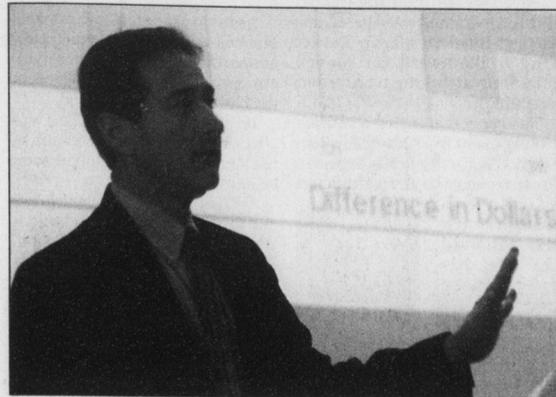


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Jerry Lucido, vice provost for enrollment management, speaks about the 2005-2006 tuition increase possibilities at a forum Monday night.

Leaders explain tuition

Students react strongly to proposals

BY STEPHANIE NEWTON
STAFF WRITER

Student government leaders are down to the wire in their efforts to mobilize students to be proactive about increases to campus-based tuition and student fees.

"It took us a semester to wrap our mind around the tuition issue," said Matt Calabria, student body president. "It's a very, very complex situation."

Calabria and Alexa Kleysteuber,

student body vice president, presented a forum on the setting for tuition and fees for the 2005-06 academic year Monday night.

Aside from informing the dozens of graduate, undergraduate, in-state and out-of-state students in attendance, Calabria and Kleysteuber hoped to garner student feedback that will serve as ammunition at the Board of Trustees meetings this week.

Of three possible tuition com-

binations, the option promoting a \$250 increase for in-state students and a \$1,200 increase for out-of-state students — the greatest disparity — is the choice Chancellor James Moeser intends to endorse for the board, Calabria said.

"I don't know where you draw the line," said Jake Parton, a freshman economics major from Tallahassee, Fla. "There's a disparity between in-state and out-of-state — it's just a slap in the face."

Once the flood gates were opened, the emotions continued to flow.

"I had a seventh grade history

teacher who said, 'Don't monkey with the middle class,' and that's exactly what's going on here," said Renan Snowden, a senior political science major from Washington, D.C. "For a University of the people, I feel like we have nothing to offer."

In a quick response, Jerry Lucido, vice provost for enrollment management, noted that no state in the country can afford its higher education system.

"I won't make you feel better about writing that check, but I

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Body vetoes hike in fees

Students decide against proposal

BY CATHERINE ROBBIS
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A last-minute proposal to increase student fees by \$150 was deemed inappropriate by the Student Fee Audit Committee on Monday night.

The proposal — which is still on the table for the Board of Trustees to vote on this week — seeks to create a stable source of funding for merit-based scholarships and athletics.

The 25 percent of logo sales that now fund athletics would be reallocated to fund merit-based scholarships. The loss in revenue for athletics would then be covered by a \$150 increase in the athletic fee.

Members of the student committee did not see the realignment of funds as a legitimate use of student fees.

"Student fees aren't presented as a deal or a trade," said Student Body Treasurer Natalie Russell. "We examine them based on the services they provide."

While students recognized that both merit-based scholarships and the Department of Athletics demonstrate sufficient need, they said that increasing student fees isn't the solution.

"This is a situation of pinning students with an extra financial burden to make up for money lost," Russell said.

The committee also voiced concern about the time line of the issue, as Judith Wegner, chairwoman of the faculty, presented the proposal just days before the trustees are slated to decide on both tuition and fee increases.

Trustees already are considering a \$64.50 student fee increase, which passed through a series of committees charged with researching all options. The athletics fee now taxes students \$98.50.

