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## Super Troupe

The "Super Troopers" cast and crew stop in Chapel Hill. See Page 5



## Last Chance

Today is the last day to apply to work at the DTH this semester. Turn in applications by 5 p.m. in Union104.

## No Good!

Poor shooting contributes to women's hoops loss to Duke. See Page 7

## Weather

Today: A.M. Showers; H 53, L 33  
Saturday: Sunny; H 57, L 37  
Sunday: Sunny; H 62, L 41



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# BOT Passes \$400 Tuition Increase

By LIZZIE BREYER  
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The UNC-Chapel Hill Board of Trustees voted Thursday to approve the one-year, \$400 plan proposed by the Task Force on Tuition, with the only dissenting vote coming from Student Body President Justin Young.

After presentations from Provost Robert Shelton, Young and Graduate and Professional Student Federation President Mikisha Brown, trustees debated the merits of a tuition increase for about an hour before they voted to send the task force's proposal — unchanged — to the UNC-system Board of Governors.

In 1999, the BOT heard a similar proposal from a task force, but it changed the recommendation from \$1,500 over four years to \$1,500 over five years before sending it to the BOG.

Chancellor James Moeser set the stage for the meeting in his opening remarks, which focused heavily on tuition, repeatedly stressing the importance of using tuition as only one of many sources of University revenue.

"I believe we have to adjust the margins (through a tuition increase), but I don't see that as our primary agenda," Moeser said. "Private support, corporate support — that, in my view, is our real agenda."

Discussion of the tuition increase began just after 10 a.m., although the faint sound of shouting protesters outside the building could be heard for about 15 minutes before the issue was first raised by the trustees.

Shelton, co-chairman of the Task Force on Tuition along with Young, began by reviewing tuition information he presented to the BOT in November and then recapped the findings of the task force.

In three meetings, task force members drafted a set of guiding principles and a list of four uses of revenue from a tuition increase — faculty salaries, a reduced faculty-student ratio, an increased number of small classes and support for graduate teaching assistants. The task force voted 11-4 in favor of the one-year, \$400 proposal that the BOT passed Thursday.

Brown and Young then took the stage for a presentation of student concerns about the tuition-setting process.

"Decisions are being made about tuition, affecting every student on this campus — we want to have a chance to share student opinion," Young said.

Most of the student concerns revolved around three points — whether UNC will remain affordable, whether the N.C. General Assembly will continue to fund the University if tuition is raised and whether a tuition increase

will solve UNC's financial shortfall.

Although Brown and Young did not present an alternative proposal, the battle of facts, figures and power continued as the two students spelled out eight student-generated principles that they said should be used in the tuition-setting process.

Young and Brown argued during their presentation that University officials were not adequately considering alternative sources of funding.

But Trustee Paul Fulton said officials are looking at other ways to generate revenue, such as the Carolina First Campaign. "To categorize tuition as the only resource we're looking at... is either ignoring the facts or not being aware of them," he said. "But to think you're going to go (to the General Assembly) and do something that will dramatically change the support they

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Chancellor James Moeser and Trustees Tim Burnett and Stick Williams discuss the proposed tuition increase minutes before it passes.

## Student Rally Marks Last-Minute Effort

By JEFF SILVER  
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About 40 students staged a peaceful protest on campus Thursday morning in a last-minute display of student opposition to a \$400 tuition increase proposal that went before the UNC-Chapel Hill Board of Trustees.

The protesters, from UNC-CH and other UNC-system schools, including N.C. State and Appalachian State universities, gathered at 9:30 a.m. at the Old Well.

Snacking on doughnuts, the protesters chatted while attempting to attract students on their way to class to join them. Many held up large posters to the television cameras that gathered at the scene, and a honk from a passing truck inspired cheers from the crowd.

Student Body Vice President Rudy Kleysteuber held up a megaphone, trying to rally the group as he called on the N.C. General Assembly to provide greater funding for UNC-system schools. Kleysteuber said the state previously paid about half of every student's costs and now only pays one-third.

"Why is it that the General Assembly won't raise funding?" Kleysteuber asked. "Even our \$2,000 ain't gonna do squat." Frances Ferris, student government external relations committee chairwoman, also spoke as the students gathered at the Old Well, naming things a college student could afford with \$400, such as food or a car payment.

Ferris also said that administrators were not disclosing to students and the community the uses of the extra funds from a tuition increase. "I have a question for the BOT," Ferris said. "You want \$400 — why do you want it?"

