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Trouble Abroad

A former UNC student is expelled from China after protesting.
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The Daily Tar Heel celebrated its 109th birthday Saturday, embarking on its 110th year of editorial freedom.

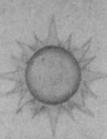
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UNC falls 22 points short in a match with N.C. State.
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N.C. State BOT Gives Nod to \$400 Tuition Increase

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The N.C. State University Board of Trustees approved a one-year, \$400 tuition increase proposal Friday, making the university the 13th and final UNC-system school to request a campus-initiated tuition increase.

Funding from the tuition increase will go toward faculty salary increases, hiring of additional instructors and need-based financial aid.

N.C. State's tuition increase request, along with similar requests from 12 other UNC-system schools, will now head to the UNC-system Board of Governors for approval. UNC-Chapel Hill was the first system school to approve a one-year, \$400 tuition increase proposal when its BOT passed the request Jan. 24.

The BOG is expected to vote on all tuition increases at its March 6 meeting.

During the brief discussion on the tuition increase Friday, N.C. State Chancellor Marye Anne Fox said the BOG might implement a 10 percent systemwide increase and place a \$250 cap on campus-initiated increases at several UNC-system schools - including N.C. State and UNC-CH.

"If that alternative were adopted by the Board of Governors, that would supercede your action today," Fox said. "The Board of Governors, as well as the (N.C.) General Assembly, have the wherewithal to set tuition."

"We could simply react to whatever action they take."

But Fox said she and the board did not heed the BOG's request that research and doctoral institutions develop \$250 tuition increase proposals because N.C. State needs at least a \$400 increase to remain competitive with peer institutions.

UNC-CH Chancellor James Moeser also has said he has no intention of revising the \$400 tuition increase proposal passed by the BOT.

Fox added that the BOG should review the proposals, keeping in mind that administrators at the individual campuses know the needs of their universities better than anyone else.

"We think it is necessary for campuses to have management freedom," she said.

Fox said student input, including two open forums, was helpful to N.C. State administrators during the process of devising a campus-initiated tuition increase proposal. "I am very grateful to the students for keeping us on a straight path and for keeping us aware, as we obviously are, of the need to keep the doors wide open to this great university," she said.

But after the vote in favor of the \$400 increase, N.C. State Student Body President Darryl Willie said the tuition-setting process

must be altered. Willie was the only BOT member to vote against the tuition increase. "We had great dialogue about tuition, not only at this school, but across the state," he said. "We have to work together on the next level to make sure this doesn't continue to happen."

Fox said N.C. State administrators intend to examine the tuition increase process and the factors that make campus-initiated increases necessary. "Our pledge is to put together a task force that will look at tuition long term."

But Andrew Payne, UNC Association of Student Governments president and an N.C. State student, said he does not expect the BOG to approve the \$400 increase. "I think (UNC-CH) and (N.C.) State will be very lucky if they get any campus-initiated tuition increase at all."

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Bob Mattocks, a member of N.C. State University's Board of Trustees, looks over tuition proposals Friday.

Officials Hope Donors Will Fund New Video Board

Director of Athletics Dick Baddour said his department doesn't want corporate funding to subsidize the proposed video board.

By KAREY WUTKOWSKI
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Officials say that while funding has not been secured for a Kenan Stadium video board, they will not look to permanent corporate signage to provide the needed money.

UNC Director of Athletics Dick Baddour said he has been looking to obtain a video board for Kenan Stadium for the past five years and hopes to have it installed before the fall 2002 football season.

But he said he is not exactly sure where the funds will come from for the board, which could cost between \$500,000 and \$1 million. "We expect it to come from private donations," Baddour said. "We do not at this point expect that it would come from the athletic department's operating budget or from the students."

Baddour also said the Department of Athletics does not want to look at the possibility of permanent corporate signage around the video board to defray its cost.

For years, corporate influence upon the University has been a point of contention for administrators and students, especially with the athletic department's multimillion dollar contract with Nike.

Baddour said the video board could flash some form of corporate messages but that he hopes to keep Kenan Stadium free of permanent corporate signage to maintain the integrity of the facility. "It's so much a part of our culture," he said. "It's our goal to protect that as long as possible."

While there is no written policy that prevents the inclusion of corporate sponsorship in UNC athletic facilities, officials say they are trying to keep the facilities as free as possible from corporate influence. "We have corporate signage in every facility except men's basketball and football," said Steve Kirschner, director of sports information.

Kirschner said most other facilities have removable signage, such as the banners around Kenan track and the removable signs on the Boshamer Stadium scoreboard, which was installed last fall with a video screen. Kirschner said he also

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A boy rides his bike as a patrol car makes one of many trips down Sykes Street in the Northside neighborhood, located north of Rosemary Street on the Chapel Hill-Carrboro border. Officials say this area is known for its poor living conditions.

Chapel Hill Poverty Not Easily Seen

By JENNY HUANG
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Poverty has a hidden face in Chapel Hill.

Although it is not uncommon to see the homeless on Franklin Street, it is rare to witness the daily struggles of working families and individuals in the area.

