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State's private colleges to get more funds

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Appropriations committees in both the N.C. House and Senate have recommended that tuition vouchers for students at private colleges be raised from \$1,100 to \$1,150 or \$1,200.

Tuition vouchers are given to every North Carolina resident who attends a private college in the state, regardless of financial need. The legislature began giving tuition vouchers in 1975 to encourage residents to attend private institutions. The per capita grant at that time was \$200, according to Jim Newlin, fiscal analyst for the General Assembly.

Rep. David Diamont (D-Surry), chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, said the grant has risen fairly steadily since then. The private schools are requesting a \$100 increase from last year's grant, and they have a lot of legislative support,

he said.

"The argument is, if we don't help subsidize private colleges in North Carolina, the state will have to expand the UNC system," Diamont said.

The proposed increase would bring the annual expense of the voucher program to \$1,310,000, Diamont said.

In light of the proposed tuition increase for the UNC system, some University student leaders and administrators said Wednesday that the vouchers should not be raised.

The House appropriations committee has recommended a 20 percent increase for in-state tuition and a 15 percent tuition increase for out-of-state tuition, while the Senate committee has proposed an 8.5 percent increase for in-state and out-of-state tuition.

Passage of the House proposal

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A dedication

N.C. Secretary of Transportation Jim Harrington Boulevard, a renamed section of U.S. 15-501, on July 21.

Man sues over UNC admissions policies

By SARAH CAGLE
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A Winston-Salem man is suing the University because his daughter was not admitted, claiming that she should be subjected to the same admissions standards as University athletes.

Don Hall, of 1100 Partridge Lane in Winston-Salem, filed the suit July 20 on behalf of his daughter, Nicole Hall, a 17-year-old graduate of Salem Academy.

He alleged that the University admissions policies are racially and

sexually discriminatory in favor of "male, black athletes." The suit also alleged that the admissions policies discriminate in favor of out-of-state students, children of University employees and children of alumni.

"The University practices discrimination and a double standard in its admissions policies and not only admits but actively recruits male black athletes, most of whom are academically less qualified than she (Nicole) is," the suit claimed.

Mr. Hall demanded that the University admit his daughter and that

the Office of Undergraduate Admissions outline admissions criteria.

He claimed in the suit that the 1988-89 general catalog of the University and a phone call he had with admissions officials led him to believe his daughter would be admitted.

Nicole had a 2.8 grade point average in high school and scored "around 900" on the Scholastic Aptitude Test.

Mr. Hall has also filed a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights,

alleging sexual and racial discrimination and requesting an investigation of the admissions process at the University.

"It's time to reevaluate our priorities and consider that the school is an educational and not an athletic facility primarily," Mr. Hall said Tuesday.

Mr. Hall said that most people realize the admissions discrepancy, but that they are unwilling to challenge it. "Everyone just turns their heads and goes right on," he said.

"I'm not going to just lie down and accept it."

Admissions Director Richard Cashwell declined to comment on the case, under advice from N.C. Attorney General Lacy Thornburg.

Deputy Attorney General Andy Vanore said cases like this one are not uncommon. "The University gets sued a bit, and it's not unusual for someone to allege that they've been denied admission in favor of less-qualified individuals," Vanore said. "We've been fairly successful in defending those."

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House approves building requests

By DAVE GLENN
Editor

The N.C. House Appropriations Committee recommended funding for a new UNC neuropsychiatric hospital, the School of Social Work and the School of Dentistry in a budget plan released Monday.

The Senate, which has already passed its budget bills, has not recommended funding for any of the projects.

The House plan must be approved by the House Appropriations Committee and the full House. If the House approves funding, the Senate could concur or the two chambers could

compromise in conference committee.

Felix Joyner, UNC vice president of finance, said he was encouraged by the House committee's recommended plan of action. "Now, we hope that the conference committee will come down on the side of the house with the most favorable recommendation," he said.

The House budget plan included \$900,000 in planning money for a \$29.8 million neuropsychiatric hospital at UNC Hospitals, \$4.1 million for the School of Social Work building and \$375,000 in planning money

for an addition to the School of Dentistry.+

John B. Turner, dean of the School of Social Work, said he was pleased with the House recommendation. "We've needed a new building for a number of years, and we've been in the planning mode for last two years," Turner said. "We're hopeful that it may be possible for the House and the Senate to come to an agreement that will enable us to move forward with this project."

The House plan also recommended giving UNC hospitals \$3.1 million of the \$4.1 million it requested for

improvements to the fire alarm and sprinkler systems. The rest of the money was targeted for planning the neuropsychiatric hospital. The plan also included \$10 million — far short of the University's initial request of \$29.5 million — for projects remaining in the UNC system's 1988 supplemental budget requests.

The Senate recommended a \$4 million allotment for the hospital to be used for improvements to the sprinkler systems. The Senate also recommended giving no money for the other two projects and instead giving \$7.5 million for the UNC School of Business.