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# Rising tuition costs fight inflation

BY MICHELLE CRABTREE

The Administration released a memo on Nov. 18 entitled "The Deal of the Century," connecting Brevard's 2000 tuition rise to inflation, but indicated the rise "against national trends" due to the "overall" four percent increase.

For 1999, according to the College Board, college tuition and fees rose by an average of 4.7 percent at four-year private institutions. And, the rate

of increase reflected the lowest rise in 12 years.

The tuition and fees for next year, August 2000-May 2001, include a five percent cut in room fees for the older residence halls, a minimal increase for meal plans limited to two percent and a "reasonable" increase in tuition limited to six percent. This all together includes an overall increase of four percent, "well below the national average" for colleges and universities.

"The Chronicle of Higher

Education's" October 15, 1999 issue indicated average college costs for 1999-2000:

- Tuition and Fees at \$15,380 for a resident and \$15,380 for a commuter
- Books and Supplies at \$700 for a resident and \$700 for a commuter
- Room and board at \$5,959 for a resident and \$2,324 for a commuter
- Transportation at \$558 for a resident and \$907 for a commuter
- And Other Personal fees at \$1,054 for a resident and \$1,189 for a

commuter.

These averages total to \$23,651 for a resident and \$20,500 for a commuter.

Other North Carolinian Schools similar to Brevard College also experienced rises in tuition this year, as noted in the accompanying graph. Brevard College has fought inflation or stayed within the ranks when compared to

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# Library stacks electronic shelves, improving access

BY CHRIS FREDRICKSON

J.A. Jones Library, since 1967, has helped students find books and has allowed students to have access to the Internet. Now students will be able to log on to the Internet program NC Live off campus from their dorm or from the various computer labs on campus.

New programs have been added to NC Live to help music, English and outdoor education students. The new additions include an online catalog of the Mountain College Library or MCLN, which includes titles of books from Brevard College, Lees-McRae, Lenoir-Rhyne, Mars Hill, Montreat and Warren Wilson. For music students, the library now has The New Grove Dictionary of Opera, which contains 11,000 award-winning articles and 550 images.

NC Live also has added on the Periodical Contents Index. PCI finds articles that have been written all the way back to 1770. According to PCI, "PCI will eventually encompass 3,500 journals and 15,000,000 articles. Many articles on this program will include the subjects of Law, Education, Psychology, African American Studies and many other areas.

For musicians, the library has also added to NC Live the International Index to Music Periodicals, IIMP. This features an analysis of different styles used by great compos-



Photo of J.A. Jones Library by Mindi Hockenberry

ers from many of the classical music periods. IIMP also goes into in-depth studies on the therapeutic effects of music.

New CD-ROM programs are also available in the library for check out. One is "Hiking on The Appalachian Trail," which has the elevations on various points of the trail and tells about geographic locations on the trail. This specific program details only the Southern Region of the Appalachian Trail, Georgia, North Carolina and Tennessee.

Students now also have access to an updated version of Infotrac, a search engine which helps find online information for student reports and projects.

Mike McCabe, library director of J.A. Jones Library said, "We've had it for years but it is now a different product. However, many students do not use the library electronic resources."

"Out of the whole time I've been here I've been in the library twice. Right now many students probably agree the student who said, 'What is NC Live,'" said Jason Henley.

Many students are not aware of new things being consistently added to the library such as books, videos, CDs, records and computer resources. The J.A. Jones Library offers many references for the students.

# Registration advances to spring

BY LENORA MOODY

Time arrived once again for the "notorious" pre-registration. New students struggled for the first time to fit "this class here and that class there," while upper-level students gritted their teeth and pulled their hair trying to find the right class to fulfill requirements.

Pre-registration started the first of November when seniors reviewed how many hours they needed to graduate. The day progressed when juniors sought their next requirements. The following days involved sophomores struggling with time slots and freshman deciding what would be the best class to take. A total of 577 students pre-registered for spring of 2000.

Registrar Adelaide Kersh said, "The college expects to exceed an enrollment of 580," she said, "The college feels positive about meeting their goal." According to a recent administrative memo, a record 75 students from other colleges will transfer, and 383 students have declared majors, a 70 percent increase.

Kersh began pre-registration

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