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Class sign-up process to stay

Survey respondents back current system

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Hopes of a new and improved class registration process this spring won't be answered despite tentative plans to update the system.

After extensive research efforts by student government and the University Registrar, the deadline for changing the registration process has passed, and no alterations were made.

"We're going to keep it Saturday mornings at 10 o'clock," said senior Warren Cathcart, co-chairman of the academic affairs committee.

The committee set up an online survey for students in late November after last semester's slow and overloaded senior registration process sparked widespread complaints.

But the survey results showed students would rather keep the current system than implement other options proposed by student government, said Cathcart, who declined to reveal the number of students who responded.

"For fall we are going to encounter the same issues that we had in the past," said University Registrar Alice Poehls.

Poehls, who has not seen the results of the survey, said it is disheartening to come so close to making changes and end up with nothing to show for it.

"(The students) want changes, but they want it to be more sophisticated than we can offer," she said.

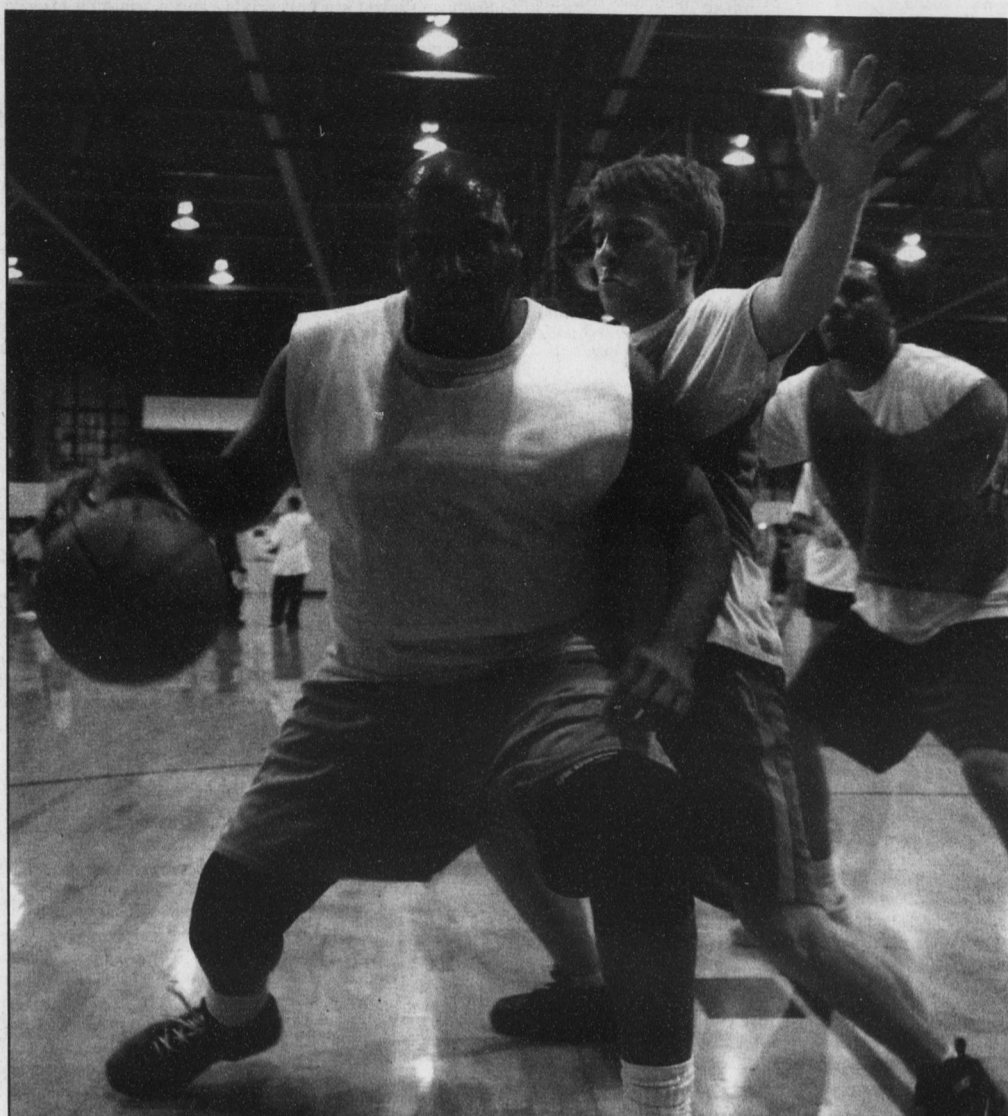
The University still is planning on getting a new system, but students cannot expect any major technological change until 2008 or 2009, Cathcart said.

The survey results proved that students are in favor of a merit-based registration system, in which priority is granted with regard to credit hours or grade point average, Cathcart said.

He added that the survey was by no means official.

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TAKEN TO SCHOOL



DTH/BRANDON SMITH

Dallas Jacobs (left), drives to the basket during a 42-32 intramural game victory in Woollen Gym on Monday. Jacobs is the Exercise and Sport Science Department basketball manager and plays for the "Little Einsteins" with other faculty members.

FACULTY, EMPLOYEES LACE UP BASKETBALL SHOES

BY BETHANY BLACK
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Imagine your professor in gym shorts.

Starting this week, imagination might not be necessary. The first game of this season's annual faculty and employee intramural basketball league tipped off Monday at 5 p.m.

Nine teams, composed of faculty and staff from various University departments, will compete weekly in Woollen Gym for the next six weeks.

