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STUNNING DEFEAT

Shaun Draughn contributed two fumbles to the Tar Heel's six turnovers in UNC's 41-10 loss to N.C. State on Saturday. It was UNC's senior day.

announcement

LAST DAY FOR OPINION APPLICATIONS

The Daily Tar Heel is hiring columnists, editorial board members and cartoonists for the spring. Applications are at dailytarheel.com under "About Us" and are due to Editor Allison Nichols in Union 2409 or at allisonnichols@gmail.com by 5 p.m. today.



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ELITE AGAIN

Sunday, the 2008 Tar Heels were all smiles with a 3-0 win against Illinois in the third round of the NCAA Tournament.

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SPORTS SLIDE SHOW

View photos from this weekend's sports events.

SOCCER DEFENSE

An unlikely discovery at a bar gives UNC an edge.

OLD WELL WATCHERS

Carolina Fever kept the Wolfpack away on Friday.

this day in history

NOV. 24, 1986 ...

Student Congress rejects a referendum that would have permitted students to vote on allowing the student body president and vice president to run as a joint ticket.

Today's weather

Partly cloudy
H 57, L 39

Tuesday's weather

Mostly sunny
H 53, L 30

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UNC tests tuition change

Students would pay per credit hour

BY ELIZABETH DEORNELLAS
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As early as 2010, UNC-Chapel Hill students could start paying tuition by credit hour.

UNC-system General Administration would like UNC-CH, East Carolina University and one yet to be chosen system school to pilot a switch from the current tuition system.

Full-time students now pay a set tuition rate for on-campus courses and pay by the credit hour for online courses. UNC-system officials said charging by credit hour for all courses on all system campuses will simplify billing.

But many at UNC-CH expressed strong reservations about moving to per-credit-hour tuition.

Roger Perry, chairman of the UNC-CH Board of Trustees, said he does not think the trustees will

support such a change.

"I don't like that concept at all," he said. "We don't want to do anything that will encourage people to take less hours."

But it is unclear whether the Board of Trustees or even the system's Board of Governors has the authority to contest the switch.

Both boards help set tuition rates, but Rob Nelson, UNC-system vice president for finance, said there is no law that requires either board to approve how tuition is collected. "It's an administrative thing," he said.

UNC-CH administrators voiced a range of concerns about per-credit-hour tuition, worrying that it might be harder to administer and could discourage students from taking full advantage of the undergraduate experience.

The change would affect under-

graduate and graduate students, and system officials said it would be designed to be revenue neutral; Universities would not lose tuition dollars, and full-time students taking an average credit load would pay roughly the same amount.

UNC-CH students took an average of 14.59 credit hours in 2007, and students across the system took an average of 14.79 hours.

"If the average student is taking 15 hours, then that would probably be the basis on which they would operate, and there shouldn't be that much difference," said Alan Mabe, UNC-system vice president for academic planning and university-school programs.

"Some students might pay a little more, but some would pay less, perhaps, depending on where they were and what their pattern was."

Chapel Hill's status as a pilot for per-credit-hour tuition is not yet official, and University admin-

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istrators were reluctant to talk about how such a tuition model would operate.

"There is nothing to discuss on this issue yet," Elmira Mangum, UNC-CH senior associate provost for finance and academic personnel, stated in an e-mail.

"We are working on systems designed to accommodate either billing strategy," she added.

Despite the lingering uncertainty, UNC-CH staff are working to ensure the campus is capable of complying with the system's desire to switch tuition models.

"The decision has been made to do this — that is my understanding," said Shirley Ort, director of the UNC-CH Office of Scholarships and Student Aid.

Ort said her office has been pre-

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ASG votes down access

Nixes community college resolution

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DURHAM — A statewide student government organization struck down without debate this weekend a resolution supporting access to community colleges for undocumented students.

Resolution 19 encouraged the N.C. Community College System to admit undocumented students while the system continues to examine the issue.

A UNC-system Association of Student Governments committee defeated the resolution by a vote of three to one, with more than half of the members abstaining.

The bill failed with no debate. Attempts to bring the bill up for reconsideration also failed.

The goal of this resolution parallels the mission of the UNC-CH Coalition for College Access, which supports universal access to a college education.

The community college system has historically had an open door policy for undocumented students, which came under review again in May. The NCCCS has since barred the admission of undocumented students until it further studies the legalities of the issue.

Resolution 19 falls under the association's mission to advocate for students' access to an education at a reasonable cost.

Chazz Clevinger, vice president of the committee in which the bill was discussed, said he thinks the reason so few members voted is because they did not fully understand the bill or they weren't sure of their university's stance on the issue.

Clevinger said that the matter should have been discussed further regardless.

"I believe this is an issue that deserves full and vigorous debate because of the vast majority of people it affects," he said. Clevinger, as vice president, did not vote.

Asha Purohit, a UNC-Asheville delegate and author of the resolution, said the number of abstentions was probably due to committee members' inexperience.

"A lot of people were new, a lot were alternates, and most of them were making it out as an immigration issue," she said.

ASG President Greg Doucette did not send a copy of the resolution to delegates until early Friday morning, leaving them with little time to prepare or research the issue.

