opinion poll Tuesday to gauge student opinion about a proposed tuition increase. Respondents chose amounts they felt were appropriate for an increase.



SOURCE: UNC BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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By NIKKI WERKING
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The overwhelming majority of students who participated in student government's online opinion poll Tuesday prefer tuition increases smaller than the proposed \$400 hike.

Of the 597 students who voted, 62 percent showed a personal preference for no tuition increase next year, and 51.4 percent voted for no increase as the lowest reasonable increase.

Members of student government plan to formally announce and present the results of the survey as part of their presentation at the UNC Board of Trustees meeting Thursday, where the trustees are slated to vote on a one-year, \$400 tuition increase recommended by the

Task Force on Tuition.

"The BOT will see that students are willing to help a little, but they can't absorb a drastic increase," said Student Body President Justin Young.

Student Body Vice President Rudy Kleysteuber said the results of the survey confirm what student government expected. "(The results) clearly show that students don't feel a pressing need for tuition increases this year," Kleysteuber said. "The increases can wait."

The survey, which was posted from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Tuesday on Student Central, asked students to select the "lowest reasonable," "highest affordable" and "personal preference" for tuition increases. The choices for each were \$0, \$100, \$200 and \$400 increases.

In addition to the 51.4 percent of stu-

dents who selected no increase as the lowest reasonable increase, 27.5 percent chose a \$100 increase, 14 percent were in favor of a \$200 increase, and 7 percent picked a \$400 increase.

Of voting students 33.3 percent said no tuition increase would be affordable, while 26.6 percent said a \$100 increase was the highest affordable. And 26.1 percent said a \$200 increase would be reasonable, and 13.9 percent said a \$400 increase was the highest affordable.

Besides the 62 percent of students who chose no increase as their personal preference, 19.1 percent preferred a \$100 increase, 10.3 percent selected a \$200 increase, and 8.5 percent chose a \$400 increase.

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The GPSF-sponsored forum was meant to give students information and a chance to discuss the proposed hike.

By JOHN FRANK
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Less than 10 people showed up Tuesday night for the only tuition-related forum scheduled before Thursday's UNC Board of Trustees vote on tuition.

Sponsored by the Graduate and Professional Student Federation, the forum originally was supposed to include some members of the Task Force on Tuition and the BOT.

But James Alstrum-Acevedo, an event organizer who served as the graduate student representative on the task force, said some officials who were invited to be on the panel ultimately could not come because of scheduling conflicts. Alstrum-Acevedo, Student Body President Justin Young and GPSF President Mikisha Brown led the discussion.

The forum was designed to give students a chance to speak out on the one-year, \$400 tuition increase the task force has recommended, which will be presented to the BOT at its Thursday meeting. Under the draft of the proposal, part of a tuition increase would be targeted to help improve graduate student stipends.

First-year medical student Branson Page was concerned that students missed out on important information about the potential increase by not attending the forum. "I don't think that (students) realize what (a tuition increase) is going to do to them," Page said. "It kind of sucks this is all that's here."

Alstrum-Acevedo said the attendance was low because other students "either didn't want to come or were too busy." He also said that holding the forum at the School of Social Work on Pittsboro Street might have decreased the turnout for undergraduate students.

But Alstrum-Acevedo, Brown and Young used the opportunity to give the few students present information about the proposed increase. They also identified concerns related to the short timeline used in considering a tuition hike.

Alstrum-Acevedo said graduate students have less to worry about than undergraduates regarding a tuition increase because much of their tuition is covered by grants and funds within their departments. He said a proposed increase would affect professional students the most because they pay tuition themselves without much support from other sources.

While the dismal turnout concerned student leaders, they said they hoped more students would show up for a rally student government is planning for Thursday morning at the Old Well.

Alstrum-Acevedo said, "If (students) really feel strongly, then hopefully they will make their voice heard."

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Lawyers Argue Over Evidence In Edwards Trial

Dwayne Russell Edwards was arrested Jan. 9, 2001, but the legality of evidence found during the arrest is now being questioned.

