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Leaders forecast low tuition hikes

BY ERIN ZUREICK
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Faculty salary increases gained this summer could end up padding students' wallets when tuition talks resume this fall.

Some University officials have speculated that it will be more difficult to levy hefty tuition hikes this year as a result of a 6-percent increase in faculty salaries approved by the N.C. legislature.

"I think we will want to be circumspect about what we recom-



Chancellor James Moeser said the state will expect moderate, if any, tuition hikes this year.

mend this year given the generosity of the state and to encourage the state to continue to do what they're doing," Chancellor James Moeser said earlier this month.

UNC officials have justified past increases by pointing to a need to improve faculty salaries — saying the additional funds help retain and recruit high-quality faculty.

Trustees last year approved a \$250 tuition increase for in-state students and a \$1,100 hike for out-of-state students — roping in \$4 million for faculty salaries.

Student Body President James Allred, who serves as an ex-officio member of the Board of Trustees, said UNC must weigh its options.

"We have to be very careful this year because the state was very generous," Allred said.

He said if UNC officials submit drastic tuition increases to the state, there could be a backlash.

"It could look as if the University wasn't grateful for the support of the state and was instead being very greedy," he said.

Moeser also said it's important to recognize that state funds came through this year.

"The expectation will be that

our tuition increases will, if anything, will be moderate, not large, given the generosity of the General Assembly," he said.

But Allred said if tuition rates are frozen this year, it could damage faculty salary gains.

"The question we have to ask is, what's a reasonable balance between meeting our University needs and faculty needs and upholding promises to students."

Sophomore Alison Savignano, co-chairwoman of the political

committee for the Out-of-State Student Association, said the organization will try to assert its position early in the process.

"We want to establish more of a presence at the Board of Governors and Board of Trustees meetings," she said. "We're going to really focus on getting to them early and getting our point across."

The tuition advisory task force will first meet Sept. 5. The group

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City of Jazz still singin' the blues after storm

Residents return, try to reshape their communities

BY ERIN FRANCE
STATE & NATIONAL EDITOR

A year later there are pockets of normalcy in New Orleans.

The grass at Tulane University is green, and the traffic is as gnarled as ever, said Mike Strecker, a public relations officer for the university.

"The campus and the neighborhood around it, the French Quarter ... it's up and running," he said.

Physically, Strecker said, the campus is back, but there are many sections of the city still in need of repairs.



"There are the neighborhoods away from campus that still have a ways to go before they are back to pre-Katrina levels," he said.

John Anders, owner of Georgia-based Anders Construction Inc., said he has seen some of the rougher

parts of New Orleans.

"In some parts, it's like the day after the storm," he said.

Anders moved to Louisiana after the storm to help his father and found work as a manager of 450 FEMA trailers.

The trailers are slated for 18 months of use, but Anders said he doesn't think that those in New Orleans will empty during the next six months.

"In Florida a few years ago, people kept their trailers for five years," he said.

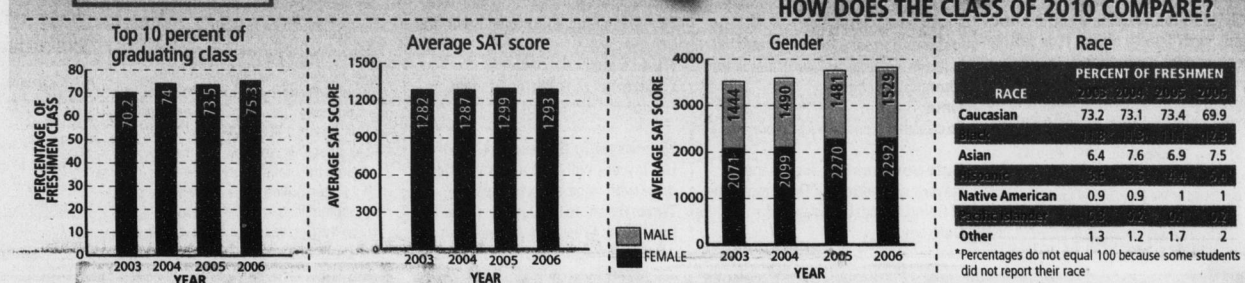
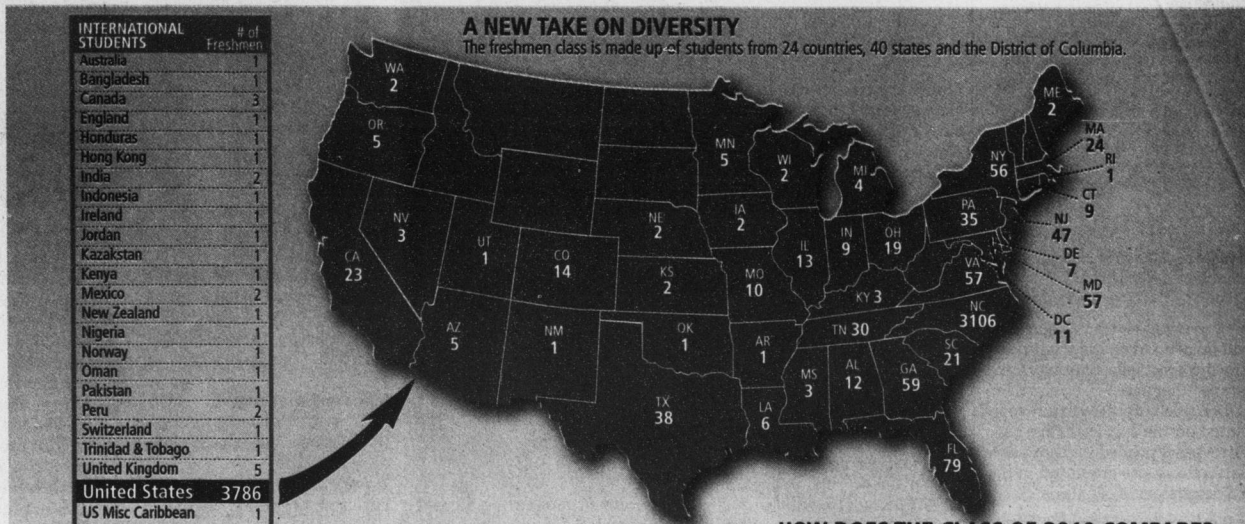
Anders said he completes repairs and does monthly inspections on the temporary homes.

