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## Senior class favors faculty fund

ENDOWMENT SEEKS TO KEEP TOP PROFESSORS AT UNIVERSITY

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Members of the senior class overwhelmingly voted to create an endowment to help retain arts and sciences faculty as their parting gift to the University.

More than 1,000 seniors voted despite students' worries that the loss of e-mail all day also might mean a loss of services on Student Central. Ultimately, 516 voters, or

51 percent, selected the faculty endowment.

The College of Arts and Sciences Class of 2004 Faculty Excellence Fund is designed to be an endowment that strengthens the University by offering incentives to help retain professors. Faculty members will be allowed to use interest generated from the endowment to develop new courses, create research or supplement salaries.

"I think it addresses a very critical problem that the University already faces," Richard Soloway, interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said before the final results had been tallied. "It says the class is committed to maintaining the quality of the faculty."

Soloway also mentioned that he hopes students' willingness to sacrifice in a show of support for faculty will inspire the N.C. General

Assembly to make similar sacrifices to fund the institution. "This won't resolve salary (problems), but that's something the legislation should resolve," he said.

The gift was approved over two other options: a public service fellowship endowment and a social justice fellowship and classroom.

"I'm thrilled," said George Leamon, senior class president. "This addresses a current need on

campus. Students are obviously aware that top faculty are a premium. ... It shows that students, especially the senior class, appreciate the faculty."

The University benefits from having many faculty members who are leaders in their fields, but Soloway said it is in danger of losing them to better-funded universities that actively try to recruit them.

There also has been concern about the recruitment of new faculty because about 250 faculty members in the College of Arts and

Sciences are expected to retire in the next decade.

"I think this is a great choice for the class of 2004," said Doug Melton, senior class vice president. "It's need-based, and it's a way for us to directly reward the faculty who helped us."

Leamon said the gift is appropriate because it is a living gift to the University. "It lasts forever. This class will never be forgotten."

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### HOMECOMING ON FRANKLIN



Junior Carmon Clapp paints the exterior window of Shrunken Head Boutique on Tuesday with UNC Homecoming Week slogans. Many Franklin Street businesses are participating in UNC's "Paint the Town Blue" initiative in preparation for the Saturday football game against Arizona State.

## PAINT IT BLUE

Franklin St. businesses prepare for Homecoming with optimism, caution

BY CHRIS MCLAUGHLIN  
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Homecoming Weekend at UNC traditionally turns the windows and sidewalks of Franklin Street into a bustling blur of baby blue as alumni, parents and all varieties of die-hard Tar Heel fans flock downtown.

But with the North Carolina football team's record standing at 1-5, Franklin Street businesses have mixed expectations for the downtown turnout this weekend.

Many businesses continue to maintain a positive attitude toward Homecoming and UNC's "Paint the Town Blue" initiative, but others fear that the football team has depressed

school spirit enough to affect downtown sales.

Travis Keenan, a manager at the Carolina Coffee Shop, said he does not expect as large a crowd as Franklin Street has seen in years past because of the football team's disappointing record.

"(Business will) probably not do quite as well. There's not much excitement over the football team," Keenan said.

John Woodard, a pharmacist at Sutton's Drug Store, said the store will do its best to raise school spirit all week.

"(We are) just trying to get people excited about the football games," he said.

Woodard remains positive about the turnout, hoping that excitement about the men's basketball team and its new coach, Roy Williams, will draw enough people to make up for lost

enthusiasm for the football team.

"I think there will be a good crowd here this weekend," he said.

Missy Julian, owner of the clothing store Julian's, said she is hoping for a win this weekend to get school spirit up where it belongs.

"Winning is good for business," she said.

Some members of Franklin Street businesses, however, insisted that this year's turnout will be as high as in the past.

Charles House, owner of University Florist and chairman of the Chapel Hill Downtown Commission's board of directors, said he does not think the football team's record has a direct effect on Franklin Street business, especially during Homecoming Weekend.

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## Officials say broader ACC is workable

BY JOSEPH SCHWARTZ  
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Although UNC officials previously opposed ACC expansion because of the academic stress it could put on student athletes, the addition of Boston College to the conference has been met with optimism.

Chancellor James Moeser welcomed Boston College on Sunday despite the fact that he and other members of campus administration, including Director of Athletics Dick Baddour, voiced concern during the arduous process of forming a 12-member conference.