Senior Bharath Parthasarathy, an organizer of Thursday's protest, said he thought it was important for the trustees

to hear the student perspective. He said the process of instituting a tuition increase had been done without enough student input. "Adequate student voice was not asked for and not examined," Parthasarathy said.

Among the protesters were five of the seven official candidates for student body president: Jen Daum, Fred Hashagen, Bennett Mason, Will McKinney and Brad Overcash.

Many protesters wore red and green arm bands and small signs that read, "Locked out of College?"

At 9:45, the students marched to Morehead Building, chanting, "What do we want? Access. When do we want it? Now!"

University police Capt. Mark McIntyre met the students at the building's entrance and explained that only five students would be admitted to the Morehead Faculty Lounge at a time because they were trying to not disturb the trustees meeting, which was already under way.

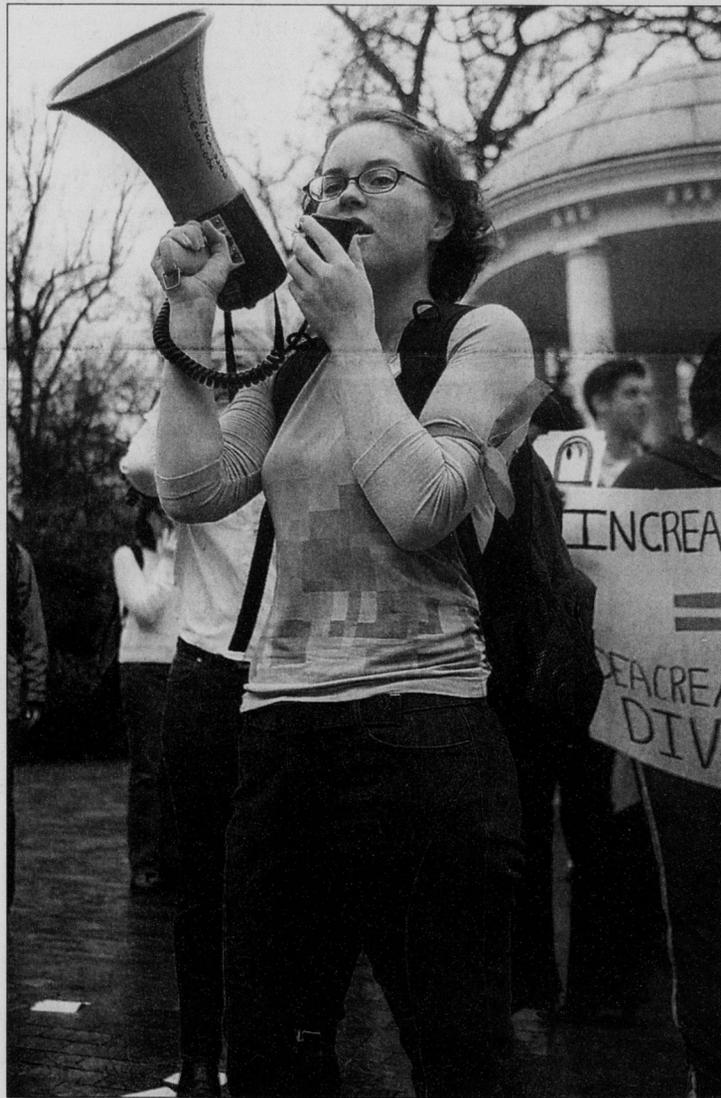
While waiting, senior Kristi Booker energized the crowd. She told a story of a friend who had to drop out before this semester because she could no longer afford tuition. "We're moving in the wrong direction," she said.

Eventually, the about 30 remaining student protesters were allowed into the meeting. The students sat quietly, some holding signs, and most left before the final vote was taken. Of the student body president candidates, only Mason, McKinney and Overcash were present for the meeting's entirety.

The BOT voted to recommend a \$400, one-year tuition increase to the UNC-system Board of Governors, which will act on tuition in March.

McIntyre commended the students for not disrupting the meeting. "They've

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Sophomore Frances Ferris, student government's external relations committee chairwoman, works on Thursday to get students excited about marching to the Morehead Building.

## Questioned Evidence to Be Used in Trial

Though Edwards was denied a lawyer during interviews after his arrest, the judge will allow his statements as trial evidence.