But as local social wel-

fare experts warn, poverty does exist. "It's not as open, but it is here," said Audrey Johnson, professor at the UNC School of Social Work. "The issue is that poverty is not easily seen because (the University) is isolated and insulated from it."

According to a 1999 U.S. Census Bureau report by the Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates program, the poverty rate for Orange County is 9.9 percent. The study is conducted every three years, and an updated version will be released this summer.

A state-by-state analysis in the 2001 U.S. Census Bureau report revealed that the overall

poverty rate in North Carolina during 1999-2000 was 12.9 percent. Poverty rates vary according to factors including age, race, family composition, work experience and geographic location.

And as the state continues to deal with its fiscal crisis, things most likely will get worse before they get better for the poor.

Out of Sight, Out of Mind

Local social welfare experts say there are a few areas of poverty located in Chapel Hill.

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DTH/MALLORY DAVIS

Members of the women's track team lip sync to No Doubt's "Hey Baby" in the Athletic Lip Sync competition Saturday at the Dance Marathon.

Growth, Kids Mark 4th Marathon

By KARA EIDE
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"A day to go wild for the life of a child," stated one of the posters taped up in Fetzer Gym, where walls quaked for 24 hours with singing, playing, competing, performing, fund raising and, most of all, dancing.

This weekend, 577

dancers, 200 moralers, 300 volunteers and 120 committee members filled the gym for the annual UNC Dance Marathon. Last year, the marathon boasted 400 dancers.

The total amount raised, announced at the end of the 24 hours, was \$122,209 - about a \$20,000 improvement from last year. In the four years of the Dance Marathon's existence, the amount of

money raised and the number of participants have increased every year.

The fund-raiser earns money to support the "For the Kids" fund, which goes to families with children receiving care at the N.C. Children's Hospital.

The Dance Marathon's overall coordinator Scott Werry, a junior political science major, said he was elated about the event's success. "Especially in such a difficult financial year, it's a sense of accomplishment," he said. "It's indicative of the spirit of Chapel Hill."

The fund raising occurs throughout the year but revolves around the marathon event, which began at 7 p.m. Friday and ended at 7 p.m. Saturday.

During those 24 hours, the dancers had to stay on their feet, but their activities extended beyond just dancing. Organizers kept them busy and provided activities to boost their spirits.

Dancers listened to bands and a cap-

pella groups, engaged in group games and played sports activities. They also took rejuvenating breaks from the action to chat in groups, share massages, receive mail from home and eat food donated by corporate sponsors.

Moralers and volunteers participated by showing up for shifts throughout the event. Volunteers helped the committee members, while moralers, wearing T-shirts decorated with inspiring or funny messages, pumped energy into weary dancers.

One highlight for many dancers was an event new to the marathon - the 6:30 a.m. walk, where organizers took the dancers out to Kenan Stadium for a refreshing breath of cold morning air. Dancers circled the track, listened to music over the loudspeakers and watched the sun rise.

Another memorable moment for the dancers was the Kid's Hour on Saturday.

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Faculty Criticize BOG Plan

Provost Shelton told faculty members Friday that UNC could lose \$5.8 million with systemwide tuition plans.

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Faculty members at Friday's Faculty Council meeting expressed concern about a proposed systemwide tuition increase that would redistribute more than \$5 million dollars from UNC-Chapel Hill to other UNC-system schools.

Chancellor James Moeser said the UNC-system Board of Governors will vote on two systemwide tuition increase proposals at its March 6 meeting.

A 4.8 percent systemwide increase would help UNC-system schools meet need-based financial aid obligations, Moeser said. The other proposal, a 10 percent increase, would fund need-based aid and subsidize enrollment growth.

But UNC-CH meets 100 percent of its aid requirements and anticipates limited growth, so it would receive minimal funding from these increases, Moeser said.

Faculty Council Chairwoman Sue Estroff said UNC-CH should not be penalized for maintaining enrollment. "Money paid from students on our campus will go to other campuses to use for enrollment growth or as they see fit," she said. "In these times this is an intolerable move and one that is our responsibility to oppose with logic and passion."

Faculty members spent the bulk of the meeting's discussion period asking why UNC-CH is being held responsible for other system schools' growth.

Some faculty said they did not think UNC-CH was being served well by the BOG. "We should consider why we continue to be a part of this system that Bill Friday created," said Philip Bromberg, a professor in the School of Medicine.

Provost Robert Shelton said three other UNC-system schools stand to lose funds if the proposal is passed. But these schools are expected to lose no more than \$400,000 each, while UNC-CH is expected to lose \$5.8 million, he said.

Shelton said funds from the tuition hike would be collected from all UNC-system schools and distributed to those who meet the standards of need.

He said it is not fair to use the money in this case because these funds are raised from student tuition dollars. "I get the feeling that the University is being viewed as a cash cow," Shelton said.

In addition to the systemwide tuition increase, the BOG will vote on several campus-initiated tuition increases.

Estroff said she is concerned that the BOG will lower the amount of the proposed UNC-CH increase from \$400 to

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Wealth is conspicuous, but poverty hides.

James Reston