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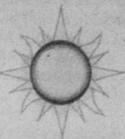
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## Officials Have Few Feasible Options for Parking Plan

BOG members say the time has passed for considering student fee increase plans for the next academic year.

By CLEVE R. WOOTSON JR.  
Staff Writer

The options that UNC-Chapel Hill's administration have for parking proposals are drying up.

Two proposals have been considered

by officials to fill a deficit in the UNC-CH Department of Public Safety's budget next year — but neither proposal is proving to be feasible.

Under one proposal, administrators called for the issuing of night permits and day permits that would have been valid at night as well. The UNC-CH Board of Trustees voted 6-5 Friday to send a proposal for night parking back

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to the administration — citing issues such as restricted campus access and safety.

Another proposal by the UNC-CH Transportation and Parking Advisory Committee, which was rejected by the administration, called for a \$5 per semester student fee increase.

Now that administrators have been placed in charge of coming up with a plan that resolves the DPS' budget issues without a night parking system, remaining options are unclear. System officials say the schedule of the UNC-system Board of Governors greatly decreases the

chance of officials passing a student fee increase to pay for parking next school year.

Because fee increases must be approved by the BOG, the board would have to consider raising student fees to generate revenue at its May meeting, a highly uncommon occurrence.

The BOG already approved all tuition and fee increases for the next academic year at its March 6 meeting. BOG Chairman Ben Ruffin said the board will not consider additional fee increases at this point. "The time has passed."

Andrew Payne, president of the UNC-system Association of Student Governments and a nonvoting BOG member, also said he does not expect the board to consider the fee request because the period for increase recommendations has passed. "The board has already reviewed fee increases," Payne said. "Any submissions would be considered in the 2002-03 school year."

UNC-CH Chancellor James Moeser said he was not surprised to learn that the BOG will not hear proposals for another fee increase. "We had never

assumed that they would," he said.

Although he would not comment specifically, Moeser said that when the administration makes a revised proposal, it will not involve a student fee increase.

UNC-CH Student Body President Justin Young said the BOT's motion to send the night parking plan back to the administration is evidence that the plan is not feasible. "As it stands, the night parking plan didn't work," he said. "I wasn't in support of it and enough of the trustees

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## Student Elections Postponed

An election to fill vacant Student Congress seats and consider a fee referendum will be rescheduled soon.

By LIZZIE BREYER  
University Editor

A special election originally scheduled for today was canceled after miscommunication prevented the necessary paperwork from being filed, student leaders said Monday.

The election was intended to fill empty seats in Student Congress and to allow students to vote on a referendum to increase student fees by \$5 for undergraduates and \$7 for graduate students.

But Emily Margolis, chairwoman of the Board of Elections, said the necessary steps were not taken to set up the elections. "Basically, it was a lack of communication between everybody and me," she said.

Student Body Vice President Rudy Kleysteuber said Student Body President Justin Young was responsible for calling the election to fill empty seats, while Speaker of Congress Mark Townsend was responsible for submitting the referendum passed by Congress to the elections board.

Margolis said that according to the Student Code, the elections board must be notified five to seven days before an election is held, which she said did not occur in this case.

She also said an informational meeting should have been held before the election for anyone interested in filling the congressional seats.

"If you're going to have a special election, you have to have a meeting 14 days beforehand, and it can't be within seven days of a University break," Margolis said. "Because we had Good Friday off, the election wouldn't have been legal at this time anyway."

Margolis also said she did not have a copy of the referendum in advance.

She said that when she saw an e-mail Townsend had sent to the Congress list-serv encouraging them to participate in the election, she notified him that the election could not take place.

"The most important thing here is that we follow the code," she said.

Margolis said the elections board would work with student government officials to reschedule the election, which then will be Student Body President-elect Jen Daum's responsibility to call, in a few weeks.

She also said that the referendum will expire when the new members of Congress are sworn in and that the new Congress members will have to write another similar referendum.

