

# HEW

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## Desegregation progress

until a court case challenging the University's desegregation efforts is resolved.

The case, *Atkins v. Scott*, is on the fall calendar of the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina.

John Sanders, University vice-president for planning, said Tuesday the degree of desegregation achieved by placing the vet school at A&T would be minimal.

"In terms of numbers, when it comes down to racial matters, the impact is not large," Sanders said.

As for the long-term effect on attractiveness to students, "I suppose it would have some effect," Sanders said, "but we can't quantify it."

Friday further objected to placement of the school at A&T on the basis of cost. Although both campuses estimated the cost of the vet school to be \$20 million, Friday said, "we have already built the scientific base at N.C. State." To do so at A&T, "would cost tens of millions of dollars."

Neither Friday nor Sanders could cite specific figures on the cost differential. "No one can give you that figure because no one knows the inflationary cycle," Friday said.

HEW also objected to the delay in formulating a long-term plan for the development of the University system and to other specifics regarding timetables and monitoring.

Friday conceded that delay has been a problem but cited inadequate personnel and the complexity of the plan as obstacles to implementation.

Friday stressed that the only priority item to be fully funded by the Board of Governors for the coming fiscal year was the \$526,000 authorization for desegregation. This should be "clear evidence of the good faith of the Board of Governor's efforts to comply with the state plan," he said.

In terms of net desegregation, University officials noted the University system has exceeded first year goals for increasing minority presence in each institution.

The General Administration had hoped that black students would comprise 3.8 per cent of the student population in predominantly white schools, while white students in predominantly black schools would equal 6.8 per cent of the student population. Both of these estimates were exceeded by .6 per cent.

"This is a significant achievement," Friday



University of North Carolina system Pres. Bill Friday

said when he released the figures August 6. "Yet nowhere in the letter to the governor is this identified."

In Chapel Hill, UNC Chancellor Ferebee Taylor said Wednesday, "So far as I am aware, the University at Chapel Hill is in full compliance with all statutes and regulations administered by HEW."

He noted that the Chapel Hill campus receives \$45 million of the \$60 million in federal funds given to the University system.

"It concerns me," Taylor said, "that funding, including for example federal student financial aid, might possibly be at risk by reason of the present controversy (not directly involving UNC)."

# \$100 increase in tuition could have been worse

by Art Eisenstadt  
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Out-of-state University of North Carolina students, who find themselves facing \$50 tuition increases this semester, have one consolation—it could have been worse.

Last spring, a General Assembly subcommittee proposed raising out-of-state tuition rates by \$300 per year and in-state rates by \$200 per year for students in the 16-member University system.

The proposed increases caught both students and University system administrators by surprise, but both groups started lobbying against the hikes almost immediately after they were announced. In addition to the students and administrators against the increase, the North Carolina House also eventually opposed the raises.

As a result, the issue became one of the last planks of the state's two-year, \$6.6 billion budget to be settled between the two houses of the Assembly.

"The tuition hike was very controversial from the beginning," Sen. Charles Vickery, D-Orange, said recently. One of the few members of the Senate to totally oppose any increase in tuition, Vickery said, "I don't think the proponents (of the increase) seriously thought they were going to get that large an amount."

Had the original proposals, announced April 4 during a meeting of the Senate appropriations subcommittee on higher education, gone into effect, students at the 16 University system campuses would have paid an additional \$36.1 million in tuition during the 1975-77 biennium.

University officials estimate that the increase eventually enacted—\$100 per year out-of-state students—will produce only about \$1 million in additional revenues. Tuition for in-state residents did not increase.

But the increase does not mean the University system will be \$1 million richer.

Instead, the state will presumably reduce its appropriation to UNC by \$1 million.

House Majority Leader Kitchin Josey, D-Halifax, said last week, "Had the tuition been increased more, or not been increased at all, the overall expenditures (of the University) would not have been one dollar different. They would not have gotten a dollar in some other way."

## Money-conscious

The legislature's budget committees were in a money-conscious mood. Unlike the federal government, North Carolina constitution requires the state's budget to be balanced. However, due to the recession, the state's tax revenues decreased significantly.

Although the University system originally requested an appropriation of \$475 million, and the Governor's Advisory Budget Commission trimmed the proposed figure to \$310 million, the legislature's ultimate appropriation was \$279 million.

University system President William Friday said the goal of the legislature was to reduce state appropriations as much as possible. "To the extent that a legislature increases tuition charges or that other avenues, such as rent and grants, increase, appropriations are reduced."

Vickery said high tuition hikes could even end up costing the University system money. Using the Chapel Hill campus as an example, Vickery said, "When you've got 6,000 out of 20,000 students on financial aid, and you raise the tuition, you've got to spend that much more money. I think any gain in revenues would be minimal here."

