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No increase warranted

A proposed \$15-per-year income increase in student health fees will be among several student fee raises likely to be reviewed by the University's Board of Trustees this afternoon. The \$7.50 per-student per-semester, increase was approved Nov. 28 by a 5-4 vote of the Student Health Service Administrative Board and recommended to the trustees' students affairs committee by Chancellor N. Ferebee Taylor.

The health fee increase comes but four months after the \$35 increase approved by the UNC Board of Governors last September. After nearly a year of debate, the trustees recommended the \$35 hike to the governors with the stipulation that the chancellor review current health services. This afternoon, the trustees will have the opportunity to study methods of reviewing the health service's benefits to University students.

A clear lesson has emerged from the controversies generated by the increase last fall and the more recent proposal: planning is a necessary part of health-service administration, and the notion of outspending the national inflation rate doesn't wash as a way of maintaining an adequate service. A lack of planning and a subsequent failure to keep pace with inflation and spiraling medical costs for four years caused what for the University might be an unending controversy. The trustees can end that dilemma today and ensure that it is not repeated.

The Student Consumer Action Union conducted a survey during the first two weeks of January and elicited students' opinions and preferences concerning the Student Health Service. Although the survey comprised only 122 samples and another, wider-reaching survey is planned, SCAU's findings should indicate to the trustees that an annual review of health services is the way to cope with inflation. For example, results suggest that physicians at the health service have been seen by students as being far less essential than nurse practitioners, and that improved eye and dental care are as important to students as the new pharmacy. A thorough and comprehensive survey similar to the January SCAU effort would give the trustees concrete data—in non-technical jargon—about current needs and wants, and not, as the SCAU report asserts, about the needs of students in years past.

The SCAU report also raises the question of alternative financing for the Student Health Service. One method suggested in the report would provide for a refund of health fees to students declining to use the service. This method in itself may be the best solution, but the Board of Trustees should carefully examine it and any other proposals with the potential for ending what promises to be an unending succession of fee increases.

And the trustees should also be leery of tacking on yet another increase to the health fee today. Until the board's earlier recommendation of thorough analysis and review has been fulfilled adequately, no increase is in order.

Registration: not yet

Three weeks ago, we suggested in this space that the international crises in the Middle East soon could take on a personal meaning for young people in the United States. We did not expect that the possibility of reviving peacetime draft registration would become so strong in such a short time. But President Carter, linking the all-volunteer army with perceived weaknesses in American military might, began Wednesday night what is certain to be a long and stormy debate over reviving the Selective Service System.

No one has been drafted in this country since June 30, 1973, when the United States was recovering from a disastrous Cold War-inspired misadventure in Southeast Asia and its relations with the Soviet Union were entering a period of "detente." It is ominous that the president's proposal to revive draft registration came so soon after a new Cold War era was ushered in by the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

President Carter's economic sanctions against the Soviets and his request for a U. S. withdrawal from the Moscow Summer Olympics were appropriate sanctions against the Soviets. But the United States has already shown that it will not use military force to oppose the Afghanistan invasion, and reviving draft registration has nothing to do with the Carter administration's package of sanctions. Instead, it has been called a precautionary measure and signal to the Soviets that the United States is willing to fight against further aggression.

But both the president and the Department of Defense have said that current military strength is adequate for the defense needs of the country, and Carter already has made it clear that the United States will respond with force if its vital interests are threatened. The call for renewal of registration for the draft is a overreaction to a situation that has not yet become urgent enough for putting the Selective Service System into motion—and to an increasing hawkish attitude that has made its way into U. S. policy as well as into election-year rhetoric. It puts a yet unjustified pressure on 18 to 26 year-old Americans.

The so-called precaution of registration would be a large and dangerous step in the direction of war, and it would provide an unwarranted acceleration to the tide of events that seems headed directly toward a showdown and American bloodshed on a foreign battleground.

Cold reality

When Sen. Edward M. Kennedy announced his bid for the presidency last fall, he cited the country's lack of direction as his prime reason for entering the race. There were warnings that President Carter's incumbency and the memory of Chappaquiddick would hinder his candidacy, but with overwhelming support in the polls, the problems seemed minor at the time. The key issue, Kennedy thought, would be leadership.

But after almost three months on the campaign trail, it is uncertain whether Kennedy can provide the leadership he has stressed. Last week, Kennedy's primary supporter in North Carolina switched his support to President Carter, saying the president has shown that he can win the Democratic nomination.

The turnaround reflects the direction Kennedy's campaign has taken since it was launched last November. After his defeat in Iowa, Kennedy ditched plans to campaign for the New England primaries, opting to prepare what he terms a major foreign-policy speech to be delivered this week.

Unless Kennedy can formulate a strong theme for his faltering campaign, the unexpected defeat he suffered in Iowa may become a cold reality in New England.

