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## Former Employee Appeals Lawsuit To Superior Court

**Bobbie Sanders filed an appeal to force UNC to offer her a job she says she didn't receive due to age and sex discrimination.**

By **BROOK CORWIN**  
Staff Writer

A former UNC employee has appealed a ruling by the State Personnel Commission in a discrimination lawsuit she filed against the University almost two years ago.

The appeal, in which former employee Bobbie Sanders accuses UNC of discriminating against her based on her age and sex, was filed April 3. The University has 30 days after the filing date to respond to the appeal.

Sanders, who worked for the University as a computer consultant, originally filed the suit after not receiving a promotion to a vacant position in June 2000.

One year later, administrative law judge Sammie Chess ruled in favor of Sanders, recommending that she be placed in the new position and receive back pay for time since she did not receive the position. But last fall, that decision was overturned by the SPC, which ruled that Chess had "committed multiple, demonstrable errors, both legal and factual."

Al McSurely, Sanders' lawyer in the suit, said that because the case is now going before the Chatham County Superior Court, he is confident the decision will be in his client's favor.

"We have real judges now," McSurely said. "It started out before a real judge, an administrative law judge who ruled in our favor. Then it went to the State Personnel Commission, which is made up of political appointees."

McSurely said the principal argument of the appeal is that Chess was able to see witnesses testify firsthand, something the SPC did not do when it overturned the original decision.

"The fundamental argument we are making is that the administrative law judge watched the demeanor of the witnesses from the University, and the key question is whether they were lying, not being honest about their feelings about Ms. Sanders," McSurely said. "Then you have somebody who wasn't there making decisions — it just isn't fair."

The appeal states that the SPC did not provide adequate

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## Budget Cuts Likely To Affect Library System's Operation

The loss of funds could cause a reduction in libraries' hours of operation but would not affect the reopening of the Undergrad.

By **ERIN GANLEY**  
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Potential budget cuts to the UNC system could force UNC-Chapel Hill libraries to cut services and jobs as part of the University's effort to scale back costs.

According to a plan based on a 4 percent budget cuts submitted to UNC-system officials earlier this week, the library system stands to lose funding in the next fiscal year, along with faculty and staff positions and summer instruction.

Depending on the severity of the budget cuts, the library system might have to cancel journal subscriptions, buy fewer books and shorten operating hours, Joe Hewitt, director of academic affairs libraries, said Thursday.

Gov. Mike Easley has stressed the importance of protecting instruction despite likely cuts to education, but Hewitt said the library system plays an important role in the University's academic program.

"Libraries are an inherent part of instruction; you can't have instruction or research without strong libraries," he said. "Libraries are considered part of the instructional budget."

The first cuts would be in the library's operational budget, Hewitt said. This would mean, for example, that no new computers or equipment would be purchased for the information commons on Davis Library's first floor. "We would cut hours in Davis and the Undergraduate Library last," Hewitt said.

But it is likely that some night and weekend hours in the nine departmental libraries would be cut back, he said.

Diane Strauss, assistant University librarian for public services, said the fall opening of the newly renovated Undergraduate Library will not be affected by budget problems.

But Strauss said the cuts could affect new programs that had been planned for the library.

The new Undergrad will not be able to offer instruction on information resources and video-editing technology, officials said. "We will have the equipment, but we won't have the expert technicians to give instruction," Hewitt said.

Both student and faculty research also could be hindered

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## UNC Schools Rise, Drop in U.S. Rankings

By **CHRISTEN BROECKER**  
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The U.S. News & World Report's latest graduate school rankings have brought mixed results for UNC's professional programs.

In the 2003 report, the UNC School of Law fell from 23rd to 31st while Kenan-Flagler Business School's ranking rose from 18th to 17th in the nation. The School of Education fell from 18th to 24th in the nation, and the School of Medicine rose from 24th to 22nd in research and remained 6th for primary care.

UNC School of Law Dean Gene Nichol expressed in a statement his disappointment in the rankings but pointed out the school's consistently high peer approval. "The survey indicates that the

nation's lawyers, judges, deans and professors continue to regard the UNC School of Law as one of the top 20 in the country," he wrote. "Almost all people who know about Carolina's law school believe we are making real progress."

UNC Provost Robert Shelton said one of the primary causes that played into the law school's decline in rank is the decade-long trend of budget cuts that the school has experienced.

"One of the concerns we have overall is that year after year we take budget cuts, and our dollars per student will decline," he said. "But I think in areas where we have direct (budgetary) control, the numbers are going in the right direction."

Shelton said he thinks that, in gener-

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## College Rankings Comparison

Both the UNC School of Law and School of Education dropped, eight spots and six spots respectively, in the 2003 U.S. News & World Report graduate school rankings. Other UNC program rankings generally remained steady from 2002.

