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forging ahead

THE 2003-2004 YEAR IN REVIEW

The University community started this academic year at a crossroads. Leaders were grappling with innumerable questions about the future of the University and its relationship with Chapel Hill, the state and, increasingly, the world.

The challenges were many, and often the solutions were long in coming.

Many are still in the works.

UNC still is struggling with how to expand to a 963-acre satellite campus while maintaining an often-strained working relationship with the town.

The University governing board in January implemented an unprecedented tuition philosophy that likely will increase out-of-state tuition dramatically over the next few years. Yet UNC officials still are searching for ways to boost faculty salaries, while plugging holes created by state budget cuts.

The UNC-system governing board tabled talks of raising the nonresident enrollment cap, but debate on the issue is likely to re-emerge in the future.

The administration still must work to address staff complaints, student leaders still must craft changes to the Student Code and the entire campus community must address concerns about academic freedom.

The University must, and will, forge ahead as it faces persistent challenges and those that inevitably will emerge.

UNC certainly has done so this academic year, and it has done so during a dynamic time in the wider community.

From the continued conflict in Iraq and the presidential primaries to the limping national economy and the fight for same-sex unions, the past eight months have been trying and, at times, inspiring.

Amid it all, the University pushed forward — continuing long-standing initiatives and achieving firsts.



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