Some members pushed hard to have the resolution heard anyway.

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DTH ONLINE: View the failed ASG resolution in support of open-door admissions.

SEEING STARS



DTH/STEPHANIE TAN

Trading cleats for dancing shoes, four players on the Tar Heel football team dance with the Star Heels at their annual Fall Charity Show on Sunday in the Student Union Great Hall. The money raised by this year's show will benefit the Eve Marie Carson Memorial Fund.

Football players join Star Heels for benefit

BY ANNA CLAIRE EDDINGTON
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When two UNC football players were asked to benefit the Eve Marie Carson Memorial Fund, they didn't expect they would have to dance.

In the spirit of charity, offensive tackle Zackery Handerson and offensive guard Morgan Randall joined the Star Heels Dance Team to perform in their annual fall charity show Sunday evening in the Great Hall. All proceeds from the show benefited the Eve Marie Carson Memorial Fund.

Alison Savignano, president of Star Heels, said the group chose to benefit the scholarship because of Carson's passion for the arts. The group raised more than \$2,000.

"Eve was such a big supporter of the arts," Savignano said. "We thought our dedication of the show would be a great

way to honor her memory."

Handerson, Randall and four other male students partnered with members of the dance team. The guests had no previous dance experience, but both football players said being under the spotlight rather than stadium lights was a whole new experience.

"It's a rush," Handerson said. "It's really nerve-wracking compared to being on the football field because we get to wear a helmet and nobody gets to see who we are."

Handerson and Randall said while all the men in their dance were nervous, they had fun with the performance anyway.

"When you're out in front of 65,000 fans you're just one of the crowd," Randall said. "But when everyone has their eyes on you, it's a different experience."

The Star Heels was founded in 2003 by UNC students who wanted a student dance

DTH ONLINE: Watch some of the show and hear from several of the dancers.

group that performed all different dance styles with a focus on the Chapel Hill community.

Sunday's performance showcased the talents of student choreographers. Forty-eight dancers performed ballet, tap, jazz and modern dance pieces all choreographed by current UNC students. Special appearances by The Achordants and fellow student dance group Carolina Vibe added variety to the vibrant show.

Randall said the guest performers were glad to be a part of an event that gives back to the University in Carson's memory.

"It's a great scholarship for a great cause," he said.

"Eve will always have a name here."

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Cancer fund draws star faculty to UNC

BY BRENDAN BROWN
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Eric Wallen and Raj Pruthi were preparing to leave UNC.

After several years running a urologic cancer clinic here, the two mid-career surgeons had gained recognition in their field and were looking to elevate their work elsewhere: another university, or perhaps a private practice, where they could draw bigger salaries and more research funding.

They wanted to stay, but at some point offers for more money become hard to ignore — a familiar feeling for many UNC faculty.

"I haven't always felt valued," Wallen said. "I needed to feel valued."

But a state-appropriated fund, which this year will pay \$40 million for cancer research at UNC, changed the equation for Wallen and Pruthi.

Together they will get more than \$1 million over six years from the fund, mostly to jumpstart their research, in a deal to keep them here. "If that money wasn't there, we would not have been retained," Wallen said.

The University Cancer Research Fund is the only one of its kind in the country, according to those involved. It was created in 2007 with two goals: improving cancer care in North Carolina and making UNC's Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center a national leader.

High-quality faculty are essential to meet those goals.

The University has struggled with faculty recruitment and retention, though some administrators said recent years have seen improvement. But the cancer fund gives UNC the muscle to keep star faculty while drawing those of competing schools — if only for a

select group involved with cancer.

"That is the sort of situation that makes people want to come to the University," Executive Associate Provost Ron Strauss said.

A better offer

Full professors at UNC made an average \$138,500 in the last academic year, significantly less than what a private company or the University's peers might pay. More importantly, money to start a research endeavor is hard to come by, particularly as universities struggle to maintain their budgets in a sour economy.

The cancer fund gives the University a competitive edge in hiring negotiations by padding salaries and securing seed money for research projects.

"We're putting a lot more pressure on other people than they are

Fund committee directs state investment

The University Cancer Research Fund committee is charged with directing state appropriations for cancer research at UNC's Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center. This fiscal year, the fund holds \$40 million, mostly from tax revenue. Legislators plan to pay \$50 million a year into the fund starting next year, but a tight budget could stall that commitment.

Committee members:

- ▶ Erskine Bowles, chairman, UNC-system president
- ▶ Edward Benz, president and CEO of Dana-Farber Cancer Institute
- ▶ Robert Blouin, School of Pharmacy dean
- ▶ Shelley Earp, Lineberger cancer center director
- ▶ John Mendelsohn, University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center president
- ▶ Barbara Rimer, Gillings School of Global Public Health dean
- ▶ Bill Roper, School of Medicine dean

putting on us right now," said Shelley Earp, the cancer center's director.

All eight faculty interviewed said the cancer fund was vital in their decisions to commit to UNC.

So far, the fund has committed

\$18.6 million for 28 new faculty hires through fiscal year 2013, plus \$5.3 million to keep six faculty.

The fund has also budgeted \$17.4

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