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## Legislators React to BOG Vote

### Resolution won't impact budget talks

By ELYSE ASHBURN  
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Some state legislators back a UNC-system Board of Governors committee resolution supporting academic freedom while others say it ignores the real issues at hand.

Rep. Joe Hackney, D-Orange, said the BOG committee acted appropriately in standing up for academic freedom and that lawmakers would expect nothing less.

"The legislature would expect them to do so," he said. The BOG Education Planning and Policies Committee unanimously approved a resolution Thursday that reaffirmed members' support of the intellectual autonomy of system universities.

The resolution will go before the full board for approval at its Sept. 13 meeting. The full BOG failed to pass a similar resolution Aug. 9, with some members claiming that the proper channels for proposing a resolution were not used.

The resolutions were prompted by a provision added to the N.C. House budget proposal aimed at preventing state funds from being used to fund religious classes or reading programs that do not give equal play to all known religions.

The provision primarily targeted the UNC-Chapel Hill freshman summer reading of "Approaching the Qur'an: The Early Revelations."

Rep. Art Pope, R-Wake, said the resolution shows a disregard for the N.C. General Assembly's concerns.

"I guess it shows that they are more concerned with the faculty's criticism than with the General Assembly's opinion," he said.

Following the failure of the first BOG resolution supporting academic freedom, several university faculty councils across the state — including UNC-CH's — passed their own resolutions in support of academic freedom.

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## Reading Lawsuit Status Uncertain

### Both sides say the case will proceed slowly

By JOHN FRANK  
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The buzz on campus last week about the controversial summer reading assignment has faded, but attorneys for the Christian values group that ignited the debate say it isn't over yet.

American Family Association Center for Law and Policy officials confirmed Friday that they will continue to pursue a

lawsuit against the University for requiring the reading of a book about Islam despite the fact that the discussion sections in contention took place Aug. 19.

"We plan to proceed," said Michael DePrimo, attorney for the AFA. "That has always been our intention."

But Joe Glover, the spokesman for the Family Policy Network, says plans are not so concrete. Glover said the future of the lawsuit is still undecided

and could change.

"Is it alive in the sense it is still in court and alive in the sense that there are still issues with the First Amendment? Yes," he said. "But nothing is etched in stone."

Glover is not part of the lawsuit, although two FPN members are listed as plaintiffs.

DePrimo said the case will resume after the appeal for temporary relief is dismissed from the 4th U.S. Circuit Court in Richmond, Va.

The Richmond judge upheld Aug. 19

a lower court ruling, refusing to allow an injunction blocking the same day's discussion sections.

The case will go back to federal district court in Greensboro, where a judge must first rule on whether to allow taxpayers to serve as plaintiffs. The judge reserved ruling last time.

The two taxpayers in question joined the lawsuit with three unnamed freshmen suing the University over its required reading of "Approaching the Qur'an: The Early Revelations."

DePrimo said he doesn't expect to go

back to court before the judge rules on the issue.

University officials said they would not comment on pending litigation, but University Legal Counsel Susan Ehringhaus said last week that the University was prepared to go forward if further challenged.

With the injunction out of the way, the timeline of the case will most likely slow down significantly, taking possibly a year or more to resolve, said Jack

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## SWING YOUR PARTNER



DTH/BRIAN CASSELLA

Members of the Apple Chill Cloggers dance during their performance at a local public access television benefit in Rams Plaza on Saturday afternoon. The group was one of several local cultural groups to donate its time to attract attention and support for the daylong bluegrass festival. The eight-hour event also included a live auction to raise funds.

## Speaker Invitation In the Mail

### Commencement details closer to set

By JEFF SILVER  
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UNC has sent a formal invitation for a spring Commencement speaker, senior class officers said Sunday.

Senior Class President Paymon Rouhanifard said the potential speaker has yet to accept the invitation but said he is fairly certain the person will accept.

Rouhanifard; Rob Albright, senior class vice president; and several senior class marshals reached Sunday refused to reveal anything about the speaker.

Rouhanifard said the invited candidate cannot be revealed to avoid confusion should the person not accept.

Albright said he expects Chancellor James Moeser to announce the identity of the speaker early this semester, though he could not give a more specific time frame.

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Senior Class President Paymon Rouhanifard said he is happy with the early invitation.

## Young Democrats to Host Bowles at UNC

### Bowles will speak and field questions

By JENNIFER SAMUELS  
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U.S. Senate hopeful Erskine Bowles will try to increase awareness among students about important campaign issues tonight at a question-and-answer forum sponsored by the Young Democrats.

The forum, part of the Young Democrats' first meeting of the year, starts at 8 p.m. in 100 Hamilton Hall.

Susan Navarro, co-president of the Young Democrats, emphasized the importance of the forum as an outlet for all students to voice their questions.

"We urge everybody to participate," she said.



"(Bowles) wants to share his ideas. We want students to really be able to have (their questions) answered."

Navarro said Bowles will speak for about 15 minutes and then participate in a question-and-answer session.

The Young Democrats will not sponsor any more candidate visits before the Sept. 10 primary, Navarro said.

Other candidates running for the Democratic nomination include Rep. Dan Blue, D-Wake; former Durham council member Cynthia Brown; and N.C. Secretary of State Elaine Marshall.

Both Blue and Brown spoke on campus during the 2001-02 school year. Navarro said that despite repeated attempts, Young Democrats was unable to arrange a forum with Marshall.

Bowles, a Greensboro native, graduated from UNC in 1967 with a business degree.

He served as White House chief of

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## Football Season Tickets Draw Alumni, Sell Out

### Individual tickets remain for 4 games

By DANIEL THIGPEN  
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When students jump to their feet and yell from the stands this football season, they could be joined by a few more alumni than usual.

Department of Athletics officials announced Friday that all of this year's season tickets have been sold — not a huge feat, some officials say, but significant nonetheless.

Steve Kirschner, associate athletics director for communications, said it is not uncommon for season tickets to sell out, although it hasn't happened the past couple of seasons. "I don't think we sold out last year or the year before," he said. "We've come close though."

Season tickets went on sale May 1, he said, and by Friday 32,300 of them were gone.

This doesn't mean people can't get seats for individual games. Out of UNC's six home games this season,



DTH FILE PHOTO

Coach John Bunting celebrates last year's Peach Bowl win. Officials say the success of last year's team helped season tickets sell out this year.

four still have tickets available.

There are no tickets left for the home games against Texas and N.C. State. One thousand additional bleacher seats were added between the east end zone and Kenan Field House for those two

games and the matchup against Georgia Tech.

Carolina Athletic Association President Kris Willett said Friday's announcement was an exciting development for UNC football.

"It's always great, whether you're a student or alumni, when you see season tickets sell out," Willett said.

While Kirschner said the sellout is nothing out of the ordinary — about 30,000 season tickets are sold each year — Willett said the sales increase could be directly attributed to last season's performance.

With head coach John Bunting entering his second season — coming off an 8-5 record that includes a Peach Bowl victory — both demand for and interest in UNC football are up this year, Willett said.

"We took a lot of fans down to Atlanta for (the Peach Bowl)," she said. "They're more excited about seeing these games."

Adding a rich mix of both recent and older alumni will make for more active fan participation at home games, Willett said. "With the new alumni, they've come from a good football era," she said. "It's good to see them bridge the gap between the alumni and the students."

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Laws and institutions must go hand in hand with the progress of the human mind.

Thomas Jefferson