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Mike Brady, president of the Graduate and Professional Student Federation, sits in his home Tuesday evening with his wife, Larissa, and 11-month old daughter, Lana. Brady is like many graduate students in that academic responsibilities are just the tip of the iceberg.

A defense of raising tuition

During the course of our few years at Carolina we have seen increases in the cost of metered parking on campus, a rise in the amount of money needed to buy a hamburger at Lenoir and even the need for a couple of extra dimes to purchase a Pepsi.

We often meet these slight changes in our spending habits with displeasure and frustration, and I would expect that tuition increases, sometimes to the tune of hundreds of dollars, also would be wildly unpopular.

Your University's Board of Trustees will be meeting today to determine how much tuition will increase for the 2006-07 academic year. The board undoubtedly will recommend an increase, and I, as an ex-officio trustee, will support that decision.

If you will read on, I will explain why I reached this conclusion.

As I stated in my column in December, each fall a tuition advisory task force is formed

and charged with examining the potential need for a campus-based tuition increase. I served as co-chairman of this task force with our provost, and we were joined by 16 other faculty, students and staff.

After 10 hours of face-to-face meetings, countless individual discussions and scouring charts and crunching numbers, the task force recommended increases in tuition averaging \$250 for in-state undergraduates and \$750 for out-of-state undergraduates. Furthermore, we

GUEST COLUMNIST

Seth Dearmin is the president of the student body at UNC.

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The Board of Trustees will continue talks today on possible tuition hikes for next year.	2:30 p.m.	Audit & finance committee The Carolina Inn Chancellor Ballroom East & West
	4:30 p.m.	Board of Trustees meeting The Carolina Inn Chancellor Ballroom East & West

Students react to tuition stance

Dearmin's decision controversial

The Board of Trustees likely will approve a set of tuition increases today, and Student Body President Seth Dearmin will be among those voting in favor.

Dearmin, an ex-officio member of the board, said he will vote for a \$200 and \$900 tuition increase for resident and nonresident undergraduate students, respectively.

He said he also will vote for a \$300 and \$800 increase for resident and nonresident graduate students, respectively.

Emphasizing a need for addi-

tional funding, Dearmin said 60 percent of revenue from the tuition increase will be divided among the University's faculty and teaching assistant salaries.

"If tuition wasn't increased, we wouldn't have money to retain faculty who might have other more appealing offers from other institutions," he said.

In the near future the board wants to work on better identifying the needs of students, Dearmin said. This includes giving families ample time to plan for potential

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THE FORGOTTEN THIRD

GRAD STUDENT DIVERSITY AFFECTS POLICY-SETTING

BY BRIAN HUDSON
UNIVERSITY EDITOR

During campus tours, as bright-eyed high schoolers are shuffled about campus, the Pit is portrayed as the heart of the campus.

"If you stood in the same spot

in the Pit for 24 hours," guides tell the prospective students, "you'd see every student on campus."

While the statement is hard to deny during the midday bustle, it's only a half-truth.

For most of UNC's more than

10,000 graduate and professional students, many of whom don't traverse the Pit in a given week, the campus cannot be construed as such a cohesive community.

The concerns of the graduate student population are something that administrators will face today and Thursday as the Board of Trustees delves into a series of proposed tuition hikes.

When they make a decision

about whether to raise tuition next year, trustees will be called to balance the best interests of students against the University's need for funding.

But, as many administrators have admitted, UNC's graduate population varies so much that it is often difficult to grasp exactly where their interests lie.

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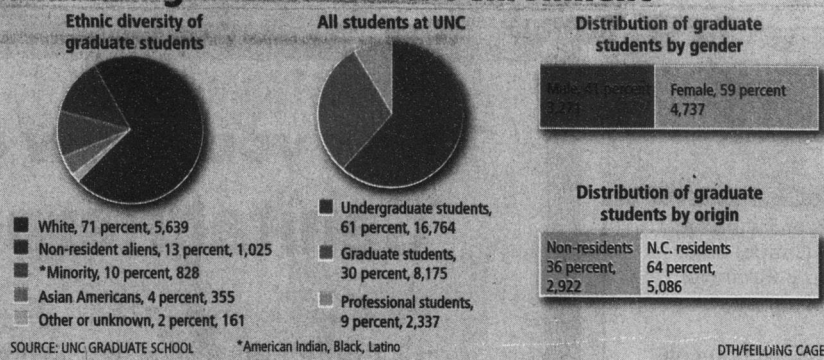
RESULTS FROM THE DAILY TAR HEEL'S GRADUATE STUDENT ONLINE POLL

84% of graduate students say they identify more with their undergrad alma mater (386 out of 459 students)

16% of graduate students say they identify more with their graduate alma mater (73 out of 459 students)

This poll is not scientific and reflects the opinions of only those Internet users who have chosen to participate. The results cannot be assumed to represent the opinions of Internet users in general, nor the public as a whole.

