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## Campuses file for tuition hikes

13 system schools aim to raise tuition

BY EMMA BURGIN  
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Thirteen of the 16 UNC-system schools requested campus-based tuition increases Monday, most of which looked quite different from those approved by the University's Board of Trustees.

UNC-Chapel Hill requested an increase of \$200 for residents and \$950 for nonresidents — by far the most dramatic hike for out-of-staters. The next highest sum was \$600 at UNC-Asheville.

Most schools — including

Appalachian State, East Carolina, Western Carolina and Winston-Salem State universities — followed N.C. State University's lead in approving \$300 increases for both in-state and out-of-state students.

The only institutions not to recommend a hike were the N.C. School of the Arts and Elizabeth City State University. N.C. Central University is set to present its tuition request package during its Feb. 15 Board of Trustees meeting.

No BOG member or system administrator was surprised by the

schools' requests.

"There are real needs out there, and this is the vehicle that the campuses see available for addressing these needs," said Jeff Davies, the system's vice president for finance.

"The statutes allow the campuses to request the increases, and they allow the board not to approve them."

The board followed Chairman Brad Wilson's lead last month in speaking out against in-state hikes.

"These requests will... be the cases that need to be made to the General Assembly for their continued support of the university," Wilson said. "We all have to recognize that they

will have to balance the revenue and the needs of the entire state."

But while the requests likely won't receive the board's rubber stamp, members are obligated by state law to examine them.

"I hope that it's an opportunity for the schools to put on the table what their needs are... even though I believe the board will not approve them," said Jim Phillips, chairman of the board's Budget and Finance Committee.

Under Phillips' leadership, the committee will take a first look at the proposals during the board's meeting next week in Wilmington. The board will take its final vote on

tuition in March in Chapel Hill.

But while in-state tuition is off-limits, the board has left the door open for out-of-state increases.

"I'm a big believer in the fact that out-of-state students substantially enhance the Carolina experience," said Phillips, a UNC-CH alum.

"I don't want us to do anything from a policy perspective to change that. On the other hand, our constitutional obligation is to the people of North Carolina."

Phillips said board members are concerned with the rapid rate at which tuition has skyrocketed

### TUITION INCREASES

These campus-initiated tuition increases were due to the Board of Governors Monday.

| Campus | Resident CITI Rates | Nonresident CITI Rates |
|--------|---------------------|------------------------|
| ASU    | \$300               | \$300                  |
| ECU    | \$300               | \$300                  |
| ECSU   | NONE                | NONE                   |
| FSU    | \$300               | \$300                  |
| NCA&T  | \$225               | \$300                  |
| NCCU   | *                   | *                      |
| NCSA   | NONE                | NONE                   |
| NCSU   | \$300               | \$300                  |
| UNCA   | \$300               | \$600                  |
| UNC-CH | \$200               | \$950                  |
| UNCC   | \$300               | \$300                  |
| UNCG   | \$300               | \$300                  |
| UNCP   | \$200               | \$200                  |
| UNCW   | \$225               | \$225                  |
| WCU    | \$300               | \$300                  |
| WSSU   | \$300               | \$300                  |

\*To be determined February 15  
SOURCE: UNC-CH OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
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### SOUL MAN



DTH/JUSTIN SMITH

Billy Bowers of the gospel group Blind Boys of Alabama sings "Down By the Riverside" during a performance at Hill Hall on Monday night. The group, which has been performing for more than 60 years, won Grammy Awards for best traditional soul gospel

album in 2001 and 2002 for *Spirit of the Century* and *Higher Ground*. On their most recent album, the group collaborated with Ben Harper, fusing rock with gospel. The Blind Boys recently received the Helen Keller Achievement Award, given by the American Foundation for the Blind.

## Iraqi elections are mixed bag

BY MEGAN MCSWAIN  
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Eight million Iraqis stained their fingers with blue ink Sunday, signaling their vote in the country's first democratic election in a half-century.

And experts say the Bush administration is justified in dubbing the event a resounding achievement.

"They are a success because they were held," said George W. Grayson, professor of government at the College of William and Mary. "It was a major challenge just to conduct the balloting in the context of guerilla warfare."

Turnout topped expectations, and the violence didn't match pre-election fears, leading Washington to declare Jan. 30 a banner day in Iraqi history.

"The Iraqi people themselves made this election a resounding success," President Bush said in his Sunday address.

But experts also said the White House is giving the elections too much credit.

"The president is misleading the country when he equates elections with democracy," Grayson said.

Elections themselves are only a small part of democracy. Until there

are civil liberties, freedom from torture and lawful ruling in the country, Iraq will not be a democracy, Grayson said. "I think Iraq has a long way to go before these elements of democracy will crystallize."

The United States, once ruled by the British government, is taking a different path to democracy in Iraq, said Richard Rubenstein, professor of conflict resolution and public affairs at George Mason University.

While the United States took the first step toward its own freedom, Rubenstein said Iraq is too dependent on U.S. control. "Democracy at gunpoint just doesn't work."

Democracy also will have a difficult time prevailing in Iraq because the nationwide elections were held in a strongly divided nation.

Three major groups control the country religiously and politically — Kurds, Sunni Muslims and Shiite Muslims.

The Kurds, who make up about 25 percent of Iraq's population, are concentrated in the north and have tried unsuccessfully to gain their independence from Iraq. Violence has not been as prominent in Kurdish areas, leading to a high

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## Johnson gets YD approval for CAA

BY JACKI SPIES  
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Silence permeated the first floor of Gardner Hall Monday as the two candidates for president of the Carolina Athletic Association waited for the Young Democrats to disclose the organization's endorsement.

