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## In-state tuition likely won't budge

### SCHOOLS COULD BE LIMITED TO NONRESIDENT INCREASES

BY EMMA BURGIN  
STATE & NATIONAL EDITOR

Members of the UNC system's governing body admitted Thursday that they simply will be going through the motions when receiving proposals for campus-initiated tuition increases.

And Jim Phillips, chairman of the board's Budget and Finance Committee, made it clear that any requests to raise in-state tuition

likely will be struck down.

"It is my reading of the board that we are unlikely to approve them," he said. "But if we're going to consider them, it seems that we ought to truly look at them."

While the board opposes tuition increases for in-state students, it left the door open for hikes in non-resident tuition.

Requests must be turned in to the system's finance department

by Jan. 31, and the Budget and Finance Committee will discuss the proposals at its February meeting in Wilmington.

The full Board of Governors is expected to vote on proposals in Chapel Hill on March 18.

UNC-Chapel Hill's Board of Trustees is expected to finalize its tuition increase proposal Jan. 26. Members are looking at three options, all of which increase both resident and nonresident tuition.

Phillips asked that campuses seeking approval for an increase have the appropriate personnel attend those meetings.



BOG head Brad Wilson spearheaded a movement against in-state tuition hikes for the 2005-06 school year.

"I expect them to have done substantial work on why they need the money and what they've done to ensure access," he said.

The committee's sentiment is in line with that of BOG Chairman Brad Wilson, who spoke out last month against tuition increases

for in-state students.

Wilson also alluded last month to the possibility of using tuition certainty as a model to provide stability to students entering the UNC system.

Under this plan, now used within the University of Illinois system, undergraduates pay the same tuition rate for all four years.

Phillips said Thursday that he is going to ask the finance department to bring in an Illinois representative to speak to the board about tuition certainty. "I expect they'll tell us the good and the bad," he said.

Former BOG Chairman Ben

Ruffin said he doesn't want the state legislature to receive any encouragement from the board to hike in-state tuition. "We need to be clear that we need the General Assembly to walk, arms locked, with us to generate revenue."

"It's very important to have some sentiment from the board ... so the schools don't do an inordinate amount of work on some proposal with stipulations that justify to the General Assembly (the need for increases)."

During the meeting, the budget

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Student candidates and campaign workers pick up information and drop off their declarations of candidacy for the upcoming student elections after a mandatory meeting in 116 Murphey Hall on Thursday night. Almost 40 students declared their candidacy for the various student offices.

## CANDIDATES TAKE 1ST STEP

BY KRISTLE SPELLMAN  
STAFF WRITER

Several UNC students will flood campus today with clipboards in hand, soliciting signatures of support and officially kicking off the first round of the election season.

Almost 40 students began their journey to holding student government positions Thursday evening during a mandatory candidates' meeting in which hopefuls declared their candidacy for the elections.

After learning the rules and regulations of the election season, four candidates committed to participating in the race for student body president. Three students are vying for Carolina Athletic

Association president, and two pairs are campaigning for top positions as senior class officers.

While 25 students have declared intentions to run for positions

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president and Residence Hall Association president will run unopposed.

Many students recall last year's turbulent election process, but Heather Siddon, chairwoman of the Board of Elections, said this

year's race has gotten off to a smooth start.

"We made changes over the summer to address specific problems that we had last year and to try and answer them."

Each candidate is required to obtain a certain number of signed petitions from different students stating their support for that specific candidate.

Signing more than one candidate's petition is an Honor Code violation, and members of the elections board are taking extra steps to ensure that there are no overlapping or duplicate names.

This year, candidates are required to submit a spreadsheet with the names and PID numbers

of each student who signed their petition. Several BOE members said they think this will make it easier to detect foul play.

Student body president and CAA president candidates are required to turn in 800 signatures.

Candidates for senior class president and vice president, as well as the RHA president, must turn in 350 signatures.

The GPSF presidential candidate must provide 100 signatures, and students running for Student Congress are required to have 20 signatures.

Candidates for all offices must turn in the spreadsheet and

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## Town plans big MLK Day

Renaming debate will color festivities

BY JENNIFER FAIR  
STAFF WRITER

As the first city to designate a paid holiday in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Chapel Hill has always celebrated the civil rights activist.

And with fallout from the debate over renaming Airport Road to Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard still lingering, this year will be no exception.

"We feel (the debate) is going to be a tremendous boost," said Bishop L. Gene Hatley of Barbee's Chapel Baptist Church. "I think our participation will be greater. The inspiration and motivation are much greater now that something has been done locally."

Honoring a national civil rights leader locally is the first step in honoring local activists, he said.

Fred Battle, president of the local chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said he hopes the entire celebration will be magnified because of the renaming discussion.

"I think people will come together on that day and celebrate the legacy of King," Battle said.

Mayor Pro Tem Edith Wiggins said the holiday will have particular meaning for the NAACP because it was the group's petition that initiated the renaming debate.

In honor of King, the NAACP is organizing a rally at 9:30 a.m. Monday in front of the Franklin Street post office. The rally will be followed by a march down Franklin Street at 10:15 a.m.