About \$364,000 of the higher tuition fees will be collected at the UNC-CH campus, but William Geer, director of the Financial Aid Office said he does not think the hikes granted so far will affect the scholarship program here very much.

Geer said when tuition, fees, rent, books, food and personal expenses are added together, the average out-of-state student needs \$4,000 per year to attend school here. "I'm sorry that the legislature felt the need to raise tuition," he said, "but in a budget of \$4,000, it (the \$100 individual tuition hike) does not show up as that much of an expense. Maybe the student would just have to tighten his belt a little bit more."

Statewide, student aid funds have been increased, but, according to Stanley C. Broadway, director of the State Educational Assistance Association, the increase is not due to the higher tuitions.

The assistance associations, which provide loans and grants to students through a distributing agency known as the College Foundation, Inc., works only with North Carolina residents, whose tuition has not been raised at all.

Broadway cited toughening economic conditions as the main factors causing his organization to increase its student aid funds from \$5 million last year to \$7 million this year.

## Aid to private colleges

Also, over the summer, the General Assembly doubled state subsidies to students in private colleges and universities in the state. Previously, the state provided \$200 per North Carolina student to private institutions in the state. This money was then redistributed to students on the basis of need.

Under the new legislation, private

universities will receive an additional \$200 per student, which is to be used to directly offset tuition increases for each student.

Josey said he sensed a tacit support for higher UNC tuition rates during his discussions with representatives of private colleges. He said the private schools appeared eager to narrow the large tuition gap between their own institutions and the public schools.

Dr. Cameron West, president of the North Carolina Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, said his organization did not take an official stand on the university system tuition increases.

"We've recommended narrowing the gap in tuitions," West said. "But we've gone on record as favoring low tuition for public and private institutions."

## Opposition to hikes

After the Senate subcommittee announced its original planned increases in April, opposition from various sources arose almost immediately.

President Friday, the Board of Governors, UNC-CH Chancellor N. Ferebee Taylor and Student Body President Bill Bates all issued statements against the increases. Several UNC student governments, including Chapel Hill, staged rallies protesting the hikes. Bates and five other UNC student body presidents went to Raleigh to testify before the higher education subcommittee.

By the beginning of June, the Senate had trimmed its proposals to \$100 and \$50 yearly hikes for out-of-state and in-state students, respectively. The House, on the other hand, voted to hold firm against any increases. This deadlock eventually produced several bitter exchanges between House and Senate spokespersons.

The two houses finally reconciled their differences on June 24, settling for the out-of-state increase only.

Friday said he felt coordinated student leadership was a major factor in limiting the proposed increases, and added, "The outstanding thing was the very strong opposition of (House Speaker) Jimmy Green. With that, and with the representations made by the students, faculty, alumni and the administration, the effort (to raise tuition) failed."

Another argument against the increase was brought up on the Senate floor by Vickery.

Vickery said the original proposals, which would have raised in-state tuition to well over \$400 per semester, may have been unconstitutional.

Vickery cited Article IX, Section 9 of the North Carolina Constitution, which reads: "The General Assembly shall provide that the benefit of the University of North Carolina and other public institutions of higher education, as far as is practicable, shall be extended to the people of the state free of expense."

The term "as far as is practicable" has been generally interpreted to mean a tuition level of about \$200 per semester, Vickery said. (In-state tuition is actually set at \$292 per semester.)

President Friday said the University's attorneys had not researched this aspect because, "We had not felt the issue had been raised as yet. If an unusually high request was made, we'd look into that."

Both Bates and Friday said they believe the question of higher tuition rates will not be raised again by the legislature before 1977, when a new General Assembly session will begin.

## Rape slide presentation

To remind campus coeds that women are raped in Chapel Hill, two University of North Carolina students have written and produced a slide presentation on rape and its prevention.

Former Association of Women Students Chairpersons Jamie Ellis and Susan Case filmed the presentation with funding provided by the Office of Student Affairs.

The film was needed because of the growing number of rapes on campus, Ellis said, adding that the slides were shot in Chapel Hill as a "constant reminder that it can happen here."

The 30-minute presentation will be shown at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 26, in Room 204 of the Union. After the viewing, representatives of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Rape Crisis Center and North Carolina Memorial Hospital will be on hand to answer questions.

## Recycle The Tar Heel

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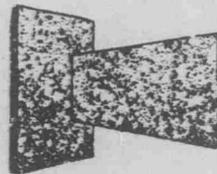


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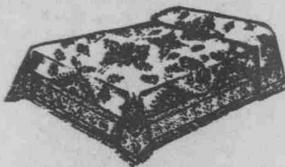


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