

# News

## Fees

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\$376 to \$384 per semester for full-time in-state students, and from \$3,523 to \$3,594 per semester for full-time out-of-state students.

"The legislature sets the tuition fee," said Foley. "The legislature is in the second year of a biannual budget and has already approved a two percent increase in tuition for 1998-99. That increase will stand unless the legislature changes what they did last year," he said.

On-campus housing costs are also slated to rise next year, with the largest increase coming for those who live in Founder's Hall. The cost of a space in Founder's Hall is currently \$825 per semester, but will rise 12.1 percent to \$925 in 1998-99. The cost of a space in Mills Hall will rise 10 percent from \$920 to \$1,012 next year.

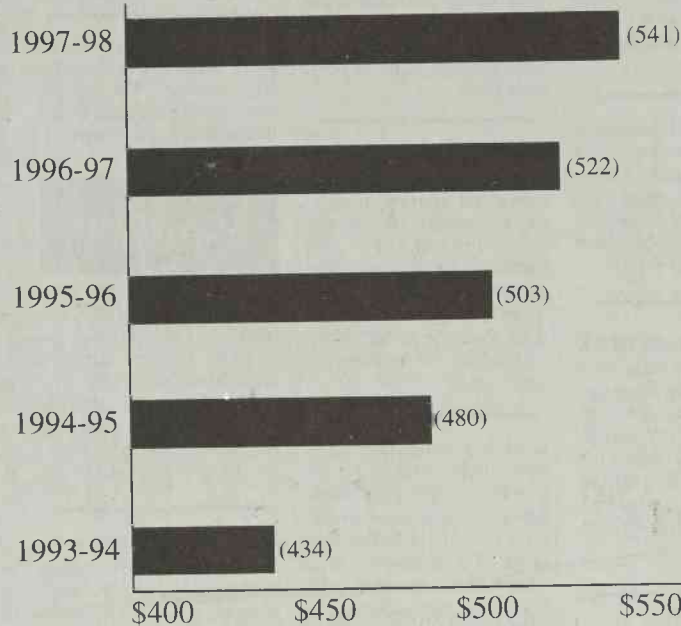
A single occupancy room in the Governor's Village will rise in cost from \$1,100 to \$1,150, an increase of 7.4 percent.

South Ridge rooms will see the smallest price hike, with a 5.1 percent increase, from \$980 to \$1,030 per semester.

"We have some major repairs in the residence halls," said Foley. "We're installing fiber optic systems in the halls, upgrading fire alarm systems, and are installing an air conditioning system in Founder's Hall."

"Therefore, there will be an increase in room rates," Foley said. According to Foley, the increases

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in housing costs for 1998-99 are unusually high.

"I do not expect increase in the next couple of years to be as large as this year," said Foley. "Our room rates have been increasing at two to two and one-half percent a year rather than the proposed higher increases this year. I expect the increase will be back in the two or

three percent range in the next couple of years," Foley said.

The cost of meals in the cafeteria are also slated to rise approximately three percent for the 1998-99 school year. According to the Office of Financial Affairs, the price of a 12-meal board plan will increase \$30 from \$965 to \$995. The price of a 15-meal board plan will also in-

crease by \$30, from \$980 to \$1,010. The 19-meal board plan will increase \$35 next year, from its current price of \$1,005 to \$1,040 per semester. "The three percent increase in our food service contract is based on the inflation rate of food, which has gone up historically three and five percent each year," said Foley.

## Changes

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whether or not we talk about the rest of the world," he said.

Another proposed modification under consideration of the Faculty Senate is changing the course number for Humanities 224 to Humanities 324. The change is intended to encourage students to take the four humanities courses in order, and to prevent community college transfer students from replacing the 300 level course with a transfer course.

"It is not going to make the course more difficult," said Downes. "We are just clarifying expectations that have always been there, and describing it more accurately."

Mullen is in favor of changing the humanities course numbers so that transfer students must take the third humanities course.

"The humanities core is a central part of the general education here at UNCA. Carrying a UNCA degree should require you to take at least half of the humanities core," said Mullen.

Although the proposed changes in course numbers, titles, and descriptions have not been implemented, the introduction of a new series of textbooks is already in progress.

The new series of books, *The Humanistic Tradition* edited by Gloria K. Fiero, is already being used by this semester's Humanities 124 classes, and will be phased in to

replace the textbooks currently in use.

"We have a really neat, new textbook for all humanities classes, and it will be phased in gradually," said Downes. "We like it because it integrates a lot. We are really pleased with it in Humanities 124, and we expect it will work well in the other three courses also."

Mullen said that the new series of textbooks does not take enough of a global approach.

"It is lacking in history. It does not provide enough historical background, but it is really interdisciplinary in terms of art, music, and culture, and it has a lot more about Asia," said Mullen. "I think it will be a transition textbook. I do not think it is where we are going to finally end up."

According to Mullen, the question of how to develop a humanities program that is inclusive of humanity without eliminating essential components of Western history has been the source of much debate among the faculty at UNCA. "Some of the biggest fights in the last 10 years on many campuses have been over the requirement of non-western components," said Mullen. "We are committed to much until we get emotionally involved."

"There does need to be campus talks about how the humanities should be taught," Mullen said.

## Child

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Jones said that before proceeding with any long range plans such as an on-campus child care center, the actual child care needs must be determined.

"An on-campus child care facility may not be the best solution," said Jones. "It is only one of many different long-term options."

Marshall said that SGA is currently considering the establishment of a child care information kiosk, and is currently in the process of gathering child care information to go in the stand.

The SGA child care forum will be held in the Laurel Fourm on Wednesday, Feb. 25 at 7 p.m. No reservations are required, and child care will be provided for children of all ages.

## SGA focuses efforts on smaller, attainable goals

By Nicole Miller  
Staff Writer

In an effort to get more of its legislation accepted by the UNCA administration, Student Government Association (SGA) leaders are focusing their efforts this semester on smaller goals than those sought by student governments in the past.

SGA Vice President Tiffany Drummond believes that the problem with getting SGA legislation accepted by past UNCA administrations was that many previous SGA proposals were unrealistic.

She has urged student senators to focus on smaller bills, as they are more likely to receive approval.

"I have pushed the senators this year to do things that are realistic," said Drummond. "The past several years there have been senators that every year push things like open parking and having the library open 24 hours a day."

However, she says that such proposals are usually unfeasible due to lack of funding and manpower.



Tiffany Drummond

"I think that students say that SGA does not do anything because we cannot do the big things that they want to see," said Drummond. "But I am not sure that students realize the real extent of the things we can get done."

SGA is currently working on projects such as making parking ticket fees more uniform, and devising a way for various organizations on campus to join forces on funding and planning campus activities.

Drummond believes that if SGA gets some small bills passed through the UNCA administration, they will have a better chance of getting larger bills approved later.

Drummond said that the current UNCA administration is generally receptive to SGA proposals, and tries to implement as many as practically possible.

"Overall, I think the administration takes us seriously," Drummond said. "Patsy Reed and Eric Iovacchini will sit down and listen to us and consider what we have to say."

According to Drummond, the past SGA was successful in getting the administration to address the frequent student request for a 24-hour library.

University Librarian Malcolm Blowers kept the library open several hours past the normal closing time of midnight. Blowers filmed students who entered past midnight,

and found that only two or three students took advantage of the new hours.

"He was willing to pay people to work and keep the library open later if we were willing to use it," Drummond said.

## Jump Around



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Jump, Little Children held a concert at Be here Now on Feb. 12. Band members Matt Bivins (right) and Jay Clifford (left) attract UNCA students to their shows each time they perform in Asheville.



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