By KELLIE DIXON
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HILLSBOROUGH — Dwayne Russell Edwards' defense attorney argued Tuesday that evidence obtained during a traffic stop last January should be excluded from Edwards' sexual assaults trial — a move that, if successful, could handicap the prosecutor's case against Edwards.

Edwards was arrested Jan. 9, 2001, when Carrboro officials stopped the former UNC employee for having an expired registration sticker on his 1988 Chevrolet Cavalier. Edwards was stopped by Carrboro police shortly after Chapel Hill officials broadcasted that a sexual assault had occurred in Chapel Hill. The description the Chapel Hill police gave matched that of the suspect in the two Carrboro assaults.

Edwards is facing a number of charges stemming from two sexual assaults and one rape that occurred in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro area in December 2000 and January 2001.

The purpose of Edwards' motions hearing, which began Tuesday and will resume at 9:30 a.m. today at Orange County Superior Court in Hillsborough, is to determine whether evidence secured during the traffic stop, which helped officials link Edwards to the sexual assaults, should be admitted.

The evidence in question includes a silver handgun found under the driver's seat of Edwards' vehicle, loose U.S. currency found on the passenger's seat and cream-colored gloves discovered in the passenger-side floorboard. The motions were filed by Edwards' attorney, Steve Freedman.

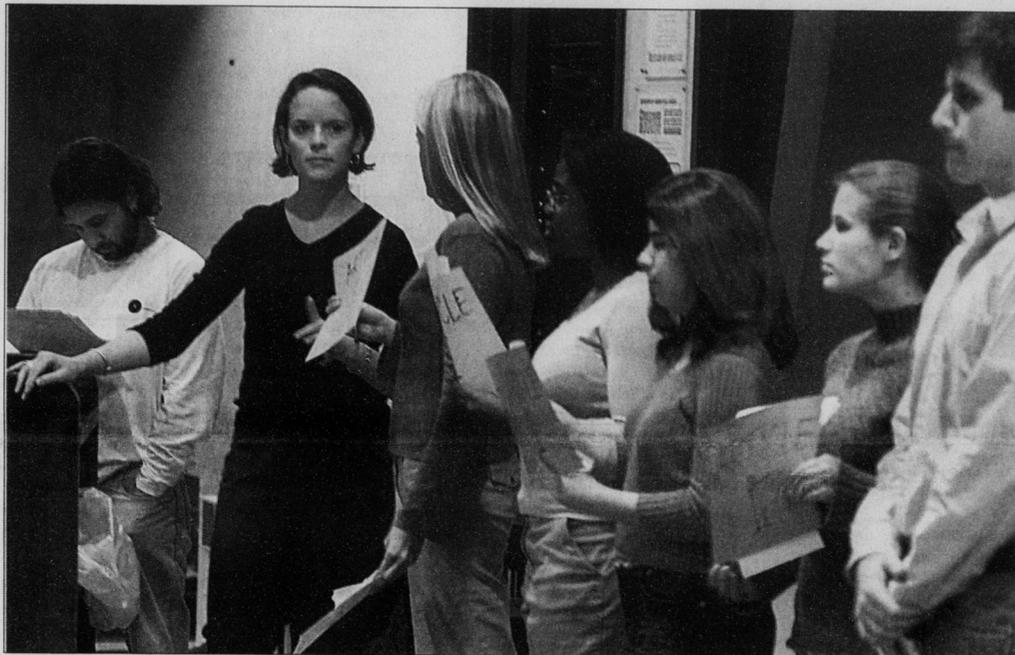
Lead investigator Matthew Dean of Carrboro took the stand first and recounted for almost two hours the two sexual assaults that happened Dec. 23, 2000, and Dec. 26, 2000, in Carrboro. Dean testified that the victims noted the suspect wore cream-colored gloves and brandished a weapon of some sort. The details were more specific regarding the nature of the assault in the second attack, specifically naming Edwards as a suspect, Dean said.

During the hearing, Edwards reclined in his chair, resting his head against his right hand, sitting without emotion as each officer delivered his or her testimony about the night of his arrest.

