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## Moeser seeks one-time tuition sum

### Trustees get first look at proposal

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Chancellor James Moeser threw a curveball to the UNC Board of Trustees Thursday when members gathered to discuss tuition policy.

Moeser put a new offer on the table, proposing that incoming students receive a one-time increase in tuition.

A change would mean that students who enroll at UNC in fall 2007 would pay a consistent tuition rate for four years.

A figure likely would fall around the \$4,000 range this year but would differ for each incoming class.

"Our students are asking for

predictability," Moeser said. "This would provide that."

But those who already attend the University still would be subject to yearly fluctuations.

"We would use this hopefully to barter a much lower increase," Student Body President James Allred said of the effect a change could have on current students.

Locked-in tuition already takes place at the University of Illinois and University of Kansas.

Moeser began Thursday's meeting firmly supporting the recommendation of the tuition and fee advisory task force. The proposal calls for a \$250 tuition increase for in-state undergraduates and a \$500 increase for all other students.

But it soon became apparent that many board members were zeroing in on a heftier sum that could push

an increase up into the \$1,000 range for nonresident undergraduates.

The trustees' stance led Moeser to pitch the additional option.

He said he has asked Steve Farmer, director of undergraduate admissions, to examine the possible implications the policy could have on enrollment.

The results will be presented at the board's January meeting, when trustees are slated to make the final decision about tuition for the 2007-08 year.

Moeser said he believes the tuition increases that have been piled on out-of-state students year after year have had a negative impact on the student culture at UNC.

"And it's not just from the non-North Carolinians," he told trust-

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### LEADERS DETAIL INITIATIVE TO SPUR GRADUATION RATES

BY ROBBY MARSHALL  
ASSISTANT UNIVERSITY EDITOR

UNC is ready to show some tough love to students who are struggling to make the grade.

Madeline Levine, interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, rolled out a new initiative that seeks to improve four- and six-year graduation rates at the Thursday Board of Trustees meeting.

Among the changes are increasing academic eligibility standards, establishing academic probation, expanding the Summer Bridge Program and hiring a full-time retention coordinator.

But she said students should not fret.

"We've got purgatory in our new plan," she said, noting that students who don't meet eligibility requirements will be granted a probation period to target improvement.

Levine said several factors contribute to students dropping out of college, including low grades, a lack of engagement in classes or social life, and low parental income levels.

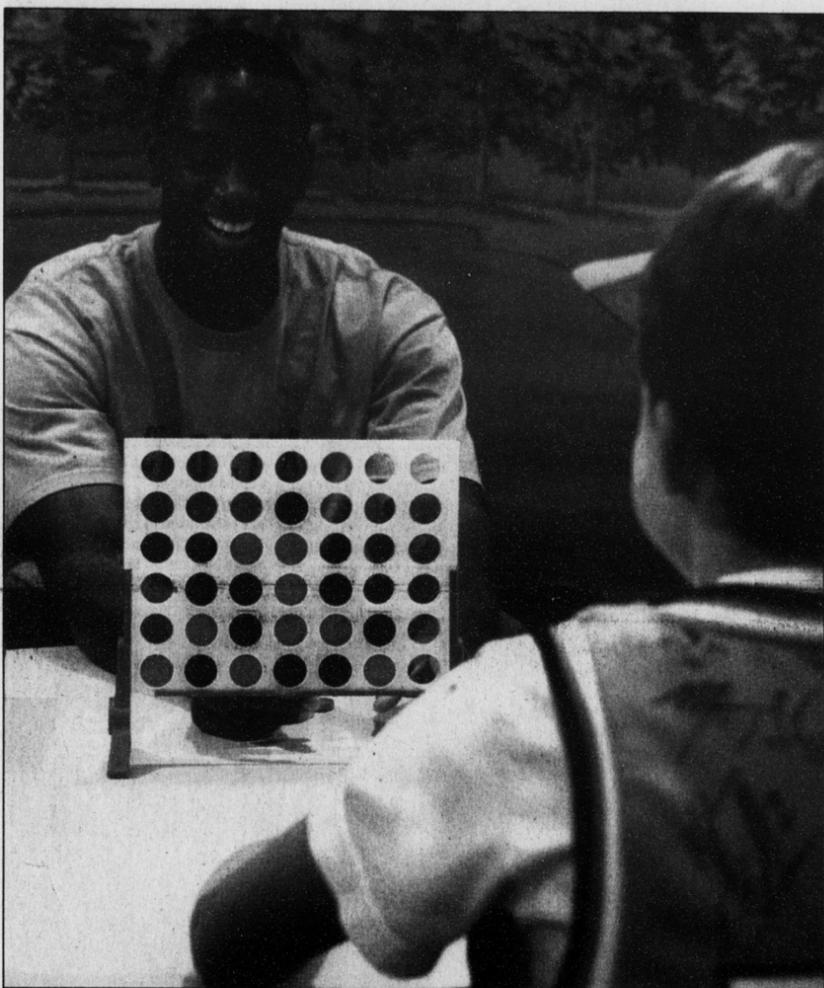
"We need to be early and effective," Chancellor James Moeser said after hearing Levine's four-point plan.

