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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES BOT reviews Duke's fiscal structures

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As other universities announce cuts for budgets impacted by the economic crisis, Duke's Board of Trustees spent the weekend culling information about—rather than passing resolutions on—the underlying structures that have kept its finances relatively secure.

“There is a fact that we are in a very challenging financial time for everyone,” Chair Robert Steel, Trinity '73, said in an interview with The Chronicle Saturday. “The good news is that Duke has been very prudently and conservatively managed from a financial perspective for quite awhile. No. 2, we also have very, very good day-to-day controls. And the combination of having been managed prudently and having good controls puts us in a position of having to work through the current challenges as well as one can.”



Robert Steel

Although officials have said they anticipate that more students may seek financial aid, this need will be cushioned by the 2005 Financial Aid Initiative, which has reached its overall \$300 million goal.

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Associate head coach Chris Collins can't bear to watch No. 4 Duke's stunning 81-73 loss to Michigan Saturday.

## Duke struggles from long range in first loss of year

BY SAM LEVY  
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ANN ARBOR, Mich. — What a difference 15 days can make.

Just two weeks after defeating Michigan in the 2K Sports Classic final in Madison Square Garden, No. 4 Duke could not contain the Wolverines' Princeton-style offense the second time around, falling 81-73 in a sold-out Crisler Arena Saturday. It was the Blue Devils' first loss of the season.

Playing in an atmosphere usually reserved for football games at Michigan Stadium, the Blue Devils (8-1) shot 21.2 percent from 3-point range and missed countless open shots in their second road game this week against a Big Ten opponent.

“We knew they were a good team. They played with us for most of that [2K Sports] game, and we pulled away at the end,” junior guard Jon Scheyer said. “We've played hungry all year, but today I don't think we played hungry.... I don't know what it was about this game.”

While the Blue Devils were able to create separation from Michigan (6-2) in the second half of the team's first meeting in New York, this time the Wolverines were able to distance themselves from Duke

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## Duke grad to be VA secretary

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Retired Army Gen. Eric Shinseki, Grad '76, will serve as President-elect Barack Obama's secretary of the veterans affairs department, The Washington Post reported Sunday.

Obama announced Shinseki's appointment Sunday at a news conference recognizing the 67th anniversary of the Japanese attacks on Pearl Harbor.

“When I reflect on the sacrifices that have been made by our veterans and I think about how so many veterans around the country are struggling even more than those who have not served—higher unemployment rates, higher homeless rates, higher substance-abuse rates, medical care that is inadequate—it breaks my heart, and I think that General Shinseki is exactly the right person who is going to be able to make sure that we honor our troops when they come home,” Obama told NBC News' Tom Brokaw in an interview taped earlier for broadcast Sunday on “Meet the Press.”

Shortly before U.S. troops were deployed to Iraq,

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Retired Gen. Eric Shinseki, Grad '76, was named President-elect Barack Obama's Veterans Affairs secretary-designate Sunday.

## DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS Admissions plan offers flexibility

BY BEN COHEN  
THE CHRONICLE

In the last five years, college athletics recruiting has become an enterprise, and to keep up, coaches are forced to offer scholarships earlier than ever.

The University approved a change in admissions policy this year to afford coaches of Olympic sports more flexibility in the timeline of offering scholarships and admitting reaches and stretches.

The policy's revision will not affect the number of total players on any team or the number of total athletes at the University. Instead, it will only impact the number of athletes in one particular team's class.

For example, a coach of a non-revenue scholarship

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## w. basketball

Duke creates separation in the second half in a home win over Michigan, SW PAGES 2-3



## happy holidays

The Chronicle wishes everyone a successful finals week and enjoyable Winter Break.

