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## Four percent tuition hike expected this fall

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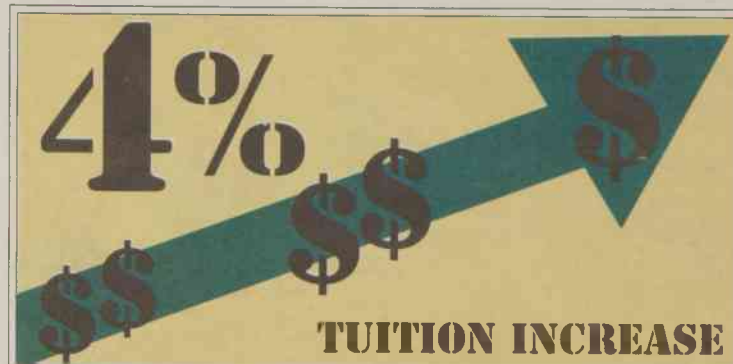
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UNCW expects to implement the second phase of its tuition hike next fall if the Board of Governors and the General Assembly approve an across-the-board four percent tuition increase for all North Carolina Universities.

Undergraduate resident students can expect to pay an extra \$115 annually on tuition bills in the fall of 2001. The increase stems from the Board of Governors (BOG) decision to approve but split the tuition increase suggested by the UNCW Board of Trustees (BOT) last year.

In addition, the expected increase of four percent will most likely be an add-on to tuition bills as well. The out-of state proposal for all universities will be of approximately the same monetary value as the in-state percentage, which is projected at about \$44.

"What prompted those [UNCW specific tuition] increases was a campus based request by our board of trustees. We needed it to accomplish several things most importantly faculty competitiveness," Mark W. Lanier, assistant secretary for board of trustees and special assistant to the chancellor said. "It will not be applied to salaries across the board



Students can expect to see higher figures on their Fall 2001 tuition bills.

but instead to attract and maintain the best possible faculty."

The BOG concluded the projected estimate for next year using data from the National Center for Educational Statistics. All UNC institutions surpassed the averages specified by their Carnegie categories, which divide the 16 universities by their accredited programs, ranging from Baccalaureate I to Research universities. According to the University of North Carolina Association of Student Governments (ASG) Web site, the fact

that universities surpassed the averages set by the board, prompted the call for a four percent increase.

A 44 member advisory board made the four percent increase proposal based on several factors including general fund availability, specific campus generated increases, the ability of individual institutions to manage and direct costs, the consumer price index (CPI), higher education price index and the

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## Many doubt student's claim of affair with Michael Jordan

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Many members of the Wilmington community have questioned the validity of a local student's claim that she had a sexual encounter with former Chicago Bulls basketball player Michael Jordan when Jordan was in Wilmington for the Washington Wizards exhibition in early October.

Twenty-three year old Melissa Kellogg conducted an interview with *Star Magazine* in which she claims that on Saturday, Oct. 7 she and Jordan slept together after meeting at Clarence Foster's bar on Wrightsville Beach. The article, which appeared in the Nov. 7 issue of the celebrity tabloid, states that Kellogg and her friends drank with Jordan at the bar then she returned with him in a nearby beach house.

Jordan, a Wilmington native who has been married since 1989, is the president of basketball operations for the Wizards NBA basketball team. The team came into town on Tuesday, Oct. 3 for a 10-day camp held in UNCW's Student Recreation Center.

Inconsistencies in the story have led



James Flint/The Seahawk

In a recent tabloid article a Wilmington student alleged that she had an affair with Michael Jordan

members of the UNCW community to doubt its legitimacy. The article states that Kellogg is a communications major at UNCW, which is untrue. According to the Student Information System, Kellogg has never been enrolled at the university and Sharon Sandiego of University Relations said that Kellogg is in fact a student at Cape Fear Community College.

Additionally, Frank Trimble of the communications studies department said that there is a notable difference in a communications major and the communications studies major that UNCW offers. While a communications degree focuses mainly on telecommunications, communications studies encompasses more areas of discipline including public relations, interpersonal communications, performance studies, and corporate communications.

"I am not saying that the woman's story is false [but]...perhaps some of Ms. Kellogg's statements may be subject to scrutiny given she both mislead us as to her actual status as a student and, in addition, decided to affiliate herself with a degree program that doesn't exist," Trimble said.

Brian Fleishman, owner of Clarence Fosters, said he could confirm that Michael Jordan was "definitely" at the bar on Oct. 7. However, Fleishman said he could not verify Kellogg's claims and questioned the legitimacy of a tabloid report.

"We [at Clarence Fosters] feel the

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