Law	Medicine - Primary Care	Business
1. Yale University	1. University of Washington	1. Stanford University
2. Stanford University	2. Oregon Health and Science University	2. Harvard University
3. Harvard University	3. University of California at San Francisco	3. University of Pennsylvania
31. UNC-Chapel Hill	6. UNC-Chapel Hill	17. UNC-Chapel Hill

  

Education	Medicine - Research	Other Ranking UNC Programs
1. Stanford University	1. Harvard University	Biological Sciences (27th) English (18th)
2. Harvard University	2. Johns Hopkins University	History (13th) Political Science (15th)
(tie) University of California at Los Angeles	3. Washington University in St. Louis	Psychology (17th) Sociology (5th)
24. UNC-Chapel Hill	22. UNC-Chapel Hill	Chemistry (14th) Computer Science (17th)

SOURCE: U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT  
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## Tuition Protest Small, Enthusiastic in Raleigh



Erin Byrd and her son, Hasusson, 2, protest tuition increases on the steps of the Legislative Building. Byrd fears future hikes will affect whether she is able to send her son to college.

By **RACHEL LEONARD**  
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RALEIGH — College students and supporters called for a halt to tuition hikes and demanded campaign finance reform at a rally held Friday afternoon in front of the Legislative Building in Raleigh.

Organizers had estimated a larger crowd than the 25 who attended, but those at the rally were joined at times by teenagers visiting the state capital with school groups.

Although the N.C. General Assembly does not officially convene until late May, some members of the appropriations committees began to work on next year's budget two weeks ago.

Holding signs reading, "Don't balance the budget on my back!" and "Democracy for Sale," students and passers-by listened to speakers protesting what they see as a link between rising tuition at state universities and the need for campaign finance reform.

One toddler wore a sign reading, "Help! At this rate I will never be able to pay for college!"

The rally was organized by Dennis Markatos, a former UNC-Chapel Hill student and youth coordinator for the N.C. Common Cause Education Fund, in response to the recent UNC-system Board of Governors vote to increase tuition.

The BOG voted March 6 in favor of a systemwide 8 percent tuition increase for in-state students and a 12 percent increase for out-of-state students.

The board also voted to increase tuition at UNC-CH by \$300, thus raising tuition by \$486 for in-state students and \$1,778 for out-of-state students.

Because all tuition increases must be approved by the General Assembly, students and speakers centered their protest on the legislature.

Andrew Payne, UNC-system

Association of Student Governments president, accused state legislators of ignoring their constitutional mandate to fund higher education.

"We're sick and tired of these games that they play," he said. "You're either with us or you're against us. If you're against us, you better get out of the way because come November you're not going to be put back in office."

Holding a poster reading, "Honk for Campaign Finance Reform," UNC alumna Kristine Soriano waved to a man driving a blue plumber's truck as he tooted the horn.

"We need to get our priorities straight," she said. "Big money is so accessible to corporations, but education has to scrape the bottom of the bucket just to get enough money."

Rep. Verla Insko, D-Orange, spoke in favor of campaign finance reform, telling students that the writers of the Bill of Rights guaranteed free speech regardless of wealth.

"I don't think they thought somebody should have \$25 of free speech while someone else had \$25,000 of free speech," she said.

Chris Fitzsimon, executive director of the Common Sense Foundation, said the message to the legislature is simple.

"Don't make students pay for tax breaks. Don't make families pay for loopholes," he said. "Don't put a college education out of the reach of North Carolina families."

Markatos said the rally was successful despite the low turnout because it helped get the participants' message across.

"We want to face this problem right now," he said. "It's all a matter of money — are we going to get money from students, or are we going to get money from responsible taxation?"

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## Daum Taps Cabinet, Forms 2 Committees

By **LIZZIE BREYER**  
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Student Body President Jen Daum named her Cabinet members Sunday, bringing together the final elements of next year's student leadership.

Daum named chairmen and vice chairmen for nine committees, a communications director and several executive assistants after an extensive selection process.

Along with Student Body Vice President Aaron Hiller, Secretary Rebecca Williford, Treasurer Michael Vollmer and Chief of Staff Rebekah Burford, Daum interviewed more than 50 applicants for the 29 positions.

Williford said that the field was competitive and that all the applicants were well-qualified. "It was very tough to decide," she said. "There were so many good people applying."

This year, Daum established two new committees: women's affairs and environmental issues.

Junior Kim Benton, co-chairwoman of the Women's Affairs Committee, said she wants to focus the new group on awareness and prevention of sexual violence, a cause to which she said she is extremely committed. "I want to teach women on campus where they can go, what rape is — there needs to be a lot of education done on campus, and not just for women," Benton said.

The position of communications direc-

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## UNIDOS EN ALEGRIA



Members of CHisPA's ¡Que Rico! turn on the heat Saturday night in the Great Hall during CHisPA's 11th annual Noche Latina. The program featured dancing, music and skits celebrating Hispanic culture.

*I agree with no man's opinion. I have some of my own.*

Ivan Turgenev