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TRUSTEES VOTE TO RAISE TUITION: \$250, resident undergraduates; \$1,100, nonresident undergraduates; \$500, graduate students

## TUITION HIKES OK'D

BY BRIAN HUDSON  
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In about an hour Wednesday, UNC-Chapel Hill's Board of Trustees approved campus tuition hikes that would raise tuition next year \$1,100 for nonresident undergraduates and \$250 for resident undergraduates.

Trustees also approved a \$500 increase for all graduate students.

The hikes cannot be finalized until they're considered at the February meeting of the UNC-system Board of Governors.

The BOG also will consider a student fee hike proposal approved by the trustees that would raise fees \$170.05 for undergraduate students and \$166.05 for graduate students.

Wednesday's decision marks the end of a monthlong consideration of tuition at the campus level. Trustees first began discussing tuition during their November meeting.

If approved as they stand, the hikes would bring tuition to \$4,863 for in-state undergraduates and \$19,511 for out-of-state undergraduates.

Resident graduates would pay \$5,514, and nonresident graduates would pay \$19,512.

The tuition increases are set to bring UNC more than \$8.5 million in additional revenue next year.

Forty percent of the money will be set aside for student aid, ensuring that those receiving aid can cover the costs of the tuition hikes.

That leaves about \$5.1 million, \$1.1 million of which has been earmarked for teaching assistant stipends. The money will raise



Board of Trustees members (from left) Tim Burnett, Barbara Hyde, Seth Dearmin and Bob Winston meet Wednesday afternoon at the Carolina Inn to discuss a round of tuition increases for the 2006-07 academic year. The trustees approved a series of hikes, again favoring out-of-state students with the highest increase.

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### Board of Trustees tackles full day

UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Provost Robert Shelton presented the university affairs committee with changes to the way classes are scheduled in order to address a classroom space shortage.

"We've got some Monday-Wednesday 75-minute classes, and we are just not going to allow it anymore," Shelton said.

Classes scheduled between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays will meet for only 50 minutes and will all include a session on Fridays, Shelton said in his presentation.

Margaret Jablonski, vice chancellor for student affairs, also announced a \$163,000 three-year grant that the University received to identify students at risk for suicide.

More peer-education programs will be provided, parents will be contacted more frequently and technology will be used to reach students more effectively thanks to the grant, Jablonski said.

Linda Dykstra, dean of the graduate school, closed the meeting with a discus-

sion on the importance of graduate students to the University.

The major issue brought to the committee's attention was the need to guarantee those students' financial support beyond their first year.

"We're doing better on our stipends, but we still need to be able to offer multi-year support," she said.

Rusty Carter, university affairs committee chairman, said it is important that committee members understand the role of graduate students when they serve as advocates for their needs.

"It is imperative we understand what it is we are talking about," he said.

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BUILDING AND GROUNDS

The Board of Trustees' buildings and grounds committee held its semi-annual meeting at the Carolina Inn on Wednesday afternoon.

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### BOT's proposed tuition hikes during the last four years:

2002 to '03: \$400 for one year

2003 to '04: No hike

2004 to '05: \$300 for residents and \$1,500 for nonresidents

2005 to '06: \$200 for residents and \$1,000 for nonresidents

### Voice your opinion

**Online poll:** Do you agree with the proposed tuition increases? Go to [www.dailytarheel.com](http://www.dailytarheel.com) to participate in our online poll

**Febuary meeting:** The UNC-system Board of Governors is set to consider the tuition proposal during its meeting.

**Contact info:** For concerns about the hikes, contact Chairman Brad Wilson at 765-3558.

## STUDENTS EYE STICKER PRICE

BY KRISTEN POPE

STAFF WRITER

If sophomore Samantha Jackson had chosen to attend the blue school down the road, she would have paid the same amount for her first year at Duke University as for her first year at UNC-Chapel Hill.

Though Duke charges \$32,600 for one year's tuition and fees while UNC only charges \$4,606 for in-state students, Duke offered Jackson enough financial aid to even out the prices of the two schools.

While universities run the risk that applicants will be scared away by high tuition costs, officials say that students are increasingly aware of how their school's financial aid program might be the key to making any education affordable.

