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Students Focus Tuition Battle on BOG

By KAREY WUTKOWSKI
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Student Body President Justin Young said he is working with other student leaders to make members of the UNC-system Board of Governors "more receptive" to student opinion of tuition increases.

Young said that although the UNC-Chapel Hill Board of Trustees listened to a student government presentation at Thursday's meeting, the trustees were already prepared to recommend a one-year, \$400 tuition increase.

"It seemed like a lot of them had their minds made up," he said.

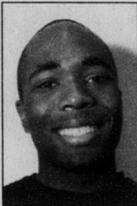
But with more than a month before the BOG's March 6 meeting, when it is set to vote on the BOT's recommendation and all UNC-system campus-initiated tuition increases,

Young said he hopes to take a more proactive approach to influencing BOG members' stance on tuition increases.

UNC-CH student leaders will work with representatives from the UNC Association of Student Governments to personally contact BOG members, Young said.

During these contacts, Young said, student leaders plan to lay out the same principles he and Graduate

and Professional Student Federation President Mikisha Brown presented at the BOT meeting.



Student Body President Justin Young hopes for a more proactive approach to influence the BOG.

In their presentation, Brown and Young expressed concern about whether UNC-CH will remain affordable, whether the N.C. General Assembly will continue to fund the University and whether a tuition increase will solve UNC-CH's financial woes.

Student Body Vice President Rudy Kleysteuber said time constraints limited student leaders' face-to-face contact with BOT members and that they plan to focus on personal interactions with members of the BOG.

"In the next couple months, we'll be focusing on personal inroads," he said.

Brown said she also will work to lobby the BOG to make sure the amount of the proposed \$400 increase does not rise.

Besides the \$400 tuition increase proposal specific to UNC-CH, Young said the contacts with the BOG will recommend that higher

education funding come from the General Assembly, not campus-based tuition increases.

At its Feb. 8 meeting, the BOG will begin discussion of its tuition policy, which calls for the body to only grant campus-based increases in "extraordinary" circumstances.

Under this policy, which was adopted in 1998, the BOG has approved requests for tuition increases at 11 UNC-system schools.

Young said he hopes students will have a voice in the ongoing tuition debate.

"We're trying to get as much student feedback as possible," he said. "We're trying to re-evaluate our best way to attack and our best way to communicate."

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Bush Underscores Union's Strength During Address

President Bush, who will travel to Winston-Salem today, pledged Tuesday night that the nation will make an economic recovery.

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush said Tuesday night that tens of thousands of terrorists still threaten America — "ticking time bombs, set to go off" — and unveiled his plans to stalk them across the globe. He promised a battle of equal vigor to revive the ailing economy.

"We will prevail in war, and we will defeat this recession," the commander-in-chief said, standing before the nation with historically high approval ratings.

In his first State of the Union address, nearly five months after the Sept. 11 attacks that shocked America, Bush fleshed out his vision for the war on terrorism beyond Afghanistan — to a dozen countries that he said harbor terrorists and "an axis of evil" of three more that seek weapons of mass destruction.

Bush will embark today on a tour, visiting three cities, including Winston-Salem. He will speak at 2:30 p.m. in the Lawrence Joel Coliseum in Winston-Salem. A few tickets still were available from the N.C. Republican Party on Tuesday morning.

Bush entered the packed House chamber to boisterous applause from Republicans and Democrats alike. Seconds into

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President George W. Bush gave his first State of the Union address Tuesday night.

Chapel Hill's Limit On New Development Will Not Hurt UNC

Officials say only one University project will be affected by a de facto moratorium on construction set by the Town Council.

By LIZZIE BREYER
University Editor

University officials said Tuesday that UNC's immediate plans for construction will not be affected by the Chapel Hill Town Council's resolution limiting future development.

On Monday, the Town Council approved a schedule of work sessions about the town's new development ordinance. The sessions will take place during the times normally reserved to consider new construction projects.

Essentially, the resolution would prevent all new construction projects that

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Associate Vice Chancellor Bruce Runberg said he expects UNC to ask for an expedited hearing.

Students Swallow Pride for Tickets

By NIKKI WERKING
Staff Writer

It began at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday with three freshmen donning T-shirts with the written labels "Masticator," "The Condiment" and "I swallow."

Freshman Nathan Adams, the "Masticator," took a bite of a cheeseburger, chewed it up and spit it into the mouth of freshman Yin Song, also known as "The Condiment."