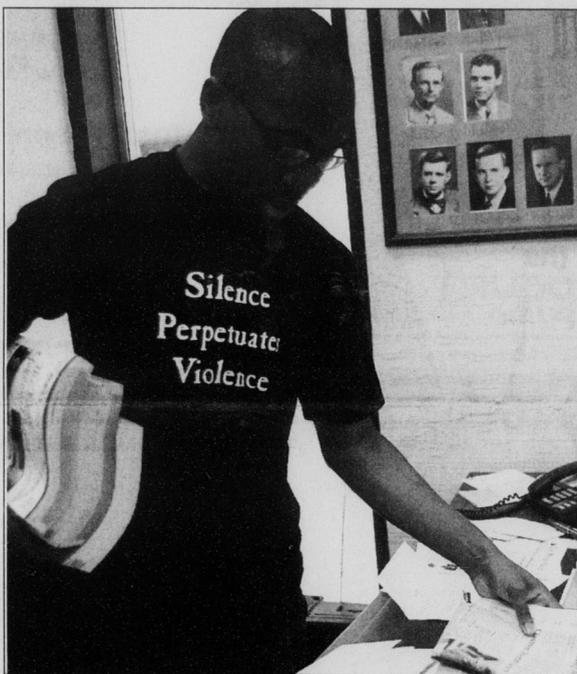
"Jen will have to call a new election, which shouldn't be a big deal," she said. "And Congress will have to re-sign the referendum, but there are a lot of people overlapping (between sessions), and it shouldn't be too much of a problem."

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## Inauguration to Change the Face of SBP Post

On inauguration day, Student Body President Justin Young reflects on his term and President-elect Jen Daum looks ahead by discussing how she chose officers to help her lead.

The Student Government Inauguration Ceremony will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Friday Center. Transportation to the ceremony will be available at 7:10 p.m. from the ATMs. Taking the V bus route at 7:05 p.m. from in front of Fetzer Gym is another option. Rides back to campus will be arranged at the ceremony.



DTH KATIE RIGGAN

Student Body President Justin Young packs his desk Monday afternoon as his term comes to a close with tonight's inauguration of Jen Daum.

## Young Reflects on His Year as SBP: Unexpected Trials, Some Successes

By KARA EIDE  
Staff Writer

"I would say a 9.8." On a scale of one to 10, that's how Justin Young rated his student body presidential term.

What happened to the other 0.2? "Tuition, parking and Qatar," he said.

Young, who hands his office over to Student Body President-elect Jen Daum today, said his greatest strength as president was representing the student body.

He said he thought he was in tune with a majority of the campus community — which is why he said he feels so badly about the issues that didn't result in the most positive outcome for students.

Young said the issue he was most disappointed about was the tuition increase passed last month by the UNC-system Board of Governors. "It stinks," he said. "I don't think there's any way around that."

Young worked actively with the tuition issue, serving as co-chairman of the Task Force on Tuition to draft a recommendation for the UNC-Chapel

Hill Board of Trustees. Young and other student leaders tried to promote student presence at the January BOT meeting where trustees voted on the task force's proposal. Despite their efforts, only about 40 students attended, a turnout Young said he was displeased with.

Young and Mikisha Brown, president of the Graduate and Professional Student Federation, also raised several student concerns at the meeting, although the BOT voted to send the task force's recommendation on to the BOG.

Young said the frustrating things about this year were the problems, such as tuition, that surfaced unexpectedly.

"Some of the things we wanted to work on fell by the wayside, but that happens when you have tuition increases and the threat of a night park-

ing system waiting in the wings and breathing down your neck," he said.

Some of Young's major platform goals, such as the establishment of the Student Empowerment Endowment grant fund, promotion of off-campus Internet access and work on campus race relations and minority affairs, also were pushed aside for more pressing issues.

Little concrete progress was made in these areas, apart from Young's donation of his stipend to the endowment and the creation of a Cabinet position to address minority affairs.

