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## Judge: Reach agreement

Court asks UNC, fraternity to find middle ground

BY EMILY STEEL  
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GREENSBORO — Members of Alpha Iota Omega fraternity walked out of a federal courthouse Wednesday and declared the lawsuit they have filed against the University a victory.

Just moments before, U.S. District Court Judge Frank Bullock Jr. urged lawyers representing UNC and those representing members of the Christian fraternity to come to a compromise in the dispute regarding the group's official recognition and the University's nondiscrimination policy.

"You are on the same page," Bullock said during the hearing. "I don't need to declare the

policy unconstitutional at this point."

By Feb. 28, both parties must submit a consent decree that would clarify UNC's nondiscrimination policy and prevent the case from going to trial. If neither side can reach an agreement, Bullock said, he will issue a ruling in the case.

Lawyers representing the three-member fraternity came to the courthouse in Greensboro seeking an injunction that would restore the group's official status. UNC's lawyers were asking the judge to dismiss the case.

But the fraternity's lawyers said they are confident that a resolution will produce a policy members of the fraternity can sign — a move

that would allow the group to be recognized as an official University organization once again.

"I feel like their motivation is a noble one," AIO president Trevor Hamm said of the University's nondiscrimination policy. "I just feel in our particular case ... it was misapplied."

The policy now requires that participation in all campus groups be open to all students without regard to age, race, color, national origin, religion, disability, veteran status or sexual orientation.

Groups can require members to have an interest in their subject matter and to pass an objective test. They also are permitted to make their leaders subscribe to their tenets.

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Jordan Lorence (far left), a lawyer with the Alliance Defense Fund, talks with (from right) Jonathan Park, Trevor Hamm and Tremayne Manson.

## GOP nabs House posts

Committee picks win praise, scorn

BY AARON PRUITT  
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Several Republican legislators have been appointed as committee chairmen in the Democrat-controlled N.C. House in an effort to maintain past cooperation between the parties.

The appointments are one result of a power-sharing agreement between Speaker Jim Black, D-Mecklenburg, and President Pro

Tem Richard Morgan, R-Moore.

A deadlocked House appointed Morgan and Black co-speakers for the 2003-04 session.

Though that agreement disintegrated after the November 2004 elections, Black appointed Morgan this



House Speaker Jim Black, a Democrat, has agreed to share power.

year to his new key role.

Morgan and Black came to the agreement in hopes of improving relations between the two parties.

Some critics called the agreement merely symbolic, but others said the appointment of Republicans as committee chairmen shows that the party could have true influence over legislation.

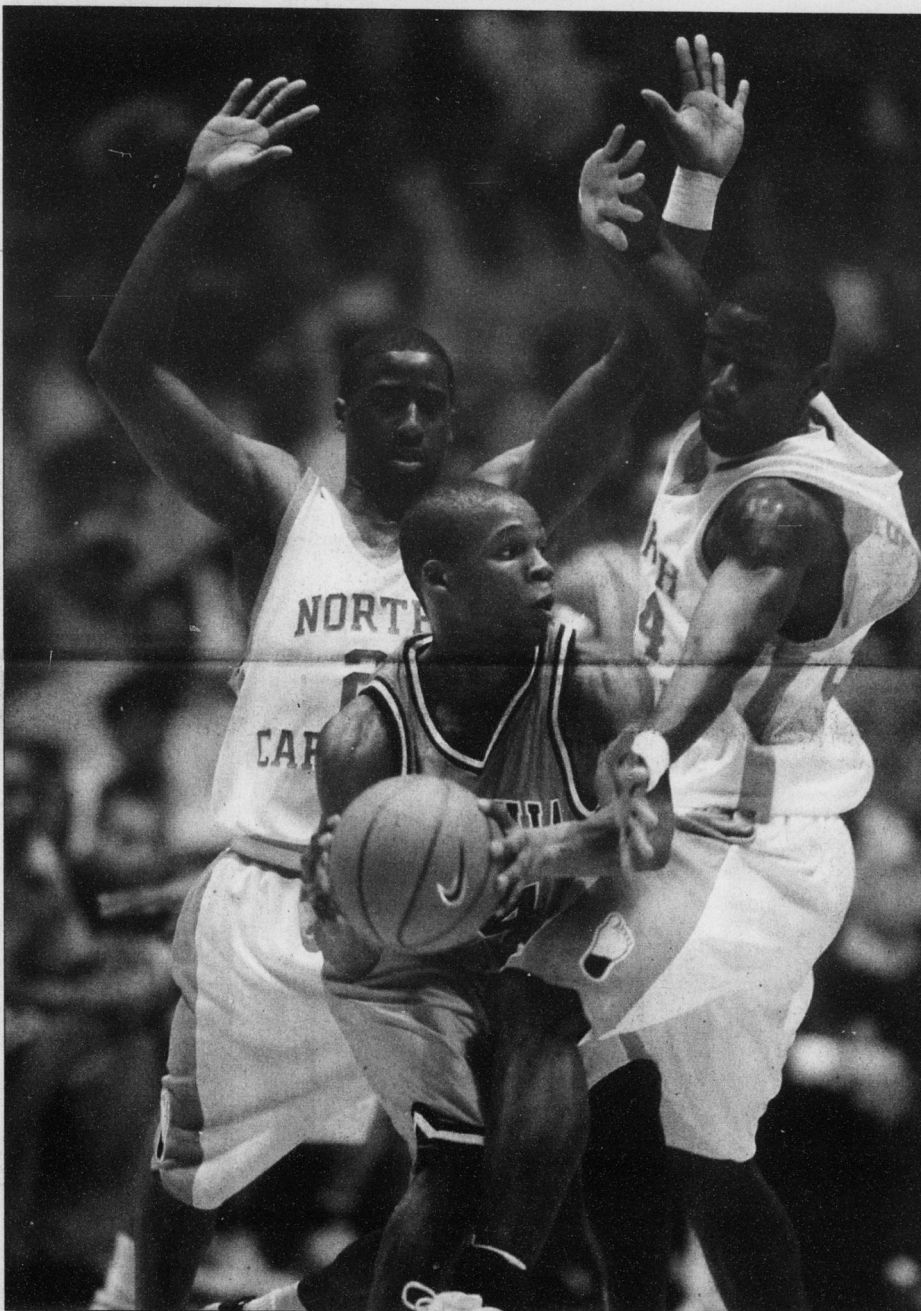
"It's real power-sharing, even though the speaker is a Democrat and keeps control of the flow of legislation," said Rep. Joe Hackney of Orange County, the House's Democratic leader.