Officials said they want UNC to meet or surpass peer institutions' graduation rates.

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### New initiatives to improve graduation rates

- Increase the academic eligibility standard to a 2.0 GPA for all years instead of just for graduation.
- Establish year-to-year academic probation and intensive interventions for students who fail to meet the 2.0 GPA.
- Hire a full-time retention coordinator to work with other campus offices to raise the standard of student academic achievement
- Expand the Summer Bridge Program, which helps freshmen move from small or rural high schools to college, from 50 to 60 participants.



Marcus Ginyard (left) plays Connect Four against Bennett Byerley, 10, at UNC Children's Hospital on Thursday. Basketball players handed out gift bags and played with the children as part of a pre-Thanksgiving party.

## HANDING OUT HEELING POWER

### Players connect to sick children

BY CLINT JOHNSON  
STAFF WRITER

With a smile on his face, UNC basketball player Danny Green sat, legs spread, and rolled a miniature Carolina basketball across the floor. A few yards away, Brandon Pomeroy - called "Peanut" by loved ones - took the ball in his hands and fired it back with perfect accuracy.

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A slideshow details more of Thursday's visit to the hospital.

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"You pass better than Danny!" coach Roy Williams joked.

On Thursday, the UNC men's basketball team and coaching staff visited the N.C. Children's Hospital to raise the spirits of kids such as Brandon, a 2-year-old patient, for a pre-Thanksgiving party.

And they came bearing gifts.

More than 100 bags containing a variety of toys were sponsored by Antawn Jamison, Brendan Haywood and Jerry Stackhouse - former Tar Heels who now play in the NBA. Current players handed out the bags and then walked around, entertaining the kids and signing autographs for them.

"We're here to give back to kids



Mike Copeland (left) plays video games with Jaden Bailey, 5. Many of the players said they were pleased that they could lend a hand to children.

who are on a sickbed and brighten up their day a bit," forward Reyshawn Terry said. "It's definitely a thrill for me."

Rachel Wiley, 8, said the thrill was all hers.

"My friends will be jealous," she said.

At the same time as the party, the hospital hosted the N.C. Children's Promise Radiothon. Williams and his coaching staff participated in the fundraiser, which benefits children's programs at the hospital.

Last year's radiothon raised more than \$474,000.

Livis Freeman, founder of 4ourFans, said this is the fifth year the team has participated in a chari-

table event close to Thanksgiving. 4ourFans is an organization formed to help professional athletes and businesses give back to their communities.

"It's a changing of the guard," Freeman said. Often when players become professionals, they don't make charity a priority, he said.

"We're trying to show the guys that they shouldn't forget where they came from."

Thursday's event took place in the Robbie Page Play Atrium. Trees and manicured fields are painted on the walls of the wide room, which contains dozens of toys and several play areas.

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## Ticketless students lament new policy

### More students take part in distribution

BY SERGIO TOVAR  
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When the men's basketball team tips off against Gardner-Webb on Sunday for its first regular-season home game, the same number of students will be in the stands.

But the process of getting them there has drawn criticism from many basketball fans.

"I think it's terrible and dumb," senior Brady Nash said of the new online ticket distribution system, which debuted this semester.

"It promotes an atmosphere that is not as lively as Carolina basketball deserves."

Officials said the system is running well so far, but they acknowl-

edge that many students are complaining about not receiving tickets.

