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Check online for a photo gallery of UNC's campus during Wednesday's snowfall.

We'll Be Back

The Daily Tar Heel will return Jan. 6 with our Year in Review Issue. Good luck on exams.

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Today: Wintry Mix; H 37, L 24
Friday: Partly Cloudy; H 43, L 16
Saturday: Mostly Sunny; H 50, L 23



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Tuition Proposals Set for Task Force Vote

1 of 3 proposals will be sent to BOT

By ARMAN TOLENTINO
Staff Writer

The Tuition Task Force will meet Dec. 19 to vote on which of three tuition increase proposals to submit to the UNC Board of Trustees.

After months of debate, mostly centering on the plan's distribution of tuition revenue, the group will choose from three specific proposals crafted by task force Co-Chairman Provost Robert Shelton. Shelton was unavailable for comment Wednesday.

The proposals call for three-year increases of \$300, \$350 or \$400 per year, generating \$20.5 million, \$23.9 million or \$27.3 million respectively.

All three proposals earmark funds for faculty salary increases and a percentage increase to close the gap in teaching assistant salaries and set aside 40 percent of increases for need-based financial aid. They also provide that any excess funds be used for either financial aid or TA salaries, with the distribution at the provost's discretion.

Faculty Council Chairwoman Sue Estroff said the council will discuss the proposals at its meeting Friday. "The main question here is, 'What should tuition money be used for?'" she said. The proposals have resulted in much

debate among students, faculty and staff because of the possibility of using tuition revenue for staff salary increases.

The \$400 per year proposal allocates 42 percent, or \$11.5 million, for faculty salaries while allocating 11 percent, or \$3 million, for staff salary increases. The \$350 per year proposal allocates 48 percent, which will still equal \$11.5 million, for faculty salaries and only 4 percent, or \$900,000, for staff salaries. The \$300 per year proposal is the only one that does not include money for staff salary increases.

Student Body President Jen Daum, who spoke out previously against using tuition money for staff salaries, said her position on the task force reflects students' opinions. "Students have decided that faculty salaries and TA stipends are

the only appropriate areas to use tuition revenue for," she said.

Task force member Rebekah Burford, a junior, said she is in favor of the \$300 per year proposal. "The staff is a very valuable part of the University," she said. "But tuition money is paid by students for their education and increasing the quality of their education. It is the state legislature's responsibility to fund staff salaries."

But Employee Forum Chairman Tommy Griffin said the General Assembly needs to do a better job in funding education. "If the General Assembly provided enough funds, we wouldn't have to decide upon a tuition increase," he said.

Griffin also said the task force should

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Raising Tuition ... by How Much?

To increase faculty and teaching assistant salaries, Provost Robert Shelton has proposed to the Tuition Task Force three options for increasing student tuition. Even though tuition would be increasing for all students, all of the proposals protect those students in need of financial aid by reserving 40 percent of the money for need-based financial aid. The task force will vote on one of these three proposals Dec. 19 and take its decision to the Board of Trustees in January.

\$400/year increase for each of three years

- 40 percent for need-based financial aid
- 8 percent for TA salary increases
- 42 percent for faculty salary increases
- 11 percent for SPA staff salary

\$350/year increase for each of three years

- 40 percent for need-based financial aid
- 8 percent for TA salary increases
- 48 percent for faculty salary increases
- 4 percent for SPA staff salary increases

\$300/year increase for each of three years

- 40 percent for need-based financial aid
- 9 percent for TA salary increases
- 51 percent for faculty salary increases

SOURCE: TUITION TASK FORCE

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Tuition Hike Policy Gets Look by BOG

By MATT CROOK
Staff Writer

As the UNC-Chapel Hill campus nears action on another tuition increase, the UNC-system Board of Governors Budget and Finance Committee will meet today to discuss tuition policies - including a possible moratorium on tuition increases.

Committee members will discuss thoughts and proposals for tuition increase requests that might come before the board this year, said committee Chairman Addison Bell.

The purpose of the meeting is to allow members to complete preliminary work instead of waiting until 2003, when the full board will meet to vote on possible increases, he said.

But Bell said he does not know for certain if the committee will discuss a moratorium on increases for the 2003-04 academic year. "There is one item on the agenda - tuition," Bell said.

BOG Vice Chairwoman Teena Little, also a committee member, questioned whether the term "moratorium" is appropriate for the action the board is considering. To install a moratorium, tuition increases would have to be a more habitual action for the UNC sys-

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"We're going to work late into the night to get the campus ready. It's really nice that there are no classes (today)."

BILL STOCKARD, Chapel Hill Assistant to the Town Manager



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Above: Junior James O'Boyle (right) catches a few of the first snowflakes on his tongue while sophomore Allen Bell looks on in the Pit on Wednesday afternoon. Below: The snow was a rare event for Sheena Gray, a sophomore from Maui, Hawaii.

