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## Persistent petitioner

John Robertson, a member of the Libertarian Party, solicits signatures for the petition to allow Libertarian candidates to appear on the 1992 ballot. Robertson, who was stationed

in front of NCNB Plaza on Franklin Street Tuesday, travels around North Carolina with the petition. The petition has already been signed by 35,000 of the necessary 55,000.

## Edwards calls for investigator to be replaced

By Steve Politi  
Assistant University Editor

The University police officer who requested federal investigations of discrimination at the University said Tuesday she plans to ask that a new investigator from the education department's Office of Civil Rights be assigned to her case.

Police Officer Keith Edwards said that Investigator Peter Fountain discussed the case only with University officials and didn't keep her informed of events during the investigation. Fountain listened to University officials and then left before hearing from employees who filed grievances against the University, she said.

"He heard the University's side for two days, and it was my chance and other employees' chance and bam, we have to do ours through the mail," she said.

Fountain left Chapel Hill March 20 after he reported receiving a threatening phone call at his hotel room. He was scheduled to leave the next day, but told University administrators he had finished his investigation. Police have no

leads in the incident.

Fountain used a room in the Student Union to interview University employees Monday and Tuesday the week he conducted his investigation.

He then was scheduled to interview members of the community Wednesday and Thursday, Edwards said.

Susan Ehringhaus, senior University counsel, said University officials offered to let Fountain use the room all four days.

Rodger Murphey, a spokesman for the Department of Education, said it was unusual to receive a request for a new investigator.

Edwards said the threatening phone call was suspicious because Fountain received it after finishing his interviews with University officials.

"I just don't believe that every time someone hollers 'boo' the Department of Education is going to stop an investigation," Edwards said.

The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission also is investigating the University at Edwards' request. She sent letters to both federal departments

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## Guthridge admits mistake in confronting basketball referee

By Brian Golson  
Staff Writer

Assistant men's basketball coach Bill Guthridge has acknowledged that he made a mistake when he confronted a referee after the NCAA Final Four semifinal game between UNC and Kansas University Saturday night.

In a statement released Monday night, Guthridge said he confronted one of the officials because he was upset that head coach Dean Smith was ejected from the game with 35 seconds left to play.

"I regret having said anything to one of the officials as we were going to our locker room following last Saturday night's game," he said in the statement.

The scuffle occurred after an off-duty police officer pushed him, Guthridge said.

"I never cursed, touched or threatened anyone," he said. "But I did make a mistake. I was pushed by a security officer, which caused others in the hallway to gather around. However, I was then able to continue on to our locker room."

John Swofford, UNC athletic director, said in the statement that he believed the incident was a relatively minor issue that had been blown out of proportion. But he would report the incident to the National Collegiate Athletic Association, he said.

"Coach Guthridge knows he should not have said anything to the officials following Saturday night's game," he said. "I think this was a minor incident which has simply gotten too much attention."

Guthridge and Swofford could not

be reached for comment Tuesday.

According to an article in The Indianapolis News on Monday, referee Pete Pavia was approached by Guthridge and asked an officer to "get this coach off of me."

Pavia called two technical fouls on Smith during UNC's 79-73 loss to Kansas.

Off-duty Indianapolis police officers Scott Teagarden and Stephen Fogelman, who escorted Smith from the game when he was ejected, were escorting Pavia from the court when the incident oc-

curred.

Fogelman told The Indianapolis News that he heard Pavia ask for help and responded by stepping in front of Guthridge and saying, "Leave this official alone."

Fogelman said the coach continued to yell, so he grabbed Guthridge with both hands and told him again to leave the official alone. Fogelman said that Guthridge then cursed at him, but Guthridge denied the claim.

Guthridge said that after several moments of confusion, he was able to

lead the team into the UNC locker room.

The Indianapolis News reported there was no evidence that Guthridge made any physical contact with Pavia.

Teagarden said he stepped in front of UNC players who were running toward Guthridge and stopped them from becoming involved.

Jim Delaney, NCAA Division I basketball chairman, said the incident would be reviewed. "If it is determined that action needs to be taken as a result of the investigation, it will be announced at that time."