Now that expansion has been made final, officials must set forth a plan to make it work. As such, they have been quick to cite positive aspects of the process.

John Blanchard, senior associate athletic director, said he thinks the travel schedule for student athletes is workable.

"I personally don't think it'll have any significant impact, provided the teams are flying to those

"I think all the programs are in place to address (academic issues)."

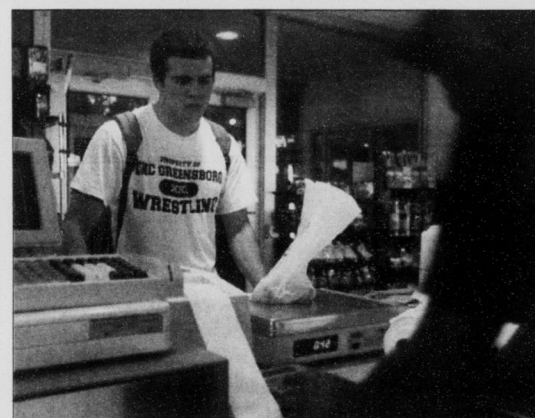
JOHN BLANCHARD,  
SENIOR ASSOCIATE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR  
FOR STUDENT-ATHLETE SERVICES

destinations," he said. Blanchard pointed out that many teams now compete throughout the Midwest and in California.

"I think all the programs are in place to address this," he said. "We have an academic support unit that supports the student athletes academically, and we will continue to have those."

But Faculty Council Chairwoman Judith Wegner continued to stress that the points of contention she voiced prior to expansion still are prevalent issues.

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Ibrahim Sesay (right), a cashier at the South Campus Mini Mart, weighs sophomore James Megliola's Gummi Worms on Sunday evening.

## Leaders examine state of mini mart

BY MEGAN SEROW  
STAFF WRITER

After hearing many students complain about high prices and poor selection at the South Campus Mini Mart, student government is taking preliminary steps to improve South Campus dining.

Members of student government's Student Services Committee met Tuesday with Carolina Dining Services Director Ira Simon to discuss possible changes at the mini mart.

Simon said leaders are planning to work together to conduct a price analysis that will compare stores such as the Circus Room and off-campus convenience stores with the mini mart. This will show how and if prices need to be changed.

In some cases, the committee found, there is as much as a 100

percent markup when comparing products at the mini mart to Harris Teeter stores. But large grocery stores that buy in bulk often have lower costs than a mini mart like the one on South Campus.

"We can't match Harris Teeter prices because they buy in such large quantities," Simon said. "Prices are based on a markup and cost to Carolina Dining Services."

The University invited Harris Teeter and Food Lion to open locations in the Ramo Head Center, a recreation and dining complex being built on Mid Campus, but these stores declined.

The complex, scheduled for completion in 2005, is set to replace Chase Hall, and Simon said it will become the main dining hall and entertainment center on campus.

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## 2 Dems. might go private

Clark, Dean may shun public cash

BY SHELLEY MAYO  
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Two Democratic presidential front-runners are on track to raise enough private money that they could choose to reject public financing in their bids for the White House.

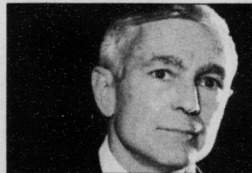
Former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean and retired Gen. Wesley Clark will be able to reject public financing once their private fund raising reaches \$25 million — a

benchmark the two are approaching fast.

Dean is surpassing former Democratic President Bill Clinton's private fund-raising numbers, showing that he is on the fast track to take the private financing route, said UNC political science Professor Thad Beyle.

Though Clark joined the race later than the other Democratic contenders, he too has had a strong fund-raising start, said Dan Shea, director of the Center for Political Participation at Allegheny College in Pennsylvania.

"As for Clark, he came out of the gates strong and has raised a lot of



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Gen. Wesley Clark could reject public financing for his campaign.

money so far," he said.

But there is no chance that either Dean or Clark will raise the amount of money President Bush will in his bid for re-election, Shea said, adding that he thinks the

president will raise twice as much money as the two Democrats.

Other experts doubt that Dean will be able to raise enough to go without public financing.

"The expectation is that all Democrats will apply for federal funding at least through the primaries," said Ferrel Guillory, director of UNC's Program on Southern Politics, Media and Public Life.

Candidates receive private funding through donations from special interest groups. Public funding is money the government

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