CLASSES CONCLUDE WITH WINTER WEATHER

1st snow in Triangle area brings fun for students, hazards for drivers

By RACHEL HODGES
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Staff Writers

Polk Place echoed with shrieks of laughter as snowballs whizzed across the quad.

Cars struggled up hills, and more than 40 minor accidents, including a jackknifed tractor trailer on Interstate 40, occurred as Chapel Hill endured its first snowfall of the season.

UNC officials assigned the lowest advisory level to the University on Wednesday after more than a half-inch of snow fell in the area. UNC will remain open and operational today unless weather conditions worsen overnight. Officials said the weather probably would not affect the start of finals Friday.

Jon Holbrook, a desk supervisor at the Undergraduate Library, said libraries also will be open today. Individual departments will be open today at the discretion of their department heads.

Local officials said they would announce changes in bus schedules, canceled activities and the closing of any facilities early this morning. Residents were advised to check for closings or revised schedules before venturing out. Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools and Orange County Schools are closed today.

Bruce Heflin, director of the Chapel Hill Department of Public Works, said trucks were spreading salt, focusing efforts on Rosemary and Hillsborough



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streets, Cameron Avenue and Sage Road.

Mike McFarland, director of University communications, said people can check the weather advisory link on the University's Web site for the conditions and get updates on the latest warning level by listening to radio station 1610 AM.

University grounds employees worked overtime Wednesday, clearing hospital and emergency areas first, said UNC Director of Grounds Kirk Pelland. "We're going to work late into the night to get the campus ready," he said. "It's really nice that there are no classes tomorrow."

Regular Point-2-Point and Chapel Hill buses kept rolling Wednesday, although slower than usual, while the P2P Xpress buses stopped service because of the weather, he said.

Bill Stockard, assistant to the town manager, urged residents to limit driving. "Public transportation will be running as long as (it) can do so safely," he said. "We're continuing to operate and provide service to the park and ride lots."

Most of Mainstreet Lenoir shut down Wednesday evening, while the Top of Lenoir and Subway remained open. If weather conditions do not worsen, Top of Lenoir and Chase Dining Hall will be open as normal while restaurants in Mainstreet Lenoir will decide individually whether to open.

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Salary Call Provokes Legislative Outrage

Legislators say some want Moeser to be fired

By ELYSE ASHBURN
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Outraged over administrative salary negotiations at UNC-Chapel Hill, many legislators are shifting the focus of their ire from fiscal excesses to Chancellor James Moeser's job.

"Moeser needs to be fired," said Rep. Russell Capps, R-Wake. He added that he has gotten an earful from constituents angered by the almost \$320,000 severance agreement reached between Moeser and the University's outgoing Vice Chancellor and General Counsel Susan Ehringhaus.

"People have been expressing outrage about this," Capps said.

Senate Minority Leader Patrick Ballantine, R-New Hanover, said he also has been inundated with complaints about Moeser - both from constituents and fellow legislators.

"I hear from a lot of people that say the chancellor has to go," he said. "Joe Public and Susie Taxpayer are very concerned. I hear all the time about the arrogance and outlandish extravagances of the universities."

But Ballantine said he thinks calling for Moeser's removal is extreme. "I'm not to the level where I think we need to remove the chancellor."

He did, however, caution that change in the University's management policies must be made because public perception is souring.

"It just seems like one embarrassing matter after another," Ballantine said. "I personally love our universities and know what jewels they are in North Carolina, but I recognize that there has been a pattern of indiscretion that appears like lavishness."

UNC-system President Molly Broad said that though Moeser's actions arguably were extravagant, he has apologized and is more than capable of continuing to lead the state's flagship university. "I have confidence that Chancellor Moeser can provide adequate guidance for the University," she said.

A committee of the UNC-system Board of Governors also has asked that Broad draft a policy addressing severance agreements for administrators to ensure that Moeser or other chancellors do not overstep their bounds again.

Though the board's action has reduced the

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UNC-system President Molly Broad said Chancellor James Moeser can continue to "provide adequate guidance" for UNC.



DTH/KRISTIN GOODE

Chancellor Moeser apologizes to the Employee Forum for his salary decision.

Moeser Strives To Regain Trust

By JOHN FRANK
AND RACHEL HODGES
Staff Writers

Campus leaders called for Chancellor James Moeser to work cooperatively to rebuild trust on campus and across the state after his judgement was questioned and criticized by UNC-system officials concerning the compensation agreement with General Counsel Susan Ehringhaus.

On Monday, Moeser said his decision to

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Griffin Re-elected Employee Forum Chairman
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There is salvation in snow.

Elizabeth Weber