## BOG members-elect talk about system budget cuts

By Jennifer Dunlap  
Assistant University Editor

Newly-elected members of the Board of Governors said Monday they were looking forward to taking office, despite the budget crisis the UNC system faces.

The N.C. General Assembly recently chose 16 new BOG members who will begin their duties July 1.

Alex Hall, former House Financial Committee Chairman, said the UNC system could not avoid having its budget cut because the state's budget outlook is so bleak.

"What I don't want to see is what's generally perceived as a superior university system become a mediocre system because of the financial problems the state has found itself in," Hall said.

But Hall said he had ideas for how the damage from the cuts could be minimized. "I would like to see various campuses in the system become more involved with the communities and regions it serves," Hall said.

For example, if a UNC-system school placed professors on the boards of non-profit community organizations, those organizations might help the school financially in the future, he said. "I think it would pay off because the university (system) can expect more from the community and they can support each other," Hall said.

Fund-raising efforts by the individual system schools will be necessary to offset the budget shortfall, Hall said. "I don't see any other way to do it."

Former Lt. Gov. Patrick Taylor, who was speaker of the N.C. House of Representatives in 1965-66, said he thought each system school would have to do the best it could with the money it received from the state legislature. "I think they are all in the same leaking boat together."

Taylor said BOG members should work to help the system schools get what they needed. "The role of the BOG is to act as a catalyst for them all," he said.

Joseph Stallings, a former UNC-

CH student body president, said he thought it always was difficult for universities to operate with limited funds, but the system should not be spared from the state's "belt-tightening" nor should tuition be increased.

Marshall Rauch, a former chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, said he thought it would be inappropriate to comment on the budget problems the University is facing because of his former role in the Senate.

But he said his 24 years of experience on the Senate Committee on Higher Education would help him in his role as a BOG member.

Barbara Wills-Duncan, a House minority appointee, said she wanted education to remain affordable for people in North Carolina. She would not support measures that would go against the original concept of a unified system, she said.

"I would not want to look at anything that would undercut it at all."

Earl Danieley, who was re-elected to the BOG, said he would review the mission statements of the 16 UNC-system schools. "That's going to be a sizable job," he said.

System President C.D. Spangler requested a statement from each university's officials about their plans for the next 10 years.

Hall said he wanted BOG members to implement strong incentives for superior teaching which would resemble the incentives professors now receive for research and publishing. But he said he was not downplaying the importance of research.

Hall said the UNC system should interact more with North Carolina's community colleges and public school systems to combat problems that place North Carolina low in national test score rankings.

Stallings said he could not discuss minority retention on an official level because he has not taken office yet.

But he said, "My feeling is that the policy of the Board of Governors should be to do everything possible to increase minority hiring and retention."

## Future freshmen not being told about cuts

By Mara Lee  
Staff Writer

Prospective freshmen are not being told about the budget cuts in campus tours or information meetings unless someone asks about them.

The campus wide information session follows smaller tours led daily by UNC students. Together, the tours and session last two hours. The budget problems were addressed only in the last 10 minutes of a session held Tuesday and not at all during one tour.

In the information session one parent asked Anthony Strickland, associate admissions director, about class size.

"We are experiencing a lot of debate about the budget for the University," he said. "As of now, it has not had discernible effects. Enrollment is up by .2 in English classes."

"What they (the General Assembly) are discussing would have an effect. It's a tradeoff. If they get rid of all the TAs, all the classes will be taught by full professors, which seems to be important to a lot of people."

Members of the General Assembly

now are discussing how to cut the UNC system's budget by \$59 million for the next fiscal year.

Tour guide Angela Buckner said only one visitor has ever asked her about the budget problems. She said she was asked, "Could you get enough classes to graduate?" by one parent.

"I just explained to them that we have had budget cuts in the lower-level classes, and we don't know what impact it was going to have," she said. "I don't think it's necessarily something that needs to be emphasized, but if someone asks a question, I don't think it needs to be downplayed."