Coping with the grad student stereotype

By JANE MORLEY

Graduate students are a lost race. They occasionally emerge in the undergraduate consciousness in the form of instructors or teaching assistants in lower-level courses, but most of the time they remain anonymous entities on campus. In hiding. Incognito for the time it takes to get a doctorate.

They are the nameless faces who check out all the books on a particular esoteric subject and keep them out, seemingly for as long as they want. When you are told that a graduate student has the book checked out, you can count on not getting it for at least four years, if not more, especially if he or she is planning to do postdoctoral work. They are the diligent shades who wait out on the steps of the library at 7:45 a.m. to get in and the specters who emerge bleary-eyed and book-laden at midnight.

If you stick around during vacations, graduate students are easy to recognize: they are those frazzled-looking people who mutter four-letter words as they are turned away from the library because it happens to be closed on New Year's Eve. After a while you learn to identify them, for they are the people with the anxious looks on their faces who carry armloads of books around with them because the compulsion to assimilate as much information as possible is so overwhelming. They probably even sleep with the things under their pillows, thinking that "if it's under my pillow maybe the contents will get in my head by osmosis..."

Graduate school. What's it like? First of all, it's expensive; with four more years of tuition, books, fees,

room and board. But the distinctive feature of graduate student life is that it's really schizoid. It's easy to feel torn...in terms of the work I have often found myself being a study nerd, a compulsive nut about information and facts, rather than a mature (or reasonably so), thinking (or trying to) scholar. The nerd/scholar dichotomy is hard to overcome because of the pressures to know, to memorize, to assimilate.

I also have found myself torn between the adult world and the less-than-adult world of being a student again. I spent two years out in the world exploring such options as materialism, marriage and the nine-to-five scene. I grew up. I survived. But here I am back in a part of the world where it's hard to be taken seriously or treated as a reasonably mature adult. If you are a student, many professors still treat you like a kid, even if you are coping with life better than they are.

Being a woman is another trip in itself in graduate school. Aside from the blatant sexism which unfortunately still exists among some professors and even fellow students (the "what's a pretty lil' girl like you thinking deep and profound thoughts like that?" mentality), it's easy to feel torn between wanting a social life and wanting a doctorate. When Mom calls it's not "How's your thesis coming dear?!", it's "Have you met a nice law student yet?" You learn to cope by taking celibacy vows and convincing yourself that reading Dobzhansky is much more interesting than conversing with any man you happen to know at the time.

Pressure...trying to resolve the nerd/scholar conflict...trying to retain hard-won maturity in a kid's world...overcoming traditional roles and patterns to achieve a goal...

Last semester I devised a scheme of coping for women

graduate students and a way of financing the rest of my graduate studies. I was going to start a service called "Rent-a-Husband" from which women students who could not longer cope with the crazy world of graduate school and remain consistently stable, well-fed and rested could take out a rental contract for a certifiably stable husband. He would provide financial and emotional support, cook nourishing meals, provide a regular sex life and a nightly pat on the head with a comforting "You're a good scholar, Jane, good scholar." Upon completion of her doctorate, she could return the rental husband and get back her deposit if he had not been too badly abused.

My friends liked the idea. My woman friends, that is. My male friends thought I would have a rough time recruiting rental husbands. Damn. I started thinking again.

Then it began to happen. After a year of graduate school, both my friends and I were coping. The anxiety lessened, the conflicts began to resolve themselves and the clouds of doubt and intellectual insecurity began to part. We were doing our work and doing it well. I was thinking, creating; I was into my subject so deeply that it had a crystallizing effect on the rest of my life. I sensed I was really going to make it. I scrapped the idea of "rent-a-husband."

Graduate school's not that bad when you find out that you can be a scholar and not a nerd (someday they'll say "She's a lady and a scholar"); you can be an adult in a kid's world (and luckily, sometimes, vice versa) and that Dobzhansky is more interesting than any man you know.

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letters to the editor

University should halt fouling of our nest

To the editor:

Not having been raised with benefit of clergy, it was with some mild surprise that I learned that eternal grace could be located in a fixed manner with respect to the points of a compass. Still, I think "southern part of heaven" is pitching it a little strong; but Chapel Hill is a nice enough place to live and UNC is a pleasant enough campus.

Nevertheless, if that is the appellation the style-conscious University population would like to have stick—and certainly my impression from reading all the letters about our behavior at sporting events is that this population is at least as concerned with how folks from other schools see the Carolina student as with such matters as the safety of the sacrificial athletes—if the reputation and appearance of UNC are of as paramount importance as would appear to be the case, then it is hard to understand why these same students are so thoughtless—not, perhaps, with regard to others (that may be so hard to understand), but with regard to their own domicile and the weekly ritual of trashing this campus. Everyone knows by now that man is the only animal who fouls his own nest, but the constant live-in reminder is wearing. Spanish moss is beautiful; toilet paper on a thousand branches of hundreds of trees is vile, repellent and incredibly prodigal.

