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BOG Might Take Stand In UM Case

By **BOBBY WHISNANT JR.**
 Staff Writer

Members of the UNC-system Board of Governors likely will discuss Friday filing a brief with the U.S. Supreme Court in support of affirmative action, thus taking a stance in what will be a definitive ruling on race-based admissions.

Debate about affirmative action resurfaced when the Supreme Court agreed to hear two cases challenging race-based undergraduate and graduate admissions at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor.

BOG member Gladys Robinson said board members will discuss in committee meetings filing a brief at the board's monthly meeting.

"We will be discussing this in our meeting on Friday because several members have displayed concerns," she said. "I do intend to enter it as an item to be talked about on the floor."

"If it is decided to file a brief, I am confident that it will pass."

Robinson said she stands firmly behind affirmative action and expects her fellow board members to do the same.

"As a board that governs, we have to take a stand that will be supportive. If not, we won't be supporting the diversity in our own 16 schools."

But BOG Chairman Brad Wilson said he doesn't think board members have a responsibility to get involved in the matter by filing a brief.

"It makes no difference one way or another how many briefs the Supreme Court gets," he said. "There's only a limited amount of arguments people can have - for and against."

Ben Ruffin, BOG member and former board chairman, said he thinks that the board should file a brief supporting UM's stance.

"The relevance is that we are higher education," he said. "If the Supreme Court can sustain the Michigan programs, then (the UNC system) won't have to change anything."

Ruffin also said he thinks it is beneficial for other educational groups to get involved and to show support.

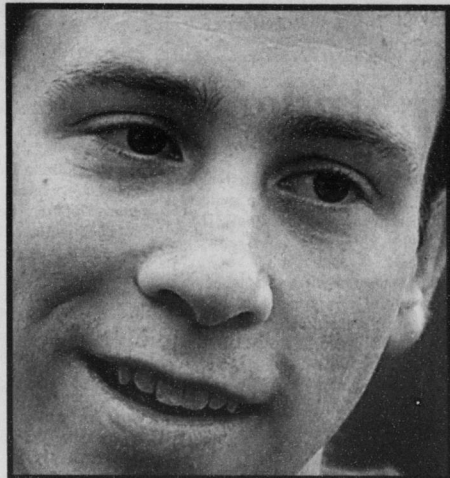
"The American Governing Board has taken a position of support, and I hope the brief being filed by the law school at Chapel Hill will help as well."

UNC-Chapel Hill's School of Law announced Jan. 21 that it would file a friend-of-the-court brief in favor of UM, arguing that achieving a diverse student body is in the best interest of a public law school.

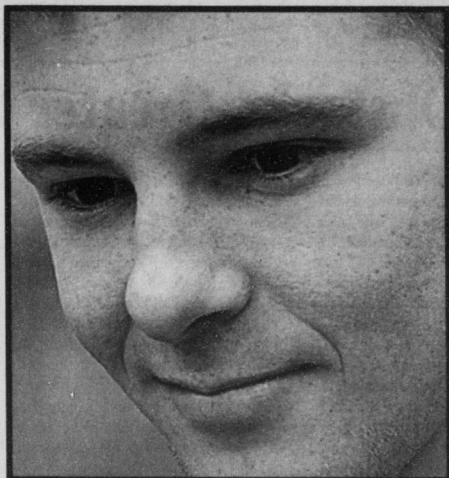
The American Council on Education, of which the UNC system is a member, also intends to file an amicus brief with the court supporting a state's right to use affirmative

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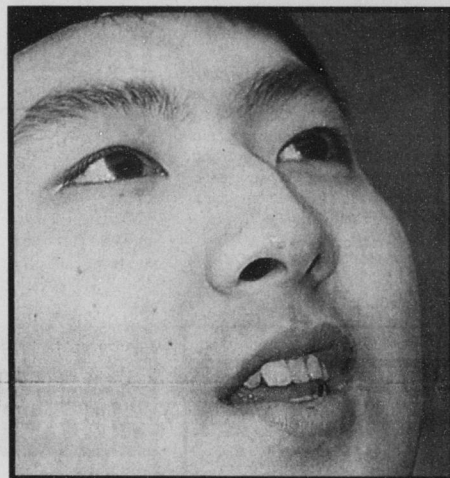
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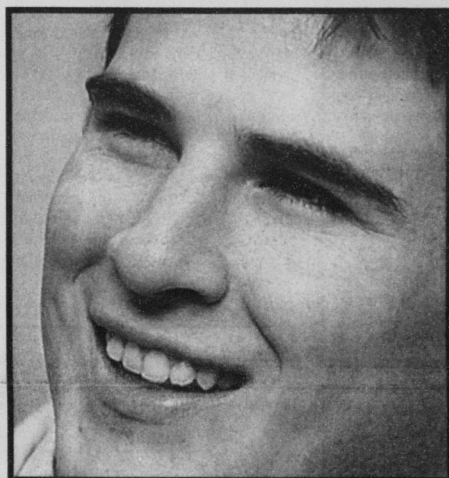
MATT TEPPER
 "Anything I have in my platform is a promise. This is something I'll fight for."



