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Out-of-state ceiling may buckle

RAISING THE OUT-OF-STATE ENROLLMENT CAP PITS SERVICE AGAINST EXCELLENCE

BOG to consider change on Friday

BY JOHN FRANK
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UNC-system officials in the next few months will re-examine the lifeblood of the university system: the student body.

At issue is the 18 percent cap on students from outside North Carolina, but the debate will encompass far more than the out-of-state to in-state ratio.

RAISING THE CAP

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The controversy pits the system's mission to serve the state against its desire to improve the student body.

The UNC system's Board of Governors will address at its Friday meeting a plan to allow system campuses to admit as many as 4 percent more "academically superior" out-of-state students.

Opponents argue that out-of-state students shouldn't take spots away from North Carolinians.

But UNC-system President Molly Broad said that wouldn't be the case because of systemwide enrollment growth put in place in 1998 to allow for the growing number of N.C. high school graduates.

But UNC-Chapel Hill is slated to grow only slightly during the next five years, so any nonresident increase could limit the number of spots available for in-state students.

The cap has faced scrutiny since the BOG established it in 1986.

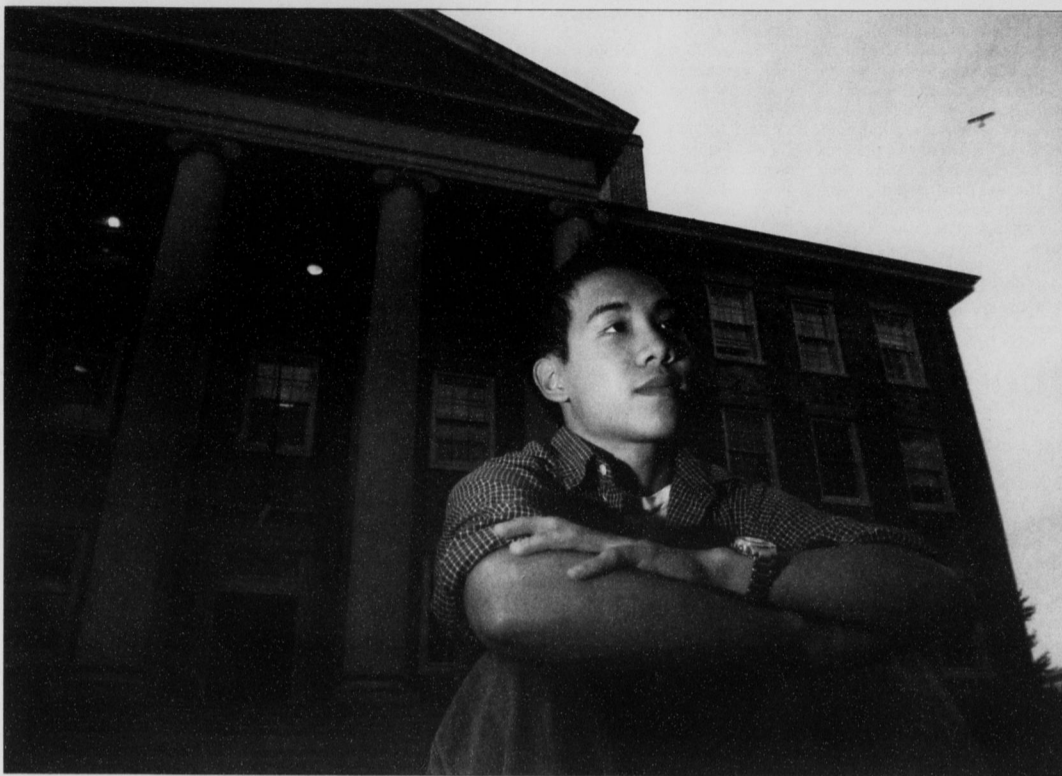
Before the stringent policy was set, system universities enjoyed greater leeway in admitting students from outside North Carolina.

"This is not a new idea," said Jerry Lucido, director of undergraduate admissions at UNC-CH. "It's been played with since the '50s, and at one point or another there was a 15 percent cap but a very, very liberal interpretation of what the cap would conclude."

"Some of the campuses concluded they were well over 20 percent — at the 29 or 30 percent mark — in the early '60s," he added.

But now, the BOG policy states that any institution that exceeds the cap will have its state operating budget reduced.

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Junior Amorn Wongsarnpigoon, a Morehead Scholar from Chicago, is president of the Asian Students Association. Like many out-of-state students at UNC, Wongsarnpigoon is a minority and a campus leader. Eighteen percent of UNC students now are from states other than North Carolina.

Residency factors into success

BY JAMIE DOUGHER
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Amorn Wongsarnpigoon is a typical out-of-state student.

He's academically strong, he's a minority and he's involved on campus.

Wongsarnpigoon, a junior Morehead Scholar from Chicago, is president of the Asian Students Association.

He reflects the myriad disparities between in-state and out-of-state students, ranging from academics and socio-economic background to campus involvement — factors that UNC-system officials will take into account as they discuss increasing the out-of-state enrollment cap.

