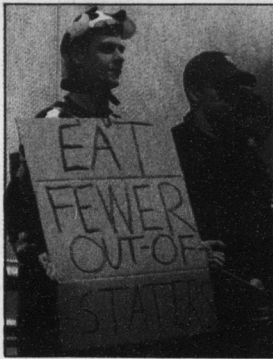


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**DITHELYSSA SHARP**  
Brock Baker, a junior from Nashville, Tenn., came to the Board of Trustees meeting Thursday dressed as "cash cow."

## Trustees pass tuition increases

**BY KELLY GIEDRAITIS AND WHITNEY KISLING**  
SENIOR WRITERS

UNC's Board of Trustees unanimously approved next year's tuition and fee hikes on Thursday after more than an hour of passionate speeches from students and trustees.

Nonresident undergraduates are expected to see a \$1,250 increase. Resident graduate tuition should increase by \$400 next year and nonresident by \$800.

Because of a state-mandated policy, resident undergraduate students will not see any tuition

increases.

The board also voted for a 3.5 percent increase to both undergraduate and graduate student fees — bringing undergraduate fees to \$1,691.74 and graduate fees to \$1,679.94.

And though the board voted to support the hikes, several trustees voiced concerns about how tuition dollars will be distributed, while students stressed the need for predictability.

About 30 students attended the meeting, and seven spoke to trustees about tuition predictabil-

*"How it's going to be allocated is very generic. There's no real substance."*

**RUSTY CARTER, UNC TRUSTEE**

ity, calling for a more transparent tuition-setting process.

"Students are not only concerned with where their money goes, but where this University goes, as well," sophomore Thomas Edwards said.

Although students raised their voices at Thursday's meeting, which came two months earlier than years

past, the number of attendees was far less than last year's turnout of about 200 protesters.

With many students crowding the walls, awaiting a decision last year, trustees voted on tuition and fee increases at the beginning of their meeting. But this year, students were

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### Approved increases for 2008-09

#### TUITION

- > \$0 for resident undergraduates
- > \$1,250 for nonresident undergraduate
- > \$400 for resident graduates
- > \$800 for nonresident graduates

#### FEES

- > \$57.19 for all undergraduates
- > \$56.89 for all graduates

## UNC ADVANCING CANCER RESEARCH

**BY KATY DOLL**  
ASSISTANT UNIVERSITY EDITOR

When Oliver Smithies won the Nobel Prize last month, UNC's research efforts were brought into the international limelight.

But before that, the University had been pioneering new scientific processes and treatments, especially in genetic engineering.

In the School of Medicine, Dr. Norman Sharpless has helped

identify a single gene that both prevents people from getting cancer and causes them to age.

"It's a very exciting time in genetics, and aging research is one of the big fields," said Rosann

Farber, associate chairwoman of the Department of Genetics.

Sharpless has worked with the genetic modification and manipulation of the gene p16INK4a, also called the aging gene, for the past several years.

The gene, which is a tumor suppressor, is involved in preventing of melanoma, blood and lung cancer.

All people have these tumor suppressors encoded in their DNA, and when a cell starts to form a tumor, it signals the p16 to kick in and stop the tumor from growing.

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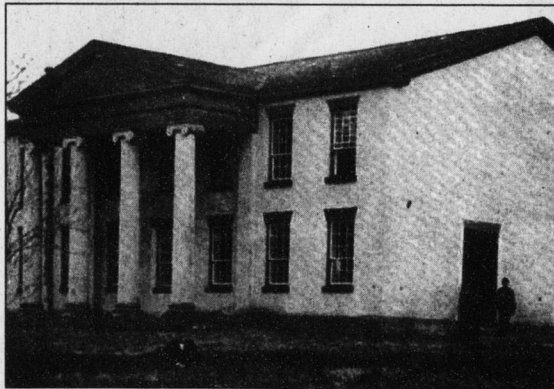
**DITHELYSSA SHARP**  
Krishnamurthy Janakiraman, a member of Dr. Norman Sharpless' research team, works with cancer cells Thursday in the Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center at UNC Hospitals. Sharpless' research involves genetic modification and manipulation of tumor suppressor genes to prevent cancer and cause aging.

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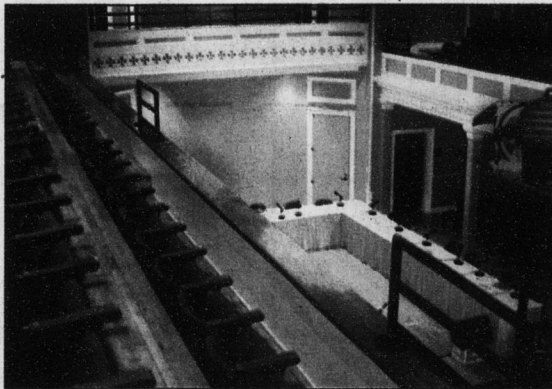
### RESEARCH

## Gerrard reopens after renovations



COURTESY OF UNC FACILITIES SERVICES

Gerrard Hall, originally known as "New Chapel," opened in 1837 and has seen several touchups throughout its history. The most recent improvements recently wrapped up, and the venue will host its first performance Saturday. The project's completion helps ease a space crunch for campus groups.