Fall 2004 graduate student enrollment



Provost angled for presidency before UA

Was UT hopeful before Arizona

BY BRIAN HUDSON
UNIVERSITY EDITOR

During the past year Provost Robert Shelton sought presidential positions at two public universities — a contradiction to his statements last week that he only pursued the post at the University of Arizona.

Shelton was one of more than 200 initial candidates for president of the University of Texas-Austin, a post that became vacant during the summer.

Shelton said Monday that he submitted his résumé, and members of the committee contacted campus leaders for references.

In late October Shelton met with members of the UT search committee in the Dallas-Ft. Worth airport for a preliminary interview, he said.

"These things are typical — you meet with members of the search committee," Shelton said. "You meet at an airport, because that



Robert Shelton said he has received numerous job offers since coming to UNC

way they can bring people in and they can maintain confidentiality." The committee ultimately tapped Bill Powers, dean of UT's law school, for the position.

He said he opted not to disclose his involvement in the UT search because the committee requested confidentiality.

"They like to hold these things private," he said. "They say, 'Look, we need to hold this in confidence, and I try to respect that.'"

Revelations that Shelton also was interested in UT differ from statements he made last week indicating that he had not been interested in leaving UNC before

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Candidates ask students to sign on

BY ALLISON NICHOLS
STAFF WRITER

Because open campaigning for student elections has only just begun, students might not realize how much work already has gone into the campaigns.

Potential candidates had to turn in petition signatures — the John Hancock supplied by student endorsers — by 5 p.m. Tuesday to secure an official spot on the ballot.

"It was a kind of tedious process, but we worked hard and found a lot of students who wanted to be involved," said Jonathan Friedman, senior class president candidate.

Being friends with his opponents made gathering signatures more difficult than he had anticipated, said Douglas Weiss, another candidate for senior class president.

James Allred, candidate for student body president, said collecting signatures was his favorite part of the campaigning process.

"Gathering petition signatures is something that's more one-on-

one between candidate and student," he said.

Bernard Holloway, the other student body president candidate, praised his campaign staffers for their efforts. "They've been stellar."

But the preliminary stages of the election weren't without a degree of controversy.

Holloway was fined \$30 Sunday by the UNC Board of Elections for violating campus election laws.

Two \$15 fines were levied, one for using public campaign materials prior to the authorized date and another for using campaign materials inside Lenoir Dining Hall — a restricted area during campaigns.

"Members of the board feel that while this wasn't intended, it was fairly egregious," said Nick Mosley, chairman of the elections board.

Holloway appealed the fine Tuesday night, but in a 7-0 vote the board upheld its ruling.

Holloway contested the fines levied by the board because he felt they were harsher than those in past years.

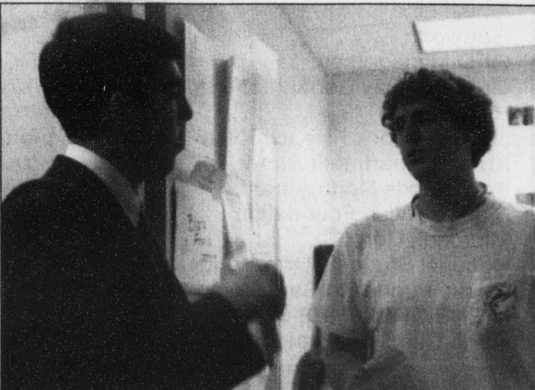
"I think this decision is in

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Student body president candidates were required to gather 800 signatures before 5 p.m. Tuesday to secure a spot on the Feb. 14 ballot.

Bernard Holloway.....1,551 James Allred.....1,292

For a full list of candidates' petitions go to: www.dailytarheel.com/blogs/drinkwell.php



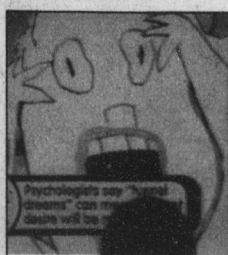
Jonathan McNeill (left), campaign manager for James Allred, hands in signatures to Jim Brewer, the vice chairman of the Board of Elections.

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WATERWORLD The UNC underwater hockey club doubles the sports, fun

BLOGGIN' Oscar picks and the latest in the campus radio scene at Telling Stories

BLOGGIN' Ah, yes, campus elections are back. You glad? The Bullhorn sure is.



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THE POP IN CULTURE
Tad Low, the co-creator of VH1's "Pop-Up Video" came to Chapel Hill on Tuesday. Low discussed celebrity reactions to the popular show.

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LA COLINA
The Daily Tar Heel launches the first edition of its Spanish-language page, La Colina. We are looking for bilingual staff members for the section.

today in history

Jan. 25, 1995 ...
The Student Supreme Court hands down a ruling that allows Congress to further investigate executive branch members' financial dealings.

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