You all know how terrible this place looks on Monday mornings. It makes me sick at heart to walk to campus. If the uncongential hoiligans who perpetrate this public defecation won't or can't bring themselves to stop of their own accord, it is still hard to see why the University should merely wink tolerantly. Surely some imposition of the beneficent wisdom of institutional authority is both possible and called for.

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Double-talk

To the editor:

I would like to clarify something which appeared in "Room to live?" (DTH, Jan. 25). The DTH quoted Granville Towers general manager Melvyn Rinfret as saying the Granville application deadline was moved up this year from Feb. 16 to Jan. 20. What Rinfret apparently failed to mention is that Granville residents were not notified of this change. As a result, residents who submitted



applications only six days after receiving them on Jan. 15 have no place to live during the next school year.

What Rinfret will not admit is that Granville broke precedent in this matter and was extremely unfair to its residents. In a letter to all residents concerning reapplication, Rinfret mentioned on Jan. 20 deadline. In fact, the only date mentioned in the letter was Feb. 16.

In the past, Granville residents have taken for granted that room was reserved for them if they simply reapplied. The breaking of this precedent without warning is the reason that a large number of Granville residents, many of whom have lived at Granville for two years or more, are among the 347 persons on a waiting list.

Futhermore, Jan. 20 was a Sunday and the Granville business office closes on Friday afternoon. How can you set a deadline for submitting an application to an office on a day when the office is closed?

Granville Towers does not have a reputation among many of its residents for being fair and equitable in all its practices, and this case illustrates the reason why. I would credit Rinfret for being right about one thing. As he says, the large number of people applying to live in Granville Towers is hard to figure out.

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Greensboro march

To the editor:

As many people already know, there are plans to have a peaceful, non-violent march in Greensboro on Feb. 2 to protest the revival of the Ku Klux Klan, the Nazi Party and the racism which these groups promote. In spite of the difficulty in securing a parade permit, this march has been endorsed by mainstream civil rights

organizations, including the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the local NAACP Chapter and the National Organization for Women.

It seems to me that behind all the controversy about parade permits and civil liberties, an equally important issue is being somewhat overshadowed—the Klan and the Nazi Party are racist and anti-Semitic organizations, publicly preaching hatred against Blacks, Jews and anybody else who doesn't subscribe to their hate-mongering.

I would hope that people could put aside secondary ideological differences for one day, and peacefully come together to show North Carolina and the world that racism and anti-Semitism will not be tolerated by democratic citizens.

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Women's team has what it takes

To the editor:

It is apparent from his letter "Women players don't have what it takes," (DTH, Jan. 24) that Tyre Thompson has about as much sensitivity as Attila the Hun. If the girls on the UNC women's basketball team wish to form a lynch mob, I'll be glad to join.

I had the opportunity to be involved with my high school women's basketball team. I know what it is like to go over a play a hundred times until the coach is finally satisfied. I know what sore muscles and hectic schedules can do to a person. I know how it feels to win, or to lose, after all the hard work it does.

Above all, I know how special the sport becomes to the individual athlete. It doesn't matter whether that athlete is a man or a woman. The victories are just as joyous and the defeats just as heartbreaking.

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To the editor:

I disagree with Tyre Thompson's statement in "Women players don't have what it takes" (DTH, Jan. 24) that women are incapable of playing an exciting game of basketball. It is true that women's athletics lack sufficient fan support, but this stems from the fact that many people do not know how exciting women's basketball can be.

Women's basketball is not boring. The 85-68 score of last Wednesday's game against N. C. State proves that women's basketball is not the low-scoring, slow-paced game that it is often called.

Women's basketball consists of more than just layups. Women can shoot hook shots, make 30-foot jumpers and play fast-break basketball. N. C. State, Clemson, and Maryland draw more fans for their women's games because they realize that women can play exciting basketball. State brought its pep band, cheerleaders, and fans to a recent game, which demonstrates an awesome display of support for the women.

Yes, volleyball, gymnastics, soccer and field hockey are very exciting sports. But they are as dependent on above-average physical ability as basketball is. All sports require that the players be in superior physical condition. These players are not just a group of females trying to function as a team. They are superior athletes who deserve the recognition and respect which they should have been given some time ago.

To the editor:

We are writing in response to Tyre Thompson's letter, "Women players don't have what it takes," (DTH, Jan. 24). His assertion regarding "the incapability of women to produce an exciting game of basketball" is unjustified. The women's game has changed remarkably from that which Thompson described. Women have a wide variety of shots which do not consist of "an unvarying array of layups and set shots."

What exemplifies an exciting game of basketball? A slow and monotonous game of Four Corners or a fast-paced game of strategy based on a thirty-second clock? Because of the thirty-second clock, the physical demands on women are equal to if not greater than those on men.

There was a recent breakthrough in the UNC record books. Until this season, the career total rebounding record was 1,062. It was held by Billy Cunningham, a UNC standout during the early 1960s. The record was broken on Jan. 16 by Bernadette McGlade. It is a record that holds for both men and women at UNC.

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