Jerry Lucido, vice provost for admissions and enrollment management, said, "There's no question that

families and students have become more interested in their aid packages and what the net cost would be to them."

"I think we pay probably too much attention to the specific tuition calculation as it relates to how it impacts students."

Shirley Ort, UNC director of scholarships and student aid, also said students are becoming less likely to consider only the price of tuition without considering the aid they can receive.

"Some may, but I don't think so nearly as much," she said. "We've had so much visibility."

And UNC has seen a jump in the number of on-time applicants for financial aid during the last few years, she said.

Five years ago, only 49 percent of

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## Behind the scenes, board gets to work

### Little glory, much stress for workers

BY CATHERINE ROBBS  
STAFF WRITER

When Jim Brewer joined the UNC Board of Elections his freshman year, he had no idea it would involve late night investigations in Lenoir Dining Hall, excuse notes for class from the student body president and a mentor called "The Godfather."

In the past few years the elections board, an external body of student government that regulates issues concerning campus elections, has handled myriad disputes and controversies.

In 2002, allegations were brought before the board against a candidate

that was said to be violating campaign rules in Lenoir Dining Hall. The saga ended with phone calls to Chancellor James Moeser to request the viewing of security tapes from the basement of Lenoir.

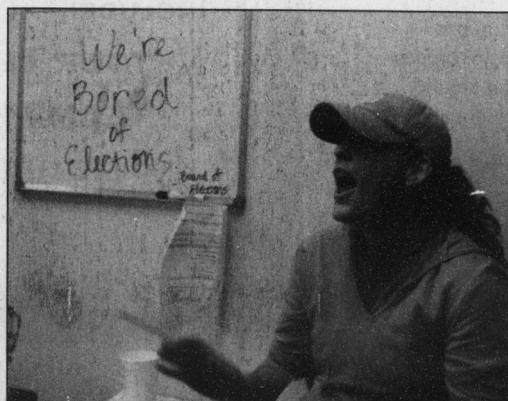
"I was this freshman, and I kept thinking, 'Whoa, what have I gotten myself into,'" said Brewer, now a junior and co-vice chairman of the board.

Typically, the board's work centers around less glamorous, more behind-the-scenes work.

"It's probably one of the more thankless jobs of student government," said Walker Rutherford, chairman of the board for fall 2004.

"If we do our job right, no one even knows we are there."

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Freshman Sarah Rutledge counts votes for student elections Tuesday in the Board of Elections office in the Student Union.

DTH/ANNA DORN

## STD testing marketed to college communities

BY DESIREE SHOE

STAFF WRITER

The letters "STD," so short and simple, are often accompanied by a wave of fear.

And for good reason, because today's youth, particularly college-age men and women, increasingly are at risk of becoming infected.

In light of current statistics, more men and women are choosing to get tested.

According to a national study released by the School of Journalism and Mass Communication in 2004, one of every two sexually active youth will acquire an STD by age 25.

The study adds that almost half of

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### Youth and STDs:

About 50 percent of new STD cases and HIV infections occur among youth ages 15-24

1 out of 2 sexually active youths will acquire an STD by age 25

15- to 19-year old females have the highest rates of gonorrhea and chlamydia

At least \$6.5 billion was spent covering medical costs to treat STDs acquired by American youths in 2000.

SOURCE: UNC SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATION

### CORRECTION

Due to a reporting error, Wednesday's front-page article "Students react to tuition stance" misconstrued Student Body President Seth Dearmin's statements on tuition.

The range of tuition hikes stated in the article were proposals under consideration — not the proposals he intended to support. The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the error.

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**COMMUNITY SENSE** Burr-sponsored event helps colleges with grant writing

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**BUDGET SEASON'S BACK**  
After a contentious round of budget negotiations last year, town officials say this year's talks should prove to go more smoothly.

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**HOME COURT?**  
The Tar Heels drop another one at home Wednesday in a tough 81-74 loss to new ACC rival Boston College. The Tar Heels fell to 3-3 in the ACC.

today in history

**JAN. 26, 1995 ...**  
A UNC lacrosse player and a Chapel Hill resident were killed when a UNC law student opened fire with a semiautomatic rifle on Henderson Street.

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