BEN PICKETT
 "I'm someone who's going to do the right thing for this community, both short term and long term."



SANG SHIN
 "I'm not just going to focus on policies. I'm there to listen, to be the student body president."



NATHAN CHERRY
 "I'm running for all the right reasons, and I have a pretty clear vision of what should happen at Carolina."

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EYES ON THE PRIZE

3 WEEKS OF CAMPAIGNING CULMINATE IN TODAY'S VOTE

By **MEREDITH NICHOLSON** / Assistant University Editor

As students head to the polls today, student body president candidates are wrapping up weeks of campaigning in which they distinguished themselves as individuals but set forth similar goals.

In a campaign season shortened by new election reforms, candidates focused on making themselves visible around campus and on spreading word of their priorities to garner the support necessary to win the election.

STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

Nathan Cherry
 Ben Pickett
 Sang Shin
 Matt Tepper
 Write-In: Dan Pickel

Each of the candidates said he thinks creating a better relationship with students is the most important task for next year's student body president. Candidates said most students are unaware of the work student officials do and are not inclined to reach out when they have concerns.

Sang Shin said the student body president needs to be the voice of the students. "We need to open a line of communication between students and student government," he said.

Past administrations have been more focused on creating policies and less focused on reaching out to students, he said. "I'm not just going to focus on policies. I'm there to listen - to be the student body president."

Ben Pickett also said the most important issue of the campaign has been

connecting with students. Pickett pointed out that communication with students made it into every student body president platform this year, including his own, which features the Informed Students Initiative.

Pickett said this focus is indicative of a lack of communication between students and their representatives. "There hasn't been a true link between students and the executive branch," he said.

Nathan Cherry said the need for improved communication extends beyond the student body into town. Cherry's commitment to strengthening student relationships with town officials is a central tenet of his platform, which calls for the creation of a Cabinet-level official who will act as liaison to the town government. Cherry said he hopes that through increased voter registration on campus and improved relations with town government, Chapel Hill someday will elect a UNC student to its Town Council.

"Carolina exists within a larger community," Cherry said. "We need to be good neighbors and make sure we don't get pushed around."

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WATCH LIVE COVERAGE OF ELECTION RESULTS STARTING AT 9:30 P.M. ON CHANNEL 2 (ON-CAMPUS) AND CHANNEL 4 (OFF-CAMPUS)

Congress Foresees No Code Breaches

By **BILLY BALL**
 Staff Writer

Student Congress leaders do not expect to run into any problems with Student Code violations of residence rules for new members after today's election.

Speaker Carey Richter said there probably will be no new trouble with Student Code violations, as all districts now are finalized and in place with no additional residence halls.

She said members who violate the Student Code will be investigated by the Ethics Committee if they do not follow standard Congress notification rules. "If they notify the speaker, they won't have to be investigated," Richter said.

This comes on the heels of the discovery that three members of Congress have been violating the Student Code by living outside the districts they were elected to represent.

Congress members voted Tuesday to overturn a recommendation from the Ethics Committee that they censure Finance Committee Chairwoman Natalie Russell for living in Hinton James North Residence Hall while representing Craige and Morrison residence halls.

The Ethics Committee voted unanimously Thursday to investigate

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UNC Reports It Has Funds To Clean Up Tract Waste

By **JONATHAN M. CARL**
 Staff Writer

The ramifications of University nuclear waste management have traveled beyond the boundaries of campus and landed 2 miles north, where a delay in the proposed development of the Horace Williams tract has caused problems with town officials as well as with residents.

Chancellor James Moeser responded to those concerns in a letter he wrote last week to Chapel Hill Mayor Kevin Foy.

In the letter, dated Jan. 27, Moeser said the University's Budget Committee finally had established a plan to fund cleanup of an area that was once a landfill where nuclear waste was deposited.

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VOTING GUIDE

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Dan Pickel



George Leamon & Doug Melton



Zack Mansfield & Dan Walker



Liz Manekin & Doug Sue



Kimberly Turner & Jordan Hardy



Jordan Campbell & Lauren Cook



Haroun Habib & Rachini Opatha

RHA PRESIDENT



Kristin Conte



Colin Scott

CAA PRESIDENT



Sherrell McMillan



Betsy Fisher

GPSF PRESIDENT



Dan Herman

REFERENDUMS
 •Increase student activity fee from \$11.50 a semester for undergraduate students and \$9.50 a semester for graduate students to \$19.50 a semester for all students
 •Create a \$4 per semester renewable energy fee to support renewable energy projects on campus
 •Amending the student code to make references to officers of the student body gender-neutral

Fifty percent of people won't vote, and 50 percent don't read newspapers. I hope it's the same 50 percent.

Gore Vidal