

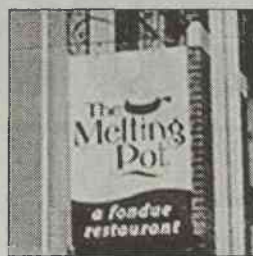
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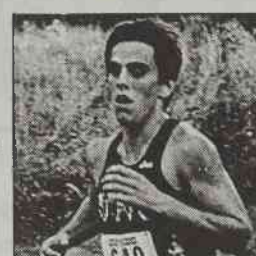
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Tuition may increase by \$600

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Some of the money that could come from the increase in UNCA's tuition by \$600 over the next three years will go to academic programs to purchase new equipment, according to Chancellor Jim Mullen.

The board of trustees at UNCA recently approved a tuition hike that would increase tuition an extra \$200 per year over a three year period, totaling \$600, beginning Fall 2001.

Most students knew nothing of the increase, or that it was even being considered.

"It is not fair of the university to do this and not talk to the students about it," said Sari Janczlik, a junior international sociology major.

All the money generated by the increase at UNCA would go to enhance the student academic experience, both inside and outside the classroom, rather than increasing faculty salaries, according to Chancellor Jim Mullen.

"All funds generated by this increase would go directly into the academic programs and student services," said Mullen. "No funds from this increase (will) be directed to athletics or salary increases."

Mullen said he did meet with several student groups on campus.

"I (spoke) informally (and) formally with over 100 students," said Mullen in an e-mail. "I met with Student Government Association, orientation leaders, resident assistants, recreation student staff and ambassadors."

There are 3,125 students enrolled and 80 clubs and organizations at UNCA this year, according to UNCA's Web site. Some students said that while it was good to talk to groups such as SGA and RAs, a meeting of the general student body would have been appropriate.

"This gives the message that the opinions of select groups, such as RAs, are what count, and that the opinion of the

average student body does not," said Brian Lovern, a senior atmospheric science major.

Informing students "would have been the professional thing to do," said Lacey Childers, an undeclared junior.

The recommendation for the tuition increase was sent to the University of North Carolina Board of Governors for review, where officials said it should pass and be implemented beginning next year.

"The tuition initiative holds outstanding potential to enhance academic and student life at UNCA," said Kevan Frazier, visiting professor of history. The increase "will be an effective way to support our academic mission as we continue to offer one of the best liberal arts education in the nation."

The increase is expected to generate a total \$3,362,000 for UNCA. Dividing the total up, \$552,000 will be for revenue for the univer-

sity its first year, \$1.10 million its second year, and \$1.7 million in 2003-2004, according to Phillip Weast, Assistant Vice Chancellor.

Several other UNC schools have had similar increases in tuition. UNC-Greensboro recently became the first UNC system school to approve a tuition increase during the 2000-01 school year, according to Weast.

At UNCG, tuition will increase by a total of \$300, \$75 per year for four years. Of the increase, 60 percent would supplement faculty and staff recruitment and salaries, 29 percent would fund student aid, and the remainder would go to boost student services, said UNCG Associate Provost Alan Boyette in an article in UNC-Chapel Hill's *Daily Tar Heel*.

UNC-Chapel Hill, N.C. State, UNC-Charlotte, East Carolina University and UNC-Wilmington have already approved a tuition increase, and officials at UNC-Pembroke and Appalachian

State University also have tuition increase proposals in the works, according to the *Daily Tar Heel*.

Of the increased revenue, forty percent would go to classroom and instructional support. This includes money for programs such as Teaching Fellows, the Honors Program and undergraduate research according to Eric Iovacchini, vice chancellor of student affairs.

In addition, this revenue provides funds for the purchase of new scientific and academic equipment for various departments.

Of the new funds, thirty-five percent will be used for student support services, such as providing increased assistance for students with disabilities, additional career counseling services and expanding multicultural programming.

In addition, money will be available for additional on-campus jobs for students, according to a UNCA press release.

The remainder of the funds will be set aside for students receiving need-based financial aid, insuring that the tuition increase is covered for all of those students, according to Mullen.