Clint Gwaltney, associate athletic director for ticket and Smith Center operations, said all tickets have been claimed for Saturday's N.C. State football game and for Sunday's Gardner-Webb basketball game.

He said that for the Ohio State game on Nov. 29, 10,500 people applied for the 5,000 tickets that were made available to students.

Compared to the old bracelet system, the number of students trying to get tickets this year has increased.

Last year about 8,000 students received bracelets for each distribution, Gwaltney said. Between 4,000 and 6,000 students

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## Orange County filmmakers to showcase work

BY BENNETT CAMPBELL  
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Last April, Carrboro resident Jackie Helvey submitted her proposal for a local film festival to the Orange County Arts Commission.

Because the town had never before hosted such an event, she said she wasn't quite sure what the response would be.

Eighty-seven film submissions later, there is a lot less doubt in her mind.

The inaugural Carrboro Film Festival is now a reality, and will be held from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday in Century Hall at the Carrboro Century Center. Tickets are \$3, and children 10 and under can get in free.

"We were very happy with the response," said Helvey, who is more fan than filmmaker. "This being the first year, we thought it was really great that so many people submitted movies."

Nic Beery, chairman of the film

festival, said organizers used a broad definition for "local."

"We didn't limit it to just folks that live in Orange County," he said. "If you have been to Orange County, play in Orange County, shop at Weaver Street or whatever, you were eligible to enter a film."

Of the 87 submissions, 22 were chosen to be shown at the festival. Four awards - made in honor of Kay Kyser, a former UNC cheerleader and filmmaker - will be given to the top pictures.

The four award winners will be shown again Dec. 3 at the Carrboro ArtsCenter.

Months after the event's conception, Helvey said that it is hard to gauge what the turnout will be like, but that she has high hopes and expectations.

"There's no way to know," she said. "We're showing 22 movies, so there will be at least 22 people there."

Helvey also said the festival has piqued the interests of people not

### Selections from the Carrboro Film Festival

- 2:15 to 3:30 p.m. Series One
  - "Greased Elbows"
  - "How To Be A Girl"
  - "Gemini World"
  - "The Laughter"
  - "Stalker / Stalker"
  - "The Wing-Nut and You"
  - "The Letter"
  - "Van Mujeres"
  - "Hippomania"
- 3:45 to 5:05 p.m. Series Two
  - "One Man's Trash"
  - "Soldiers Speak Out"
- "All's Fair in Love & Police Actions"
- "Finding The Balance"
- "The Beaver"
- "Brand New Board"
- "Clover's Run"
- 5:20 to 6:35 p.m. Series Three
  - "Sunday"
  - "Sorry, Goodbye"
  - "Balloon Animals"
  - "Act of Daring"
  - "Crease"
  - "SWOOP"

associated with the competition.

"Hopefully filmmakers will bring their families and friends, and I've heard a lot of people say they're coming just because they like watching movies, and they are especially interested in movies that have been made by local people."

Beery holds similar hopes. "There seems to be a real strong interest in film and filmmaking

and independent films in this area," he said.

"And with the way that people have told everyone on our committee how excited they are about this, I just won't be surprised if we have a full house, with standing room only."

The attention gained by the festival

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### CORRECTIONS

Due to a source's error, the Tuesday front-page story, "Davis set to coach Tar Heels," incorrectly states that the contract must be confirmed by the UNC-system Board of Governors. The Board of Trustees can confirm such contracts. The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the error.

Due to a source's error, the Tuesday front-page story, "Graduate students see debt," incorrectly identifies Gary Visser as a fourth-year medical student at UNC. He is a fourth-year medical student at Florida State University. The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the error.

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**SMOKING'S NOT HOT** Campus groups encourage students to shun cigarettes

**SANTA'S HELPERS** UNC Greek Impact is collecting gifts for children across the globe

**COFFEE TALK** Open Eye Cafe is set to show a free documentary on baristas

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#### HOME FINALE

The Tar Heels are amped to play the rival N.C. State Wolfpack on Saturday in Kenan Stadium in a matchup that will mark John Bunting's last home game.

### this day in history

#### NOV. 17, 1856 ...

Francis Venable was born in Virginia at his family's ancestral home. The namesake of the chemistry building served as president of the University from 1900 to 1913.

### weather

Sunny  
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