"Last time the number of chairs was equal between the parties," Hackney said. "Republicans have lost seats, and their power was lessened some, but it is still there."

Hackney noted that there are

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## RETRO ROMP



DTH/LAURA MORTON

North Carolina's Raymond Felton (2) and David Noel (34) swarm Virginia guard Sean Singletary during the Tar Heels' 85-61 victory Wednesday in the Smith Center. UNC's defense was key, as the team held the Cavaliers to just 38.5 percent shooting. Singletary had only 9

points on 3-of-9 shooting in the contest. Felton led the Tar Heels with three steals, while Noel pitched in one of his own. UNC is now 12-0 at home on the season, and 21-3 overall. For the full story see page 11, and visit dthonline.com for more coverage on the Tar Heels' newfound resilience.

## Decision stems tide of hikes

Students needed a break, UNC-system officials say

BY DERRICK LANKFORD  
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In-state freshmen enrolled in UNC-Chapel Hill during the fall of 2001 paid \$2,328 for tuition.

Three and a half years later, these seniors are paying \$3,205 for the same education.

And the cost of tuition has skyrocketed across the UNC system during the last four years.

UNC-CH students experienced a 38 percent increase in tuition, while state residents at N.C. State University faced a 57 percent increase. Undergraduates attending Appalachian State University, UNC-Charlotte and N.C. Central University have felt the effects of a 70 percent increase in the cost of their tuition.

"These increases are not the norm," said Steve Bowden, member of the UNC-system Board of Governors. "What you are seeing is a snapshot of a period of four or five years. If you look over something like a 20-year period, you will see that this is not the general trend."

The board met Friday to approve a freeze on in-state undergraduate tuition increases, deciding that students could not afford another hike.

BOG member Robert Warwick said that requests to increase tuition at UNC-system schools are to be expected, but that the hikes still remain smaller than those students in other parts of the country experience.

Despite this, students on many system campuses have rallied against the tuition hikes and have made

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## UNC's top brass say tuition freeze brings danger

BY KATHERINE EVANS  
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The University's future might experience a decline in quality if it continues to face funding constraints, officials said.

In January, the Board of Trustees approved a tuition hike of \$200 for in-state and \$950 for out-of-state students, but members of the UNC-system Board of Governors shot down all requests for increases in resident tuition.

"By not having an opportunity to implement the proposed increase, we have put ourselves in jeopardy of quality," said Jerry Lucido, vice provost for enrollment management. "Last year's increases proved that we can increase quality education with tuition increases — so in a way, we are in danger."

The combination of resident and nonresident increases at the University were expected to yield about a \$5.5 million to fund faculty retention efforts and increase teaching assistant stipends.

With the potential loss of the in-state monies, UNC stands to see only \$2.6 million for those same priorities — assuming the Board of Governors approves the \$950 increase for out-of-state

## BY THE NUMBERS

**5.5**  
Potential gain, in millions, from hikes

**2.6**  
Millions of dollars UNC now expects

**200**  
Amount of nixed hike in resident tuition

**950**  
Amount of out-of-state hike before BOG

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## Black leadership rooted in Orange County



DTH FILE PHOTO

Howard Lee was elected May 6, 1969, as the first black mayor of Chapel Hill. He stayed in office until 1975 and later served as a state senator.

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Local black politicians helped shape what is often touted as one of America's most progressive communities.

Chapel Hill led the way for Southern towns in giving African Americans a chance to participate in area politics — something some other North Carolina municipalities would not do until years later.

On May 6, 1969, Chapel Hill voters elected Howard Lee as the first black mayor of a predominantly white Southern town.

According to an article in the May 7, 1969, edition of The Daily Tar Heel, Lee defeated Roland Giduz — a white candidate — for the post.

Nearly 4,800 residents cast their ballots on Election Day that year. At the time, it was the largest voter turnout in town history.

Lee received strong support in virtually

all of the voting districts, including Giduz's home precinct, the article stated.

An article appearing the same day in The Chapel Hill Weekly stated that Lee received harassing phone calls and sharp criticism from community members upset with his victory.

"Any black man elevated to this position is going to undergo more pressures than any white man," Lee said in the article.

His victory came four years before Clarence Lightner was elected as Raleigh's first black mayor.

Ten years after Lightner's election, Harvey Gantt was elected to serve as Charlotte's first black mayor — a post no other black man has held since.

Gantt said Lee was an inspiration to him and other aspiring black politicians of the

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