"This one of the most important parts of proposal," Mullen said.

Ryan Southern, SGA president, and Kevin Brinson, SGA vice president, both said at the Board of Trustees meeting that UNCA's student body supports the increase.

"I can speak for the entire student body to say we support this," said Southern to the Board of Trustees.

After hearing about the increase, some students said they do not mind paying the increase as long as the money goes back to student services.

"If paying an extra \$200 a year allows me to have access to better equipment, then I am willing to pay (the in-

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Inauguration stirs protest

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Several UNCA students went to Washington, D.C. Jan. 20 to protest the inauguration of President George W. Bush.

"I went to the protest because the way Bush was elected is undemocratic, and I think he was selected rather than elected," said Summer Starling, a junior ecology and creative writing major.

"I think that if Bush had respect for democracy, he would concede."

Estimates show that there were around 20,000 people who attended the protest, according to an article in the *Asheville Global Report*. Demonstrators were allowed to gather along the streets during the inaugural parade.

"It seems like he was elected because of who he is and because of his corporate connections and money interests," said Heidi Plowe, a junior environmental studies major.

Protesters attended the inaugural parade for different reasons, according to Starling.

"Some people were there in opposition to the death penalty, Bush's environmental policy or women's rights," said Starling. "Protesters outnumbered supporters, and generally, the moral was really high."

"Protesters were pretty unified," said Starling.

Those who were unable to travel to Washington held a demonstration in downtown Asheville Jan. 20, bringing in around 45 people to protest the inauguration, according to Elizabeth Allen, a junior causes and consequences of American poverty major.

"I think what we did in downtown Asheville was im-

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Arts 310 gets a new curriculum

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The redesigned Arts 310 curriculum would allow for more depth and create more room for issues related to aesthetics and art, according to Melinda Costello, director of the arts and ideas program.

The faculty is enthusiastic about the changes, according to Costello. However, some students are unaffected by the new curriculum.

"I do not have much interest in the new program," said Colleen Murtaugh, an undeclared sophomore.

"The class is too unstructured and floating in the air," said Wasim Al-Abed, a senior

management major. Costello said she hopes students will have open minds when it comes to judging the revised program.

The new program "is great," said Andrew Hainsworth, a junior political science major.

The previous version of Arts 310 was structured into blocks of four weeks, with each block being primarily focused on one type of art, such as drama or painting, according to Costello.

The revised Arts 310 program is structured around eight questions, each of which addresses the relevance of art, as well as its uses.

"Each question will be

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Fate of parking deck still undecided

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The new 48-space parking deck located across from Zageir and Lipinski Halls, is currently under debate over whether the facility will be for commuters or resident students.

"It should be for commuters, although I do not think (parking is) that bad," said Melinda Huntsinger, a sophomore psychology major. "I have heard from some people that it is sometimes hard to find a parking space."

The parking facility should be completed around mid-April, according to workers from Thorpe Construction.

In the fall 2000 semester, UNCA had 2,094 commuters and 983 resident students,

according to the Office of Institutional Research.

The parking deck is expected to be resident parking, although commuter parking is bad right now, according to Jerry Adams, public safety investigator.

"Despite whether it is residential or commuter, it will add some valuable parking space to that particular section of campus," said Adams.

"Our general philosophy has been not to consider anything permanently dedicated to specific parking," said Tom Byers, executive assistant to the chancellor. "We try to retain some flexibility so that as the campus continues to evolve, we can make needed adjustments."

For the project, money will come from parking fees, such as parking tickets, rather than the bond money granted to

UNCA from the general election held Nov. 7, 2000, according to Adams.

Until the parking deck is complete, "there is a parking area (being worked) on now, just above the parking deck," said Adams. "That area is now available for students to park in, though it is a dirt parking lot. It is a much bigger area than the parking deck."

Another parking deck is in the planning stages, and will probably be placed on the site of the current Physical Plant building.

The proposed deck will tie into the new Physical Plant and dormitory projects, according to Adams.

Parking is "a little crowded, but I can always find a spot," said Dustin Guyer, a freshman environmental studies major and resident of Mills Hall.



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