UNC-Chapel Hill Chancellor James Moeser repeatedly has pointed

to out-of-state students' academic accolades as validation for raising the 18 percent nonresident enrollment cap.

Out-of-state students at UNC-CH on average ranked higher in their high school graduating classes and scored better on the SAT than in-state students.

For the 2003-04 freshmen class, the average SAT score for out-of-state students who enrolled at the University was 1331; the average score for in-state students was 1272.

"Last year we received nearly 11,000 applications for 630 nonresident spaces," said Jerry Lucido, director of undergraduate admissions. "In reviewing those applications, we turned away hundreds and

hundreds and hundreds of students who were simply outstanding."

Out-of-state students also are represented disproportionately in the Honors Program, with nonresidents constituting 55 percent of the program's 2003 freshman class.

"That would intuitively be something I would expect, that coming in with very high qualifications they would become involved in the Honors Program," said Dean Bresciani, interim vice chancellor for student affairs.

But many of the differences that distinguish in-state and out-of-state freshmen academically dissipate over time. At graduation, there are fewer discernable differences between the

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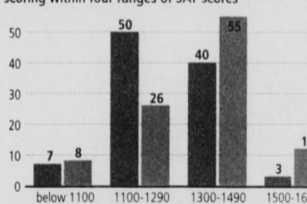


"Out-of-state students come (to UNC) with exceptionally high qualities."

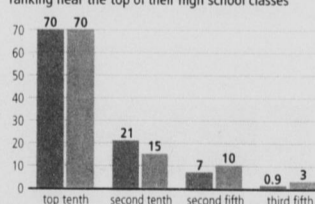
DEAN BRESCIANI, UNC

ACADEMIC VARIATION AMONG THE 2003-04 FRESHMAN CLASS AT UNC-CH

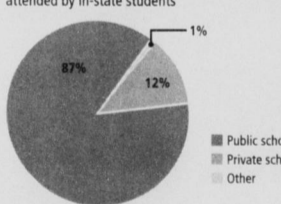
The percentage of in-state and out-of-state students scoring within four ranges of SAT scores



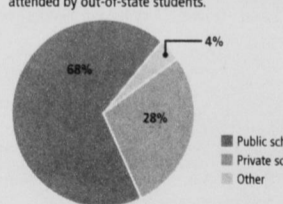
The percentage of in-state and out-of-state students ranking near the top of their high school classes



The type of high school, either public or private, attended by in-state students



The type of high school, either public or private, attended by out-of-state students



SOURCE: UNC OFFICE OF UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS

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Town group lays down Carolina North tenets

Sets 3 goals for land's development

BY RYAN C. TUCK
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As UNC officials continue planning for the University's future commercial and research facilities park, a local lobbying group has weighed in with a list of stipulations necessary to maintain hospitable town-gown relations.

The Chapel Hill Town Council created the Horace Williams Citizens Committee last October and charged the 23-member group with establishing principles to help guide the University's development of its Carolina North property.

The council will discuss the committee's final report and findings Wednesday.

Town Manager Cal Horton recommended that the council schedule a public hearing on the report

later this month. Council members look to vote on the guidelines before the end of the year.

The committee consolidated its research into three overarching goals for the development of the property.

The first goal is to adhere to established principles of sustainability, which includes preserving the property's environmental, economic and social integrity.

Secondly, the committee said, the University must develop the land with an understanding and consciousness of the property's impact on surrounding areas.

Finally, the report stated that the growth of the town and the University should be monitored

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Festifall draws eclectic assembly



Barbara Sequera (left), Taina Riera and the group Danza Venezuela perform Sunday outside Patio Loco during Festifall on Franklin Street. The group wore the colors of the Venezuelan flag while performing.

BY MEGHAN GAMBLING
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Area residents and visitors used the Franklin Street asphalt for dancing, mingling and shopping during Sunday's 31st annual Festifall street fair in downtown Chapel Hill.

Attendees at Festifall, which stretched along West Franklin Street between its intersections with Mallette and Roberson streets, included performers, vendors, craftsmen and political activists from all over the Triangle.

Stages were situated at each end of the festival and featured a wide range of dance and musical performers. At the children's stage, the Bouncing Bulldogs demonstrated their double Dutch skills, and Signations accompanied popular tunes with sign language.

Event organizers estimated that about 15,000 Triangle residents flooded the streets to attend this

year's fair. "We just like to come and walk around," said Kim Shaw, who was accompanied by her young son. "We try to buy things to support the local artists."

Marty Cauly ran a booth advocating his plan to start a new United Methodist church in Chapel Hill. He said he hoped to reach "the rainbow of Chapel Hill's personalities."

Issam Diek, a Christian-born Palestinian, sold artwork made by his family, which lives on the West Bank, to raise money and promote discussion about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Other political activists included candidates running for Chapel Hill Town Council seats as well as representatives from NARAL Pro-Choice North Carolina, an organization that promotes reproductive rights for women.

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