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Allred, ASG team up on tuition

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Student Body President James Allred is planning a final effort for next week to limit a proposed

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The University's Board of Trustees meeting last week despite student protests and an impassioned plea

from Allred, but it still needs approval from the UNC-system's Board of Governors during its Thursday and Friday sessions.

Allred is working with Derek Pantiel, president of the UNC-system Association of Student Governments, to mount a final appeal on behalf of out-of-state students.

"We are basically partnering with and supporting the efforts of the ASG," Allred said.

As the student representative on the BOG, Pantiel will have an

opportunity to speak during the board's tuition discussions, or possibly open the floor to Allred.

Either way, Pantiel said he'll be working closely with Allred leading up to the board meeting to make the case for a smaller increase.

"With the out-of-state issue, I'm not impressed," Pantiel said, referring to the way UNC-CH trustees set aside a \$500 proposal in favor of the steeper increase.

"I'm not happy with that decision," he said.

Little debate is expected about in-state increases.

All 16 system campuses plan to abide by a 6.5-percent ceiling established in October, with the promise of swift approval for resident increases.

"If they stay within the guidelines, they're likely to get a favorable response," said Steve Bowden, chairman of the BOG budget and finance committee.

The system's tuition policy includes no yearly limit for non-resident increases, and the board

largely has supported a market-based approach.

That has allowed campuses to raise out-of-state tuition in tandem with spiraling college costs nationwide.

But there has been concern in past years about the rate of increase for nonresident students, and Allred's dissent from the UNC-CH proposal could prompt some discussion among board members.

"It's interesting that the student body president apparently doesn't

share the position of the board of trustees," board member Ray Farris said.

"I think it'll be good for him to make his case."

Last year, Farris raised an objection to UNC-CH's request for a \$1,100 increase for nonresidents and was joined by two other board members in voting against the proposal.

"I have the same concerns I expressed last time," Farris said of

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UNC creates May term

Students can earn three credit hours

BY AARON FIEDLER
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Three credits in three weeks. This soon will be possible with the arrival of UNC's Maymester program.

The Maymester is an intensive three-week summer-school program lasting from May 15 to June 1 that will debut this year.

Undergraduate students can take one class, which will meet for three hours each day. Registration will begin March 23 for upperclassmen and March 27 for all other students.

The program is part of the University's Quality Enhancement Plan that was submitted as part of its reaccreditation process to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

It has taken the University more than a year to work through the entire process of getting the program established.

"I wish we could have done it a year ago, but we had to have formal approval before it could happen," said Bobbi Owen, senior associate dean for undergraduate education.

The class offerings are diverse, ranging from art and communication courses to sociology and

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APPROACHING LAME STATUS



DTH/DANIEL BAND

With student elections on the horizon, Student Body President James Allred walks through the Pit on Thursday morning, passing the signs of nominees eager to fill his shoes and take office next year.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT LEADERS TRUDGE ON, EYE PLATFORM PLANKS AS END NEARS

BY KEVIN KILEY
STAFF WRITER

Just because people are trying to take his job doesn't mean Student Body President James Allred is ready to give it up.

As the limelight shifts from the current administration to the candidates running for campus offices, student government officials are beginning to feel the time crunch to finish the final points of their platforms.

While many departing officers said it is important to introduce new ideas into student government, they also said they think there still is much to be accomplished before leaving office.

Allred said he and his staff have just started to figure out how everything works.

"After three-fourths of a year in this position,

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referring to the day new leaders will take office.

Rachel High, Carolina Athletic Association president, said her job is more important now

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DTH/COURTNEY POTTER

The Old Well is capped in snow Thursday morning after a winter storm advisory that began Wednesday night but tapered off about noon.

Winter weather causes few issues

More accidents, but most minor

BY KAYLA CARRICK
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Senior Alex Ortiz, from Ketchikan, Alaska, said that when he woke up Thursday it felt like home.

"But usually the snow sticks around a little longer there," he said.

By Thursday afternoon, the morning flakes had turned to drizzle and the snow-covered quad to icy slush.

Despite the wintry mix, Chapel Hill residents saw only a few fender benders.

Temperatures reached a low of 26 degrees at Raleigh-Durham International Airport on Wednesday night, said Bob Ussery, a forecaster for the National Weather Service in Raleigh.

The National Weather Service's winter storm advisory expired at 6 p.m. Thursday, and Ussery pre-

dicted rain, some freezing rain and temperatures in the lower 30s through Friday morning.

Chapel Hill roads remained clear except for two minor accidents as of 4:30 p.m. Thursday, said Chapel Hill Police spokeswoman Jane Cousins.

In one accident, an SUV slid into a vehicle on East Franklin Street about 11 a.m. No injuries were reported from either accident.

"The weather hasn't been particularly bad," Cousins said. "There's no black ice, so there haven't been as many weather related accidents."

The N.C. State Highway Patrol responded to 208 accidents Thursday in Orange County by 5 p.m. compared to about 100 on a normal day, a jump that Randy Knight, highway patrol telecommunicator, attributed to weather.

None of the accidents in Orange County were major, said Capt. Dinah Jeffries, operations manager for 911. She said the water on the road most

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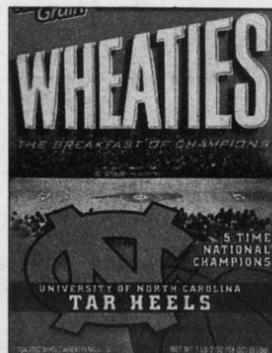
Breakfast of five-time basketball champions

BY DAVID REYNOLDS
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Students searching area grocery stores for cereal will soon find a welcome sight on the covers of the newly released Wheaties boxes: a Carolina logo.

The cover, which traditionally celebrates the pinnacle of success at the highest levels of sports, displays the rich history of the UNC men's basketball program and figures to draw in a considerable amount of interest in the community and on campus.

An appearance on the front of the box is one of several enormously famous iconic honors in America, along the lines of the Hollywood Walk of Fame or a Time magazine cover. Famous UNC faces that have appeared on past Wheaties boxes include NBA champion Michael Jordan and star soccer player Mia Hamm.



"This is a statement that this is one of the premiere dynasties, and it is a genuine statement," said John Sweeney, a UNC professor of advertising and sports

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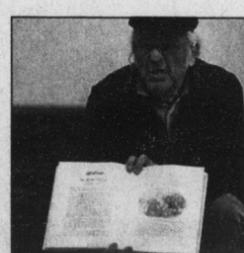
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TREES OF LIFE

Local children celebrate the Jewish holiday Tu B'Shvat by learning why trees are important for the environment and receive a free sapling to plant at home.

this day in history

FEB. 2, 1956 ...

A petition is signed by 700 students to recall the editors of The Daily Tar Heel. The editors retain their position in the first recall election in UNC history by 800 votes.

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