Tour guide Stephanie Massey said, "90 percent I talk and 10 percent is questions." She's never been asked about the budget cuts, she said.

Angela Crisp, a sophomore from Gastonia, said she went on a tour last week to see how much tour guides were mentioning the budget cuts. "I know it's their job to sell the University, but it's their job to be truthful, and the truth is the University is suffering."

The only way budget cuts were addressed was as a reason why all resi-

dence halls weren't air conditioned, she said. "Not just financially, but emotionally as well, there are problems. Everything is not Carolina Blue skies here."

Strickland said, "We will get an occasional question about budget cuts. A lot of them (prospective freshmen) are on the East Coast tour which takes them through Charlottesville. Every state school, especially good state schools, is getting publicity on this."

"Carolina is the type of place where this is out in the open; people are discussing it. It can actually be a selling point in terms of the bond it creates in people."

Buckner said admissions officials told the guides, "When a question is something you need to answer negatively, also answer with a positive."

Strickland said, "We tell our tour guides to answer questions as forthrightly as they can. It's all right if someone decides to go somewhere else for the right reason, it's not OK if they choose to go somewhere else for the wrong reason."

Strickland said thinking Carolina was unmanageably large was the wrong rea-

son for not attending UNC.

Buckner said, "I don't think people inside North Carolina will be surprised by budget cuts."

Strickland said 90 percent of students on spring tours each year were out-of-state juniors. "It seems as if the whole East Coast has passed through Chapel Hill this week and last week."

During the tour, one parent asked Massey, "Are they very strict about dormitory hours?"

Massey said, "Actually, they really are. The RA is your friend, but they also make sure the rules are enforced."

A few asked questions about academics. "How about getting classes as a freshman? Pretty tough?" a father asked.

Massey said, "I have not had a problem getting any of the classes I wanted."

A parent asked, "What percentage (of students are from) out-of-state?"

Massey said, "It does seem like there are a few more in-state students since it is a public school — I don't know."

## UNC student, dental professor suing publishers for promising \$10 million

By JoAnn Rodak  
Staff Writer

When Ed McMahon announced in a January letter that a UNC senior had won \$10 million in the American Family Publishers sweepstakes, he didn't really mean it.

Tonya Sharpe now is suing American Family Publishers in a U.S. District Court. She claims she was led to believe she had won the million-dollar sweepstakes.

Dr. Donald Warren, UNC Kenan dentistry professor, received a similar letter about the same time and has also filed a lawsuit against the magazine publishers.

"It seemed pretty clear," he told the (Raleigh) News and Observer Friday. "It had my name there and said, 'You just won \$10 million. Just send this in.'"

An employee in the Department of Dental Ecology said Monday that Warren was not taking phone calls about the lawsuit. Sharpe did not return phone calls Monday or Tuesday.

After receiving the letters, Sharpe and Warren tuned in to "The Tonight Show" Jan. 27, each expecting to hear McMahon announce their name as the \$10 million winner.

Sharpe also told her family she was going to be a millionaire and to watch the show that night.

But McMahon did not announce either of their names.

"I went to bed depressed," Sharpe told the N&O. "Now, I'm very angry. I'm the kind of person that when you tell me something, or promise me something, I expect it. And I do the same."

Warren's wife and daughter, who

also received letters telling them they had won, have filed suits against the company.

Marie Sides, a Durham attorney, is representing Sharpe, the Warrens and other local residents in suits against the company.

According to N.C. law, "If someone promises a prize — saying 'Congratulations' or 'You've won' — you must get the prize in 10 days. People were sent a letter but never got a prize," Sides said Monday.

N.C. law states that the practice of not delivering something that has been promised is deceptive and unfair, Sides said. "I'm looking at the law and applying it to that practice."

David Carlin, a spokesman for American Family Publishers, refused to be interviewed.

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TODAY: Mostly sunny; high in 60s  
THURSDAY: Sunny; high in 70s

#### ON CAMPUS

Sleepout with the Homeless from 5 p.m. until dawn in the Pit, part of Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week.

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Traffic signals in New York are just rough guidelines. — David Letterman