By KELLIE DIXON  
City Editor

A judge denied motions made by Dwayne Russell Edwards' lawyer Thursday, ruling that evidence obtained during a January 2001 traffic stop and subsequent police interviews are lawful and can be used in the upcoming trial.

The motions hearing concluded Thursday afternoon, granting prosecutor Jim Woodall clearance to use all materials gathered as evidence on Jan. 9, 2001, during the upcoming trial. Judge William Griffin set no trial date, but officials say it should take place in April.

The purpose of the motions hearing, which began Tuesday, was to determine whether certain evidence would be admitted in Edwards' trial.

Edwards is charged with multiple felony counts, including one rape and two sexual assaults, stemming from two December 2000 incidents in Carrboro and one incident in Chapel Hill in January 2001.

Griffin determined that police officials made the appropriate decision to procure evidence after a traffic stop where police officials targeted Edwards for having an expired registration sticker on his license plate.

"The officers, based on the totality of the circumstances, were warranted in making an investigatory stop of the defendant's vehicle," Griffin said during his ruling.

The materials discovered during this investigation include cream-colored gloves, a gun, a black toboggan and loose U.S. currency — all items that officials have linked to one or more of the local sexual assaults. The judge also said he would permit the use of personal evidence such as blood samples collected from a body search conducted at UNC Hospitals shortly after Edwards' arrest.

In addition to deeming the traffic stop lawful, Griffin said statements made by Edwards to officials after his arrest will be fair game for the upcoming trial.

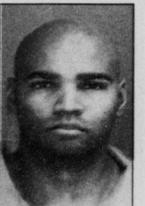
But Edwards' attorney, Steve Freedman, objected to the judge's ruling. He contended that Edwards was coerced by Chapel Hill and Carrboro investigators into making incriminating statements even after requesting a lawyer. Freedman entered two 45-minute videotapes of the interrogations as evidence Wednesday.

"I've watched this tape a number of times, and I don't see how you can say that statement is admissible after he requested a lawyer," Freedman said during his closing remarks.

But Griffin debunked Freedman's argument and used Edwards' testimony to seal his decision.

"Of course here we aren't dealing with an ignorant, uneducated person," Griffin told Freedman prior to issuing his ruling. "The defendant is college-educated, and authorities observed from his testimony is that he understands the situation he's in."

A final date should be set for Edwards' sexual assaults trial by next week. On Feb. 28, Edwards also will appear in the Orange County District Court in Hillsborough to be tried on crimes not directly tied to the sexual crimes.



Dwayne Russell Edwards will be in court Feb. 28 to face charges not related to the sexual assaults.

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## State Might Face \$900 Million Budget Deficit

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State officials confirmed Thursday that North Carolina's budget shortfall could reach as high as \$900 million, possibly making additional cuts in government spending — including higher education — necessary to close the gap.

State budget officer David McCoy met with General Assembly budget writers Wednesday to consider options to blot some of the red ink that has continually marked up this year's state budget.

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McCoy said state leaders were aware that the shortfall had the potential to reach the \$900 million mark. He added that the figure is in the \$400 million to \$900 million range budget planners estimated last fall.

But McCoy said the shortfall likely would not stretch past that point. "It's not any worse than what we'd thought it'd be," he said. "No economist has suggested it would be beyond the \$900 million figure."

McCoy said an exact figure on the shortfall will be available in early February after state economists meet with revenue department officials to determine how much tax revenue the state will collect this year.

He added that additional cuts to govern-

ment agencies might be necessary to cover the overall lag in revenue that has resulted largely from a decrease in sales tax revenue.

Gov. Mike Easley ordered most state agencies to cut their budgets by 4 percent last October. Easley also ordered a non-recurring 2.7 percent budget reduction for the UNC system. But McCoy added that higher education budgets might not be spared the axe if future cuts in state agencies become necessary.

"At this point, everyone has expressed a willingness to participate, and our discussions would include universities and community colleges," he said.

In addition to cutting spending within government departments, McCoy said officials are

considering taking funds from other sources, including the "rainy day" emergency fund and the repair and renovation fund used for the maintenance and repair of state property.

He also said there has been talk of borrowing some of the \$300 million that is left in the Hurricane Floyd relief fund this year.

"What we're doing is talking about spending what is necessary to meet the citizens of North Carolina's needs," McCoy said.

Sen. Tony Rand, D-Cumberland, vice chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, did not attend Wednesday's meeting but said he hopes additional cuts will not

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Never give a sucker an even break.

W.C. Fields