Despite the eventful term, those who worked with Young said he handled the position well. "This was a tough year," said Provost Robert Shelton, mentioning the tuition debate as an example of the

*"It can be an overwhelming thing, but I think I turned that around and made the position an empowering thing."*

JUSTIN YOUNG  
Student Body President

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## Student Leaders Support Daum's Emphasis on Diversity in Cabinet Selection

By MEREDITH NICHOLSON  
Staff Writer

As Student Body President-elect Jen Daum begins her term in office with today's inauguration, she brings an extremely diverse group of officers to help her lead the student body.

Former and current student body leaders said that diversity is a critical element in selecting executive branch officers and Cabinet members but that it is important not to limit diversity to race and gender.

Daum and past student leaders said they priori-

tize selecting Cabinet members and officers who are not just diverse by race.

Daum said she chose her officers based on interviews, references and recommendations, but she also said the student body president needs to have a diverse group of people to effectively represent the campus.

"I believe in affirmative



Jen Daum  
Student Body  
President-Elect

action, but this group is also easily the most qualified people for each of these positions," she said.

Daum said her officers consist of Vice President Aaron Hiller, a Jewish man; Secretary Rebecca Williford, a white woman with a mobility impairment; Treasurer Michael Vollmer, a white man; and Chief of Staff Rebekah Burford, a black woman.

Diversity ensures that the people who are charged with representing the campus are as diverse as the student body is, she said. "It's very important to (all of the officers) that the Cabinet look like Carolina."

Hiller said he thinks it is important to have a

diverse Cabinet and that this year's incoming group of officers is one of the most diverse ever.

But Hiller said he does not believe that his religion factored into Daum's decision to select him as her vice president. "I don't think it had anything to do with the choice, and I think that's a good thing."

He said the candidates' race, religion and background make them individuals, and he believes Daum based her decision on the individuals, not the races and religions they represent.

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## Durant Does About-Face, Decides to Stay With Tar Heels

North Carolina quarterback Darian Durant reversed his decision to transfer and returned to practice Monday.

By AARON FITT  
Assistant Sports Editor

Darian Durant just couldn't ignore the call of the North Carolina football team's practice field.

The Tar Heel quarterback, who announced Feb. 25 that he intended to transfer at the end of the semester, has a bird's-eye view of the field from his room in Carmichael Residence Hall.

That's why his teammates weren't surprised by Monday's announcement that Durant had decided to remain at UNC and return to the football team.

"I can't say I didn't expect it at all," said fellow North Carolina quarterback Matt

Baker. "I know he loves football as much as all of us, and I knew he'd miss it."

That's the reason offered for Durant's return by UNC coach John Bunting — that he missed being with the team. Durant wasn't available for comment Monday.

Bunting, who indicated five weeks ago that he'd leave the door open if Durant wanted to return, said he learned of the quarterback's desire to come back Thursday. He then met with team leaders to decide whether to let Durant rejoin the Tar Heels.

"You could probably find somebody who does not want him back, but that's not what I'm looking for," Bunting said. "I'm looking for the majority of our football team to embrace him coming back, and they have. They all met with Darian (Monday) in a team meeting, and everything went well."

Most Tar Heels, including Durant's competitors for the starting quarterback

job, are pleased to have a player of his talent back in the fold. Durant, who set UNC freshman passing records for touchdowns, completions, yards and total offense last year, also brings the experience of a championship season.

"We all want Darian around," said C.J. Stephens, who Bunting said remains the front-runner for the starting quarterback job next year. "He's an outstanding player, an outstanding person, and we're thrilled to have him back."

Bunting was pleased to have Durant back as well, both for his ability and for the healthy competition Durant brings to the starting job.

"When he gets over the ball, he knows what to do," Bunting said. "He's got great vision, makes great decisions and obviously has a knack for making plays. He's a playmaker."

Durant will share reps in practice

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UNC quarterback Darian Durant (left) evades two Clemson defenders in the Tar Heels' 38-3 win Oct. 21. Durant was 11-for-11 passing in the game.

*There is a time for departure even when there's no certain place to go.*

Tennessee Williams