

**REBOUNDING**

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blowout win.

"Well, it was a really great day for us," Williams said after that game. "It was probably our best game of the year in our half-court defense, and it was probably our best game of the year in our half-court offense."

It helped that the Tar Heels forced Va. Tech to miss 40 shots, creating 40 rebound opportunities on just one end of the floor.

Rebounding doesn't always equate to wins and losses — the Tar Heels lost while out-rebounding Maryland by eight and Duke by 11 — but it is a crucial trump card UNC has against any opponent.

Compared to some of UNC's peers at the top of the polls, rebounding could give the Tar Heels a huge edge if they meet up in the NCAA tournament.

Duke, Tennessee and Texas — all top-10 teams — don't even crack the top 50 in rebounding margin.

On the flip side, UCLA, Stanford, Kansas and Memphis are all near the top of the rebounding rankings.

That could negate any UNC rebounding advantage in a poten-

**By the boards**

- Top rebounding teams**
- ▶ 1. North Carolina ..... +12.0
  - ▶ 2. Stanford ..... +10.0
  - ▶ 3. UCLA ..... +9.7
  - ▶ 12. Kansas ..... +7.3
  - ▶ 13. Memphis ..... +6.9

- Top rebounding Tar Heels**
- ▶ 1. Hansbrough ..... 10.5
  - ▶ 2. Green ..... 5.2
  - ▶ 3. Stepheson ..... 5.2
  - ▶ 4. Thompson ..... 5.1
  - ▶ 5. Ginyard ..... 4.5

tial matchup.

However, while Stanford is led by seven-foot twins Brook and Robin Lopez, UNC gets its work on the boards done with much less height.

Hansbrough is the tallest tree at only 6-foot-9, but his tenacity nets him 10.5 rebounds per game, good for 16th in the country.

And the rest of the Tar Heels take their rebounding cue from the relentless Hansbrough.

"Tyler's an animal," Ellington said. "He's so aggressive and he's after it all the time."

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**GRANTS**

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undergraduates are eligible for Pell Grants, Turner said.

But many more students instead rely on loans and other grants.

"There are students who are not eligible for need-based aid who rely on private loans and who also rely on Perkins Loans to supplement federal aid," Turner said.

"If it's harder for those students to receive those loans, or they're more expensive, that's certainly a detrimental effect."

Congress has already increased Pell Grants through the College Cost Reduction and Access Act, signed into law in September 2007.

The bill increased the maximum grant amount for the 2007-08 academic year from \$4,050 to \$4,310 and provides for a gradual increase to \$5,400 by 2012.

"The Pell Grant increases Obama and Clinton both talk about were included in this new law," Rachel Racusen, deputy communications director for the House Committee on Education and Labor, stated in an e-mail.

That increase has been funded by cutting roughly \$20 billion in federal subsidies for private loan companies, she stated.

Although the cuts have already caused many loan companies to scale back or shut down, Obama and

Clinton have proposed completely eliminating such subsidies.

"Every time I turn around, there's another major bank getting out of the student loan business because it's not profitable," Rhinehardt said.

The UNC system will be largely sheltered because the chief state lender, the College Foundation of North Carolina, is continuing its low-cost loan program for at least a year, Steve Brooks, N.C. State Education Assistance Authority executive director, stated in an e-mail.

NCSEAA, the guarantor of the

College Foundation, received federal compensation prior to the subsidy cuts, Rhinehardt said.

"They took it from one area of education and applied it to another," she said. "I think what it does is give the students fewer choices."

But Turner said an increase in federal grants helps stretch financial aid funds at UNC-CH.

"Anytime there's an increase in Pell Grants it helps our University funds go further for students."

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**SEARCH**

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Ann Harbor has a minority leader, Mary Sue Coleman.

Members of campus groups and organizations at UNC said they believe considering minority candidates is vital.

"We wanted to make sure that our organization went on record that the search committee make extra effort to consider woman and minority candidates," said Rhonda Gibson, journalism professor and president of the Association for Women Faculty and Professionals.

But Shanika Paylor, executive assistant of the Black Student Movement, said she is concerned that the largest group on campus is the one getting the least representation in the search — students.

"I wouldn't say the committee has a poor idea of what BSM has in mind but that it may not have a good idea of what students have in mind," she said. "I think there should be more than a document to represent what the student body is looking for."

Beneath the suggestions, another factor continues to creep into the minds of students and faculty — the closed nature of the search. Few will know who the chancellor is before the person takes the position.

"I completely disagree with the fact that the search is closed," Gibson said. "But I understand why they have chosen to do this, and I think the reason they have chosen to do it is in the best interests of the University."

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