After many minutes of suspense, members of Young Democrats announced their decision to support Justin Johnson over Hayes Holderness, citing his experience, innovation and initiative.

"I think the membership was impressed with the experience (Justin) had," said Kris Gould, co-president of the Young Democrats.

Blakely Whilden, co-president of Young Democrats, also said she

thought people at the forum were more attracted to Justin's experience and ideas.

"(Justin) has talked to other leaders within the Carolina Athletic Association to start coming up with ideas to make changes," Whilden said.

Johnson has served as Homecoming assistant chairman and director of special projects for the CAA during the past two years.

"I am both the experienced candidate and the reform candidate," Johnson said.

Throughout the meeting, candidates focused on the difficulties of the current ticket distribution system as well as CAA's trying relationship with student government

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## Republicans throw vote to Jensen

BY JOSEPH R. SCHWARTZ  
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Members of the College Republicans took a decisive and controversial action Monday night, setting aside political sparring and selecting a student body president candidate from the other side of the aisle.

After an hourlong forum and a passionate debate, Tom Jensen, who served as party affairs director for the Young Democrats and organized November campaign efforts, emerged as the College Republicans' endorsed candidate.

Jensen now stands as the first student body president candidate to receive endorsements from both the College Republicans and Young Democrats since 1996, when Aaron

Nelson was endorsed and went on to win the election decisively.

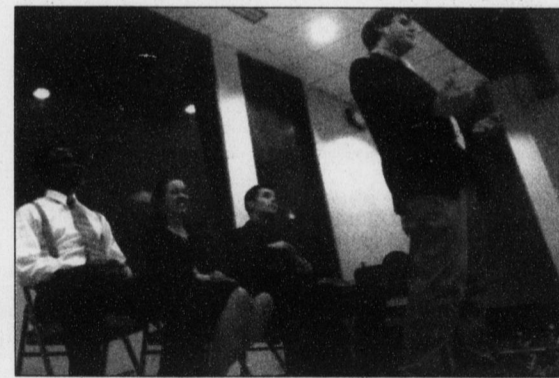
Jensen said the combination of the two endorsements is a significant gain for his campaign.

"I think the fact that I received both the Young Democrats' and College Republicans' endorsements sends a strong message that my candidacy is the best for everyone at Carolina, regardless of what they believe in," he said.

Jordan Selleck, chairman of College Republicans, said the group ultimately selected Jensen because members are taking his word that he will advocate for conservative students.

"We are putting our faith in

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DTH/RICKY LEUNG

SBP candidate Tom Jensen speaks at the College Republicans' forum Monday night while his competitors look on. The group endorsed Jensen.

## Officials expect grant funds to dry up

Budget allocations might hurt UNC

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University officials are preparing for a possible squeeze in coming years, as major sources of research grant funding begin to taper off.

Although the number of awards given to UNC professors has grown by 7.5 percent from last year — from 537 awards in 2003 to 577 in 2004 — the availability of grants has slowed considerably.

"I think we are going to have some lean budget years ahead," Provost Robert Shelton said.

Shelton said that because more of the federal budget is allocated to defense and homeland security, less money is going toward agencies that

promote research.

UNC gets the overwhelming majority of its research grant money — more than \$300 million annually — from the Department of Health and Human Services, mostly under the umbrella of the National Institutes of Health.

Now, officials are supplementing faculty research by applying for funding from different agencies, like the Department of Defense.

The NIH had \$19.3 billion to spend on research grants in 2004.

While the total appropriation of \$28 billion to the NIH in 2004 is an increase from 2003, Tony Waldrop, vice chancellor for research and economic development, said the

increase doesn't exceed inflation.

"The days of double-digit percentage increases are over for a little while," Shelton said.

The National Science Foundation, the second largest source of research awards for UNC, received a budget cut of more than \$100 million from the federal government.

The downward trend is more of a reflection of the federal economy than of UNC faculty performance, Waldrop said.

Bill Marzluff, executive associate dean for research at the School of Medicine, said the school does not feel a sense of urgency, but he realizes that the drop-off in awards might "make things potentially tighter."

But Marzluff said the interdisciplinary nature of research at UNC and the pursuit of funding from

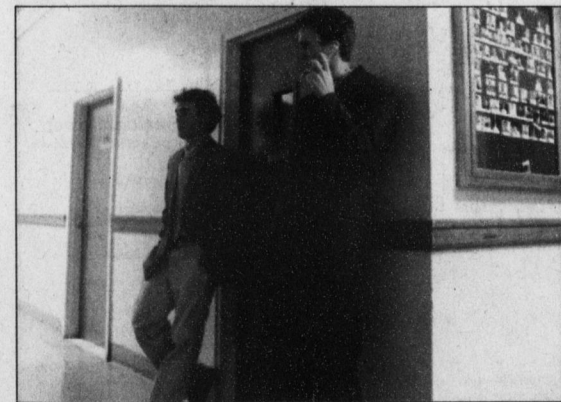


Provost Robert Shelton predicts lean budget years for the University.

private foundations and fund raising could soften the blow. "It also depends how good we are," he said.

Faculty competitiveness is the crux of the solution, as faculty across the nation vie for the same, limited grants. Many faculty members are working to write more grant proposals, and Shelton said faculty will just have to be clever in applying for awards they know they can win.

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Hayes Holderness (left) and Justin Johnson, candidates for CAA president, wait for endorsement results following Monday's Young Democrats' forum.

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