Song, with his mouth gaping open, waited as Adams squeezed packets of ketchup and mustard into his mouth with the pre-chewed cheeseburger.

Song then swished the food together and spit it into the mouth of freshman Andy Kitzrow, who wore the T-shirt labeled "I swallow."

Next, as his shirt would suggest, Kitzrow swallowed the pre-mixed and chewed food. The trio repeated the process with chicken nuggets, a banana split and chocolate milk.

The act was part of "What Would You Do for Dook Tickets?" an event for the Carolina Athletic Association's

"Beat Dook Week." Four riser tickets and four lower-level tickets for the Thursday's men's basketball game against Duke University were available to students who were willing to perform a gross, funny or unusual act.

"We wanted tickets really bad, and we figured there's no place better than in front of Lenoir to show people how to eat food," Kitzrow said.

CAA President Reid Chaney said that this is the third year in a row the CAA has sponsored "What Would You Do for Dook Tickets?" Though it promoted the event through the CAA Web site, e-mails and advertisements in The

Daily Tar Heel, only Adams, Kitzrow and Song signed up in advance.

In past years, one of the acts was named the winner and received the tickets, but because of the low turnout this year, everyone who participated received tickets.

Chaney said student participation in the event might have been affected by Monday's extended Duke ticket distribution.

"I think we would have had increased participation if there had not been a distribution on Monday, but the things (students did) were pretty funny."

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Freshman Andy Kitzrow opens wide Tuesday to receive his meal from freshman Yin Song in the Pit (above). Junior Tiffany Fischer pulls out a fake tooth (left).

SEAC Endorses Mason After Forum on Environment

By JEFF SILVER
Staff Writer

Bennett Mason won the Student Environmental Action Coalition's endorsement for student body president Tuesday night after a forum that gave candidates the chance to discuss environmental issues.

At the forum, the candidates fielded questions about environmental policy at UNC and how student government can get involved in an issue candidates said it traditionally has not tackled.

Candidate Corey Campbell was not in attendance.

In his comments, Mason highlighted that he is a vegan, saying that the meat and dairy industry is second only to the petroleum industry in environmental pollution. He also said newly constructed build-

ings on campus should utilize new environmentally friendly technology, including buildings that use natural light.

"We need to ensure that UNC's beauty and green space are preserved," Mason said.

Candidate Will McKinney said he has been involved in environmental work since third grade, when he gave a speech to the Sierra Club and his class about recycling milk jugs. If elected president, McKinney said, he would try to encourage the use of renewable energy for the buildings laid out in the Master Plan, a 50-year plan for campus growth.

"We can help (make UNC more environmentally friendly)," McKinney said. "All (of these) things are pretty easy for us."

He also said he would try to get campus groups to sponsor trees and encourage more bike use at UNC.

Candidate Nathan Katzin said energy reform is one of two main issues on

his platform, along with ensuring student happiness. He said he will push for large-scale environmental reform if elected.

"I'm not interested in sticking pins in the foot of the lion," Katzin said. "I'm interested in chopping its head off."

Candidate Fred Hashagen said that while other candidates elaborated on a few points from their platforms, he would incorporate environmental concerns into every decision he makes as student body president.

Hashagen said he has a record as a former Cabinet member and as the former lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender administrative assistant of bringing rarely discussed issues to the forefront.

"I will be happy to bring environmental issues to the mainstream at UNC," Hashagen said.

Candidate Brad Overcash said he thinks student government needs to get more involved in the issue. He said he would create a committee for a cleaner

campus environment, which would make recommendations to the student body president about how to keep the campus clean, aesthetically pleasing and environmentally friendly.

Overcash said that although some candidates have said they would try to convince Carolina Dining Services to convert carry-out trays to biodegradable material, CDS already plans on converting in the coming weeks.

Candidate Jen Daum said her top priority would be doubling the number of recycling stations on campus. She said she thinks many students do not recycle because they have to walk too far.

Daum also said she would create a new position in her Cabinet focusing on environmental issues. "It's time to create a student government that's a lot more activist and a lot less bullshit," she said.

Candidate Charlie Trakas said he

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DTH/KATIE RIGGAN

Student body president candidates (from left) Will McKinney, Fred Hashagen and Nathan Katzin react during Tuesday's SEAC forum.

Nothing so much enhances a good as to make sacrifices for it.

George Santayana