DTH/SAM WARD

### Historic hall provides more campus performance space

**BY BENNETT CAMPBELL**  
ASSISTANT ARTS EDITOR

When Carolina Union President Robert Gurdian stepped inside Gerrard Hall two years ago, he said he knew he wanted to be Carolina Union Activities Board's music chairman.

"I've always loved Gerrard as a space," he said. "So when it closed in November when I was music chairman, it was very disappointing."

The 170-year-old building temporarily closed its doors last year for renovations, in the process also closing the door on a valued performance space for student and professional groups alike.

One year and \$2.5 million later, renovations are complete, and this weekend the venue will play host to a performance that organizers say perfectly fits the new-look hall. "Old Noise and New Blues:

Avant-Garde and Folk Traditions in the Southern Vernacular," presented by CUAB, WXYC and the Curriculum in Folklore, will bring several experimental folk bands into the remodeled area.

"It's reopening, so it's a new space, and we're bringing a new sound," WXYC station manager Lauren Brenner said. "I think that it's intimate enough where it's going to be inviting and a really neat atmosphere

**ATTEND THE PERFORMANCE**  
Time: 7 p.m. Saturday  
Location: Gerrard Hall  
Info: [unc.edu/cuab/events.shtml](http://unc.edu/cuab/events.shtml)

for students who are coming to hear something that's totally new."

Aaron Smithers, a UNC graduate student and member of The Hem of His Garment, one of the groups performing, said Gerrard's design will greatly aid Saturday's production.

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## Field hockey aiming for perfect conclusion

### No. 1 UNC to play in Final Four

**BY DANIEL PRICE**  
STAFF WRITER

This season the No. 1 North Carolina field hockey team read John C. Maxwell's book, "Talent is Never Enough," finishing it this week before heading to College Park, Md., for the Final Four.

There the Tar Heels will be working on closing the book on this season with a national championship.

UNC plays fourth-ranked Connecticut in the national semifinal at 5 p.m. today, and if it wins, will face the winner of the other semifinal between No. 2 Wake Forest and No. 9 Penn State.

For UNC, it hasn't been an easy road to get to here, especially for the team's seven seniors making their first Final Four appearance.

"We almost felt like we had a little bit of a hoax against us, like we just weren't meant to, like our senior class just was never meant to go to the final four," senior Rachel Dawson said. "And I think just overcoming that and just going is so exciting for us."

And in the quarterfinals Sunday,

it looked as though that hoax might continue, but a late goal from James Madison was disallowed because it was shot from just outside the circle, preserving a 1-0 win that propelled UNC to its 13th Final Four and its first since 2000.

Hoax or not, this year's senior class has gained priceless experience in four years at UNC.

"I think that what actually got us to this point is our senior leadership and all the experiences that we have had," senior Jesse Gey said. "Maybe it just took us maturing to this level that got us there."

Gey and Dawson joined senior Laree Beans and freshman Katelyn Falgowski on the 16-member All-South Region first team.

Gey, who lost two teeth after taking a stick to the face in the ACC Championship, hasn't changed her approach to the game since the injury and is hoping to finish off her Tar Heel career with a bang.

"A lot of people thought I might play scared," she said. "But now I only have a weekend left, so whatever happens, happens. I'm going to get new teeth out of it. I can't do anything about it now."

Now that the top-seeded Tar SEE FIELD HOCKEY, PAGE 6

### CORRECTION

Due to a reporting error, Thursday's front-page story "Tuition vote held today" switched the graduate and undergraduate student fees. Undergraduate student fees are \$57.19 and graduate student fees are \$56.89. The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the error.

### FROM THE PUBLIC EDITOR

Monday's front-page story "Soccer takes 18th ACC title" misrepresented the story by making it seem that the DTH was in attendance at the game when it was not. Public Editor Andrew Jones addresses the issue at [dailytarheelpublic.wordpress.com](http://dailytarheelpublic.wordpress.com).

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**SMOKEOUT** Campus groups sought to educate on smoking cessation programs Thursday.

**NATIVE HEALTH** An initiative is looking to reach out to American Indians who want to be involved in medical fields and programs.



Nelson Schwab

online

### CHANCELLOR SEARCH

About 30 people attended a public forum held to solicit input about UNC's next leader. Traits cited included a commitment to diversity and study abroad.

this day in history

NOV. 16, 1992 ...

The Department of Public Safety finds Duke University's 1991 ACC Championship trophy and Mike Krzyzewski's coach of the year trophy in front of the Old Well.

weather

Sunny  
H 52, L 28

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