"We are going to have to be careful over the years just how much we are asking in-state and out-of-state students to bear," said Richard "Stick" Williams, chairman of the

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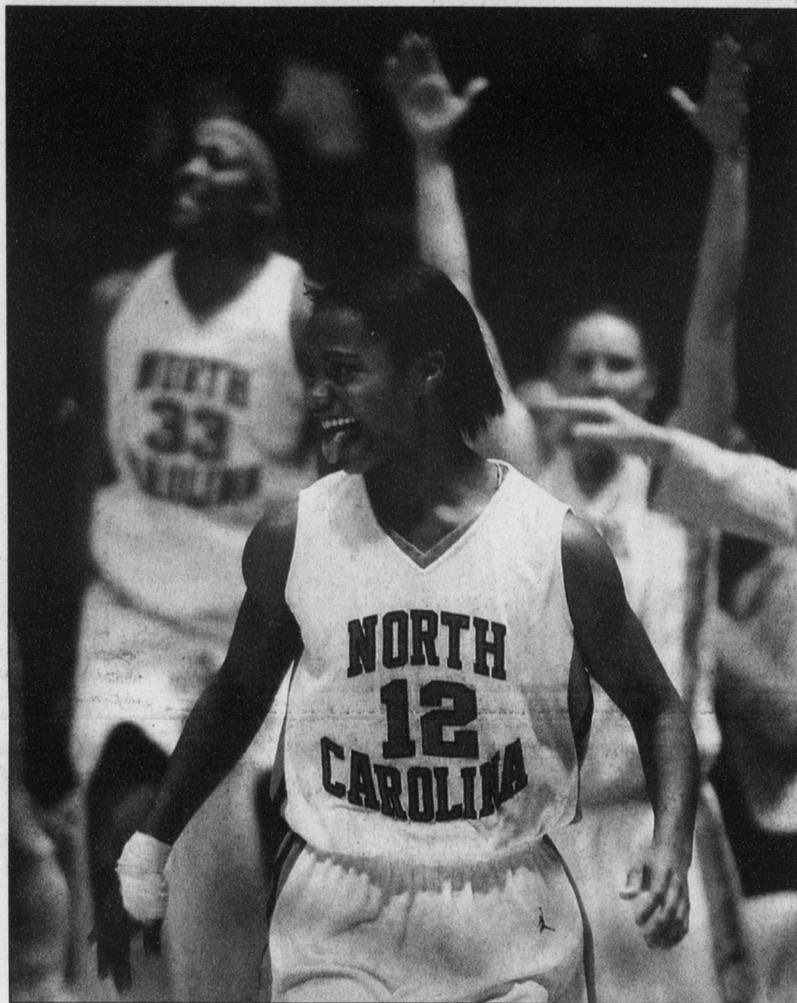
FEE COMPARISON

A proposed increase of \$150 in athletics fees will result in fees totaling \$250.50 for 2005-06.

UNC System	Athletic Fee (2004-05)
Appalachian State	\$351.00
East Carolina	\$336.00
Elizabeth City State	\$331.00
Fayetteville State	\$273.00
N.C. A&T	\$376.00
N.C. Central	\$320.00
UNC-Asheville	\$438.00
UNC-Charlotte	\$365.00
UNC-Greensboro	\$361.00
UNC-Pembroke	\$371.00
UNC-Wilmington	\$343.00
Western Carolina	\$528.00
Winston-Salem State	\$336.00
NCSU	\$94.00
UNC-Chapel Hill	\$98.50

SOURCE: JUDITH WEGNER

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DTH/GARRETT HALL

North Carolina point guard Ivory Latta (12) shows her enthusiasm as the Tar Heels take down No. 1 Duke, 56-51, in the Smith Center on Monday night. Latta played all 40 minutes and

recorded 13 points and 5 rebounds to help No. 12 UNC end a 12-game drought to the Blue Devils that dated back to Feb. 27, 2000. UNC defeated a No. 1-ranked opponent for the first time. For the full story, see page 9.

Illinois' plan for tuition offers model

BY MEGAN MCSWAIN
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If the UNC system likes what it sees, it could mimic a tuition-certainty policy that has maintained costs in the University of Illinois system.

