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Student body president candidate Sang Shin received the endorsement of the Black Student Movement on Wednesday.

Shin Snags BSM Endorsement

Campbell, Cook win endorsement for senior class offices

By **BILLY BALL**
Staff Writer

In what is regarded as one of the most influential student elections forums of the season, the Black Student Movement on Wednesday endorsed Sang Shin for student body president.

The group also threw its support behind Jordan Campbell and Lauren Cook for senior class president and vice president after hosting a packed forum in Chase Hall's Upendo Lounge.

Sherrell McMillan, who is running unopposed for Carolina Athletic Association president, also secured the BSM's endorsement. Members chose not to endorse either Kristin Conte or Colin Scott for Residence Hall Association president.

The BSM is one of the largest student organizations on campus and therefore has a highly valued endorsement.

BSM Vice President Ranardo Pearsall said before the meeting that members would be looking for candidates who would answer questions openly and honestly. Members of the BSM listened to presentations by each

candidate and then held short question and answer sessions. Student body president candidates Nathan Cherry, Ben Pickett, Sang Shin and Matt Tepper each gave their interpretations of diversity and explained how they planned to account for the marked diversity in the UNC student body. "It's really about sharing, and it's about interacting," Cherry said.

Both Cherry and Tepper said it is important that UNC improve minority faculty representation, while Pickett proposed an equal rights initiative that would protect minority organizations on campus.

Shin defined diversity as any difference between people

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UNC Sees Increase In Online Applicants

Application deadline extended to Tuesday

By **WILL AREY**
Staff Writer

Applicants to UNC have used the Internet like never before this year, forcing University officials to take action and extend the deadline for accepting freshman applications.

Officials said they had to extend the freshman application deadline until 8 a.m. Tuesday because of the incredible increase in online applications.

The original deadline for all applications was Jan. 15.

Steve Farmer, senior associate director of admissions, said applicants were given the extension to ensure that everyone interested in the University had the chance to apply.

"We usually let people run a little over," he said.

"We realize that, especially with the online process, they may experience traffic and server problems, and so we give them the benefit of the doubt."

Although Farmer said there haven't been any problems with the University server crashing as a result of high traffic on the application Web site, he said more people are using the University's online application process than in past years.

Farmer said that about 60 percent of those applying for admission to UNC for the upcoming year have applied online.

Only 25 percent of the current freshman class used the online application.

Less than 15 percent of current sophomores applied to UNC using the online process, Farmer said.

Farmer said that the total number of applications received so far is similar to the amount received by this time last year.

Final numbers and data will not be available until the first week of February, Farmer said.

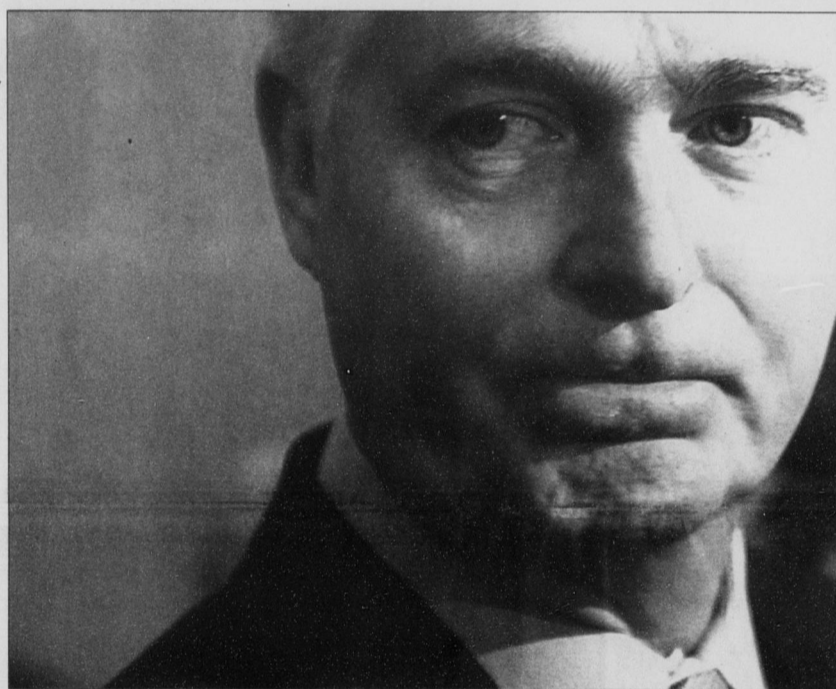
Last year, UNC received 17,498 applications and admitted 6,073 students, or 34.7 percent of those who applied. Of those admitted, 3,460 students ultimately enrolled.

Although he could not provide a concrete number of online applicants for this year, Farmer attributed the increase to convenience factors and the younger population's growing comfort with using the Internet.

"People are becoming more familiar with the online process, and they are beginning to take advantage of the conveniences the online application process offers," he said.

Farmer said one decision that did not

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DTH/GARRETT HALL

Gov. Mike Easley completed his second year in office this month. During the first half of his term, Easley has battled budget problems, critics in both parties and declining approval ratings.

BUDGET WOES MAR EASLEY'S FIRST 2 YEARS

By **CLEVE R. WOOTSON JR.**
Senior Writer

When Democratic Gov. Mike Easley took the oath of office, the state was leaving a period of unprecedented prosperity, about to enter its most severe recession since the Great Depression.

"(Easley) gets criticized for (his style.) He's more of a contemplative governor than one who's out front."

By **FERREL GUILLORY**
UNC Professor

During his first two years in office, municipalities have sued the state for funds withheld because of consecutive billion-dollar budget shortfalls, most state departments have had to dig deep to trim budgets and thousands of North Carolinians have lost their jobs.

All the while, Easley has championed a state lottery as a viable source of revenue, a stance that many claim is a pipe dream.