The march will end at 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church for the annual Martin Luther King Jr. service. The keynote speaker at the event is the Rev. William J. Barber II.

"He's been leading the fight for equality in education in the Goldsboro education district," Hatley said. "He's very active in

civil rights struggles."

Barber served as the executive director of the N.C. Human Relations Commission for many years and formed a community development corporation in Goldsboro that, among other things, works to revitalize the inner city.

Hatley will also speak at the service, and numerous choirs from local churches will attend. But Monday is not the only day Chapel Hill can celebrate King.

"The weekend will be filled with programs geared toward Martin Luther King's celebration," Battle said.

The town will host its 7th annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day at 11:30 a.m. today in town facilities at 1099 Airport Road. Newly elected County Commissioner Valerie Foushee will speak at the event.

A Martin Luther King Jr. community memorial commemoration will take place at 4 p.m. Sunday at the Duke Chapel.

And the University will host its annual University-Community Martin Luther King Jr. Banquet at 7 p.m. Sunday at the Friday Center.

"It's always a large festivity where University people and people from the town come together," Battle said.

Howard Lee, chairman of the N.C. Board of Education and former Chapel Hill mayor, will be speaking at the banquet.

Wiggins said she plans to attend Sunday's banquet. "I think the majority of citizens in Chapel Hill

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Former Mayor Howard Lee will speak at one of the day's festivities.

## System officials mull issue of cap

BY EMMA BURGIN  
STATE & NATIONAL EDITOR

The nonresident enrollment cap will come under scrutiny again this month as the UNC system's governing body investigates the possibility of deviating from the 18 percent limit.

A committee of the Board of Governors decided Thursday to investigate the deviation, which would have to be "within the spirit of the 18 percent." The change might only apply to smaller system schools.

One such school was the cause for the re-emergence of talks about the cap.

UNC-Asheville overshot non-resident enrollment for two consecutive years, so the Budget and Finance Committee voted Thursday to reduce the school's 2004-05 budget. The university enrolled 13 students over the cap this past fall and will lose \$97,570.

The board first heard a proposal in fall 2003, spearheaded by UNC Chancellor James Moeser, to raise the 18 percent cap on nonresident admissions by 4 percent.

Board member Ed Broadwell was prepared Thursday to waive the policy for UNC-A and allow time to look into the possibility of a deviation.

Jeff Davies, system vice president for finance, said the board waived the policy for Elizabeth City State University for enrolling more than the 18 percent nonresident students allowed in both the 2001-02 and 2002-03 academic years. The board did not further reduce the school's budget because it already was experiencing a serious reduction.

Board member Cary Owen said UNC-A is one of the most under-

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"You're only as good as your last kick. If you miss one, you suck. If you make one, you're back in with everybody." JEFF REED, FORMER UNC KICKER ON THE PRESSURES OF KICKING IN THE NFL

## Former Tar Heels discover success in NFL

BY JACOB KARABELL  
SENIOR WRITER

The Pittsburgh Steelers finished the NFL regular season an astounding 15-1, tops in the league and just the fourth team in the 16-game era to accomplish that feat.

Much of the national attention around the team has centered on rookie quarterback Ben Roethlisberger, whose precision and poise seemingly have been praised on every airing of ESPN's "SportsCenter" since his first start in late September.

But on a gloomy January afternoon in Buffalo, Roethlisberger wasn't the star of the Steelers' 29-24 defeat of the Bills, assuring the rare one-loss final mark.

Instead, two North Carolina alumni garnered the notoriety. Kicker Jeff Reed went 5 for 5 on field goals and 2 for 2 on extra points, while Willie Parker took 19 carries for 102 yards.

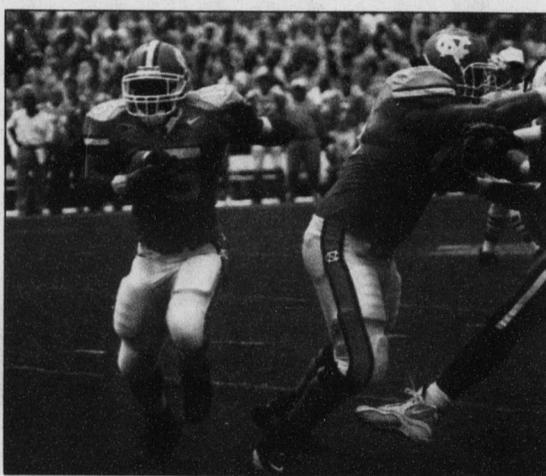
Normally, few football fans would think twice about former Tar Heels having success in the NFL — Julius Peppers and William Henderson qualified for this year's Pro Bowl, for example. But you can forgive even a die-hard UNC fan who might have been a little surprised at Parker and Reed's professional accomplishments.

Neither player was drafted, and few scouts forecasted that either of the two would stay afloat in the cutthroat world of professional football.

Instead, both players have overcome their challenges and have contributed to the Steelers' drive to the Super Bowl, which continues late Saturday afternoon in their divisional playoff game against the New York Jets.

"It's a blast," Reed said of this season, which came after the team

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Former UNC tailback Willie Parker (15), now making news with the Pittsburgh Steelers, races down the field in a loss to Syracuse in 2003.

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