In the guaranteed-tuition plan, Illinois students pay a constant rate of tuition during a four-year undergraduate degree program.

"Giving parents and families a chance to project and plan ahead is the (program's) benefit," said Thomas Eakman, executive assistant vice president for academic affairs at UI-Chicago.

The UNC system is still in the early stages of looking into how well a guaranteed-tuition policy would benefit its students, said Jeff Davies, the system's vice president for finance.

"I like the concept of locking in a tuition rate, but I don't know what that impact would be on the freshman class," he said.

The UNC-system Board of Governors is using Illinois' two-year-old program as a guide.

The board is planning to ask a representative from the system to discuss the pros and cons of the program's implementation, said BOG member Jim Phillips, chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee.

"We're on a fact-finding mission," Phillips said, adding that the speaker will visit the board in the

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Jensen snags endorsement from Dems.

BY ELIZABETH BLACK
STAFF WRITER

After a fiery debate Monday, Tom Jensen took home the Young Democrats' endorsement in the first forum of this year's student body president campaign.

While all candidates did a great job and presented good ideas, Jensen's ideas spoke to the majority of the group's members, said Blakely Whilden, co-president of Young Democrats.

Jensen, who has been a member of Young Democrats since his freshman year, served as party affairs director last fall and was key in organizing campaign operations.

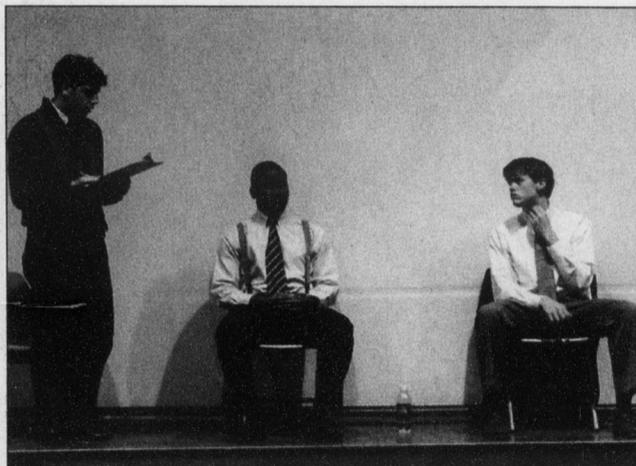
"Minority issues was key," Whilden said. "He has good ideas to reach out to the minorities in any sense of the word."

Jensen's platform ideas — including support for the Green Energy Initiative, open relations with the Chapel Hill Town Council as a member of Students for a Progressive Chapel Hill, a reform of student government funding and tuition plans — addressed many concerns of the more than 80 members who voted.

The forum was the first of the campaign season, a provision set in the Young Democrats' constitution.

"Our endorsement can be a pretty big tool, considering our listserv will go out to over 2,000 students," said Peter Tinti, Young Democrats secretary. The winner of the past two student body president elections was endorsed by YD.

At the beginning of the forum, candidate Seke Ballard passed out a cri-



DTH/JULIA LEBETKIN

Student body president candidates Seke Ballard (center) and Seth Dearmin (right) listen to moderator Peter Tinti during the Young Democrats' forum Monday night.

tique of Jensen's and candidate Seth Dearmin's platforms — an uncommon move in recent history.

Tinti moderated the forum, asking eight questions that focused on issues important to the organization — ranging from minority issues to the Green Energy Initiative, a campaign to improve the campus environment by supporting renewable energy sources.

"That referendum was very important

to us," Tinti said. "We want to get candidates on the record saying they support this campaign."

Jensen is the only candidate who has not taken part in Student Congress or the executive branch of student government.

"Since Tom is an outsider looking in, I think he may have appealed to some students not involved with student govern-

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LAST CHANCE

DTH APPLICATIONS DUE TODAY

Anyone interested in joining the DTH staff this spring should submit an application by 5 p.m.

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