For the moment, the state is sinking under the weight of budget pressures, and while some say Easley is doing the best he can in a horrible economic time, others argue that he — and his hopes for re-election — might be going down with the ship.

Still others argue that Easley will be harmed by his public and political invisibility. He keeps a much lower profile than many of his predecessors, such as

governors Jim Hunt and Terry Sanford.

While some frame his perceived absence as negative, others say he simply has a different, although not less effective, style.

"I think his style has puzzled some people," said UNC Professor Ferrel Guillory, an expert on N.C. politics. "He gets criticized for that. He's more of a contemplative governor than one who's out front."

Rep. Bill Mitchell, R-Iredell, said the governor's distance from the N.C. General Assembly is not necessarily a bad thing. He noted that the state constitution divides powers to limit the governor's influence.

But Senate Minority Leader Patrick Ballantine, R-New Hanover, said that what some have called Easley's invisibility is a sign of weak political leadership. "Governor Easley is AWOL. He's nowhere to be found, and that's another sign of his leadership."

That leadership is what will come under fire if Easley runs for re-election in two years, pundits say.

Easley's political visibility and how he deals with economic times that could get worse before they get better could determine his chances for re-election in 2004 against a revitalized Republican party, Guillory said.

"The Republicans won a fairly substantial victory in the 2002 elections, so (Easley) faces a Republican party emboldened," he said. "He's like"

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Mike Easley, 67th N.C. Governor

Born: 1950, Nash County
Inaugurated: Jan. 6, 2001
Top priority: K-12 education, especially targeting at-risk 4-year-olds and reducing class size in the K-3 grades
Previous statewide office: Attorney general, 1992-2000

Education:
• law degree from N.C. Central University School of Law, 1976
• bachelor's degree in political science from UNC-Chapel Hill, 1972
Family: wife, Mary Easley, and 17-year-old son, Michael

SOURCE: HTTP://WWW.GOVERNOR.STATE.NC.US/

DTH/STAFF

Congress Members Could Face Charges

By **MEREDITH NICHOLSON**
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Natalie Russell, chairwoman of Student Congress' Finance Committee, will face ethics charges that she knowingly violated the Student Code by living outside of the district she represents.

Student Congress member Alak Shah filed a complaint Wednesday against Russell. Jen Orr, chairwoman of the Student Affairs Committee, and representative Chad McCullen also are living outside their districts and could face charges.

Shah said he might also file Honor Court charges against former Ethics Committee Chairman Dan Herman, who resigned his position this week to run for president of the Graduate and Professional Student Federation.

Shah said it was Herman's duty as Ethics Committee chairman to establish that each Congress member lived in the appropriate district. Herman said that he was unaware of the situation and that it

was the representatives' responsibility to come to him within a week of moving, in accordance with the Student Code.

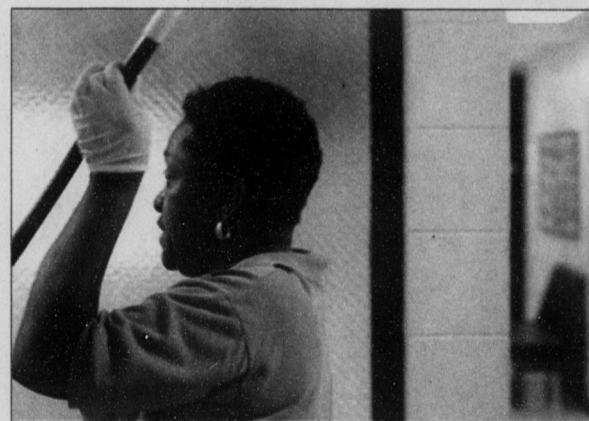
Ethics Committee Chairwoman Margaret Thomas said her committee will meet Monday to discuss the allegations and to decide whether to bring charges before the full Congress.

Russell, who lives in 334 Hinton James North Residence Hall, was elected to represent District 13 last February. District 13 encompassed Craig and Ehringhaus residence halls at the time, when Russell lived in the latter hall.

Russell said she moved to Hinton James North after she learned that she could not recontract at Ehringhaus, which happened after she had won re-election.

The four new South Campus residence halls were included in new congressional districts that were finalized in late November but that will not take effect until after the February elections.

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DTH/BRIAN CASSELLA

Housekeeper Barbara Prear works in Davie Hall during the first half of a graveyard shift. Prear has raised concerns about the housekeeping division.

UNC Housekeepers to Air Complaints to Chancellor

By **DANIEL THIGPEN**
University Editor

It's 1:56 a.m., and the smell of cleaning supplies permeates the second floor of Davie Hall.

The floor has been quiet for some time except for the sounds of housekeeper Barbara Prear, who has been on the job for almost two hours.

Prear seems frustrated and fatigued as she sweeps the last bit of dust from a small corner. She works the midnight to 8 a.m. shift, one she claims she never wanted but was given without a choice.

This is just one of a string of complaints she hopes a possible meeting next month with Chancellor James Moeser and other administrators will resolve.

On Jan. 10, Prear — who is president of the N.C. Public Service Workers

Union UE Local 150 — and fellow housekeeper Marsha Timmen wrote a letter to Moeser, asking for a meeting to discuss concerns they have been harboring for months.

The letter came after the second of two meetings in December with Laurie Charest, associate vice chancellor for human resources; Carolyn Ellfand, associate vice chancellor for campus services; and Bill Burston, director of housekeeping.

During those meetings, Prear and Timmen aired complaints about certain policies and procedures, worker expectations and discontent with their zone manager, Chuck Matheson, who they claim is disrespectful and intimidating.

Specifically, the housekeepers were upset over a recently implemented

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A great leader takes people where they don't necessarily want to go, but ought to be.

Rosalynn Carter