Dean said the Carrboro police filtered information through the department regarding the case. The officials observed Edwards' residence on Jan. 5, 2001, and Jan. 6, 2001, after the two assaults, when he was named as a prime suspect.

Carrboro police Officer Seth Everett, who initiated the traf-

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Emily Margolis, (left) chairwoman of the Board of Elections, kicks off student government campaign season Tuesday night with a quick trivia game testing candidates' knowledge about the Student Code at a meeting for interested students.

Elections Season Gets Under Way

By JEFF SILVER
Staff Writer

Three weeks of student election campaign frenzy kicked off Tuesday evening with an informational candidates meeting.

Board of Elections Chairwoman Emily Margolis facilitated the meeting, which was required for all students running for student body president, Carolina Athletic Association president, Residence Hall Association president, senior class president and vice president, Graduate and Professional Student Federation president and Student Congress.

The general election will take place Feb. 12.

If needed, a run-off election will be held Feb. 19 for all races in which one candidate does not receive more than 50 percent of the vote.

The meeting opened with a game of "Code Jeopardy" that reviewed official policies such as limits on campaign spending and student voter eligibility for the upcoming elections.

Margolis distributed a packet to the candidates containing this year's election code, urging them to read the code carefully. "It's very clear on how things are going to go," she said.

The code identifies the number of student signatures candidates must have by Feb. 5 for their names to appear on the ballot: 500 for student body president and CAA president, 150 for RHA president and senior class officers, 50 for GPSF president and 10 for Congress representatives.

The election code also outlines the spending limits for the campaign: \$500 for student body and CAA presidents, \$325 for RHA and GPSF

presidents, \$175 for senior class officers, and \$75 for Student Congress members.

Margolis also distributed a revised list of congressional districts. Speaker of Student Congress Mark Townsend announced later that students must run in the district they will live in next year.

Margolis then clarified this year's policy about "dorm storming," the tactic of campaigning door-to-door in campus residence halls to gather petition signatures. She distributed a letter from Christopher Payne, director of the Department of Housing and Residential Education, stating that all campaign workers must have permission from residence hall area directors 24 hours in advance of canvassing halls.

She also addressed a rumor that some campaign teams were planning on moving others' campaign posters and signs. "It is classless and

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Elders Encourages Students to Pursue Public Service

By RACHEL CLARKE
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Former U.S. Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders called upon UNC students to use their educations to solve America's social problems when she spoke Tuesday night in Memorial Hall.

Elders, the first black and second female surgeon general, who served in the position from 1993-94, delivered the keynote address for UNC's Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration Week.

"You have a lot of things that have got to be accomplished," Elders told the nearly full auditorium. "You're here to

build bridges over rivers of ignorance." Elders said today's students have a responsibility to address social problems such as racism, sexism and classism.

"You're here to learn how to deal with these 'isms' and get rid of them," she said.

Elders referred to King several times during her speech, praising his hard work and accomplishments. "Our task is to revitalize and keep alive the spirit of his memory and to realize what that was about," she said. "Sometimes when you're trying to be a leader, you have to stand alone."

Elders, who resigned in December 1994 amid controversy over a remark

she made about masturbation and sexual education, said people often ask her why she didn't keep her mouth shut to keep her job.

But Elders said she feels it is necessary not to remain silent about important issues. "We have to keep speaking out about the injustices as we see them," she said. "You have to say, 'This is what I believe in.'"

Elders said one of the most important social problems that requires advocacy is health care. "We don't have a health care system in our country, we have a sick-care system," she said. "We brag about the fact that every criminal has a right to a lawyer, and we don't care that

every sick baby doesn't have a right to a doctor."

But Elders said students could solve problems like those involving national health care by getting involved and working together to form networks. "You get the degree so you can do something," she said. "You have a huge responsibility."

Before the speech, Rhonda Patterson, a junior communications major, was awarded the 21st annual Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship. Patterson won \$1,000 for demonstrating commitment to the humanitarian ideals King espoused,

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Former Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders discusses how minority communities, education and citizenship influence health care issues.

The history of free men is never really written by chance but by choice — their choice.

Dwight Eisenhower