Two of the trailers have been burglarized in the last six months, he said, adding that burglary still is a surprisingly rare occurrence for homes that can be easily broken into by pushing on a window.

"Residents of the city are wary to return," he said, often because of the lack of security and resources.

Strecker also said he has noticed a difference in the number of people in the area, including a reduction in students.

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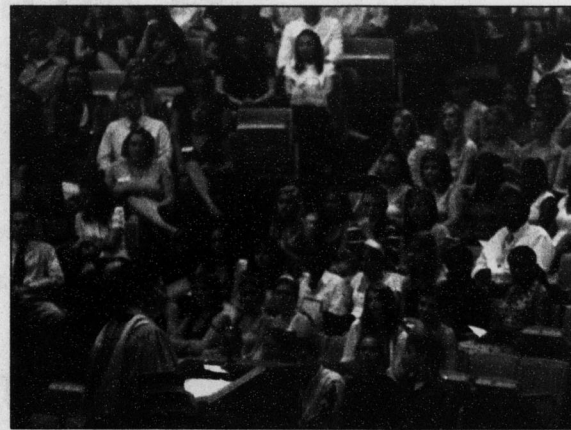


SOURCE: OFFICE OF UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS

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A FRESH CLASS OF FACES



Chancellor James Moeser makes his first address to the freshman class Aug. 21 during the new-student convocation in the Smith Center.

BY SHARI FELD
SENIOR WRITER

The class of 2010 is an eclectic mix of fresh faces that officials say is more in step with the University's goal for overall diversity than past freshman classes.

"It's by far the most diverse we've had in a long time at Carolina or even ever," said Steve Farmer, director of undergraduate admissions.

More black, Hispanic and Asian freshmen enrolled this year than last year, while fewer white students enrolled, according to preliminary data from the Office of Undergraduate Admissions.

The number of Caucasian freshmen dropped from 2,755 last year to 2,672 this year, or 73.4 percent to 69.9 percent. This marks the first time white students accounted for less than 70 percent of the incoming class, Farmer said.

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Four freshmen share their reasons for coming to UNC.
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Research funding sees spike

BY STEPHANIE NEWTON
ASSISTANT UNIVERSITY EDITOR

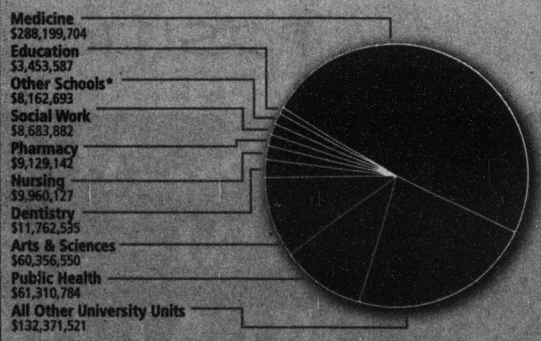
UNC-Chapel Hill brought in a record amount of research grants and contracts in fiscal year 2006 — \$593 million — but officials say more private donations are needed to become the nation's top research institution.

This year's grants marked a 2.4 percent increase from 2005's \$579 million, more than doubling the amount UNC-CH collected as recently as 1997.

This record funding also coincides with a cut in appropriations from the National Institutes of Health — a medical research center that has historically accounted

UNC research dollars

The University received \$593,390,527 for research in 2006.



SOURCE: OFFICE OF RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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Small-time racetrack dreams big

BY KAYLA CARRICK
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Saturday night, Chance Carpenter, of Sanford, was the first to pass the checkered flag in his stock car race.

"I grew up around it," he said. "My dad raced, and I would watch him. As soon as I got a job, I started racing myself. It's just natural."

After three years of an empty track, the Orange County Speedway in Rougemont has run an expanded schedule this season, giving locals like Carpenter a chance to race.

Carpenter has raced for two seasons and does most of his time behind the wheel at the speedway. The speedway, labeled "The



Fans look on at the start of the Southern Ground Pounders - Modified Division race at the Orange County Speedway on Saturday night.

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Paperhand Puppet Intervention puts on its seventh annual outdoor performance featuring four stories based in folklore



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AUGUST 28, 2001 ...

State Bureau of Investigation bomb squad officials are called to the University to dismantle a pipe bomb found on Cameron Avenue.

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