Although the league schedule coincides with the student intramural schedule, one fundamental difference

exists.

Dustin Van Sloten, director of intramural and recreational sports, said the majority of players who sign up genuinely care about the game.

Students carry a variety of motivations, Van Sloten said. While there are students who play with intensity, many sign up for the social aspect or to fit some exercise into their busy schedules.

"Usually, employees have a strong desire to play," Van Sloten said.

The games are often more intense than games involving students, he added.

Captains assemble teams of a minimum of five players. Some teams have

as many as 10 to 12 members, said Marty Pomerantz, director of campus recreation.

Faculty and employees with a desire to play can join a team as a free agent. This option allows for crossover between departments.

Jonathan Beever, the business office assistant in the department of environmental sciences and engineering, is the captain of a team made up of members from various departments.

He learned about the league through an e-mail listserv.

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GRADUATE STUDENTS:

Tell us how you feel.

Today is the last day to take our graduate student alma mater poll. To participate in and view results, visit: www.dailytarheel.com

Student leaders switch stances

UNC-system SBPs push tuition hikes

BY ERIN FRANCE

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Student body presidents usually view tuition increases as ominous, but this year several are voting to have students cut fatter checks.

Monday, Seth Dearmin told The Daily Tar Heel that he will be among them.

"I'm definitely in support of a tuition increase," said Seth Dearmin, UNC-Chapel Hill student body president. "The simple matter is there are limited resources."

Several student body presidents across the system already have voted yay to increasing student fees and tuition for the 2006-07 school year.

This is a drastic change from past years, said Matt Calabria, UNC-Chapel Hill's 2004-05 student body president.

"Last year, I think I was the only student body president in favor of any kind of student tuition increase," he said.

Student body presidents are the most visible representatives because of their membership on their school's board of trustees, the last board to review tuition and fee proposals

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Education from afar sees spike in numbers

Online courses fit schedules to a 'T'

BY LAURA PHELPS

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Skippping class is not a problem for the many enrollees in UNC's distance learning programs.

These classes are becoming a popular option for students whose schedules do not allow for traditional classroom methods, and with a new UNC system president leading the way, the emphasis on distance education is growing.

"For undergrads, distance education offers real flex-time convenience," said Louise Spieler, assistant dean for executive education and distance education, in the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Journalism and Mass Communication.

"For working professionals, it opens the Carolina learning experi-

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SBP election trends

Past elections show a mixed trend in the importance of the number of petition signatures and endorsements that a candidate receives, after the last ballots have been counted.

CANDIDATE	PLACE	SIGNATURES	ENDORSEMENTS
2004			
Ernest Green	1	1041	0
Matt Coleman	2	887	0
Paulina Pierre	3	852	0
John Walker	4	857	0
Matt Liles	5	1041	0
Laura Thomas	7	1059	0
Ashley Castevens	8	1109	0
2005			
Tom Jensen	1	1041	0
Ernest Green	2	1041	0
Ernest Green	3	1041	0
Ernest Green	4	1041	0
Ernest Green	5	1041	0
Ernest Green	6	1041	0
Ernest Green	7	1041	0
Ernest Green	8	1041	0

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Showing signs of power

Candidates plan bold statement via petitions

BY COLIN CAMPBELL

STAFF WRITER

According to the old adage, there is power in numbers.

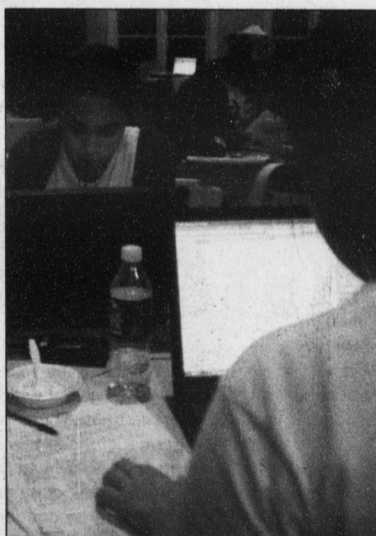
And in the race to become the next student body president, the number of signatures candidates collect to secure a place on the ballot can demonstrate the power they are capable of harnessing.

The two candidates, juniors James Allred and Bernard Holloway, must submit at least 800 students' signatures to the UNC Board of Elections by 5 p.m. today to appear on the Feb. 14 ballot.

But both said they hope to flex their political muscles and exceed the required number.

Many candidates in the past have exceeded the minimum requirement

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DTH/LOGAN PRICE

Members of Bernard Holloway's student body president campaign team tabulate signatures as he and James Allred battle for the most names.

CORRECTIONS

Due to an editing error, a Monday's front-page correction misstates when Ernest Green visited University senior Erika Barrera's high school.

Green delivered a speech during her junior year.

The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the error.

Due to a reporting error, Friday's front page article "Grad students speak up" incorrectly stated who from the Graduate and Professional Student Federation served on the tuition advisory task force.

President Mike Brady and Ashley Brown, vice president of internal affairs, were members. The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the error.

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BACK ON THE BAYOU New Orleans area students savor return to campus

UNITE FOR YOUR RIGHT N.C. sees a jump in the number of workers in unions

BLOGGIN' Bold predictions for Oscar nominees keep coming at Telling Stories

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MOVING ON UP

Karla Eanes works her first day as principal of Chapel Hill High School. She previously served as an assistant principal at the school.

today in history

JAN. 24, 1990 ...

The campus's first "dry rush" begins, making UNC one of the last universities to ban alcohol at fraternity rush functions.

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