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## BOT approves increase in student fees and room and board rates for 2001-'02

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Student fees, room and board rates and construction updates were among the items addressed at the UNCW Board of Trustees (BOT) quarterly meetings last Thursday and Friday.

The BOT approved a slight increase in room and board rates as well as student fees for the 2001-2002 academic year. Both increases were due to the rising costs of providing services to students.

"Room and board rates were increased due to higher labor and benefits and the challenge of getting people due to low unemployment in the area," said Dick Scott, assistant vice chancellor for business affairs.

According to Scott, the higher cost of utilities, gas and oil also made it necessary to raise room and board rates. The average increase for a double room is 6.27 percent, while the average increase for a single room is 5.95 percent.

A \$52 increase in student fees was also approved due to rising costs in general operations.

The increase will help support a three-year plan to upgrade and enhance both indoor and outdoor athletic and recreation fa-



The UNCW Board of Trustees meeting last Friday at Madeline Suite

ilities (\$15); addressing the growing programming expectations and providing funds to meet the anticipated expansion of the university union (\$15); campus recreation and intramural programs (\$10); additional health services staffing (\$10); cultural events, such as lecture series and theater productions, concerts (\$2).

"There has been an increase in general operating costs," said Kay Ward, chair of the

chancellor's student fee review committee. "We're just trying to keep up with the expenses."

According to SGA President Katie Russell, UNCW does not have the alumni resources of UNC-Chapel Hill or North Carolina State.

"It's unfortunate we have to have higher

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## Leutze honored for 10 years of service

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The Board of Trustees, alumni, students and friends of UNCW came together to honor Dr. James R. Leutze for his decade of service to the university as chancellor last Thursday evening.

The reception was held at the Wise Alumni House, which the chancellor was instrumental in restoring and supporting during renovation.

"The chancellor has led us through 10 years of phenomenal progress," said Pat Smith, Executive Director of Alumni Relations. "You can't accomplish what he's done without the energy and the vision that he has. Some people have ideas but they don't come to fruition, Dr. Leutze's ideas go beyond expectation."

According to Smith, an alumnus of Wilmington College, the strides made by the university under Leutze are impressive, especially in looking back to Wilmington College.

Leutze is credited with overseeing exten-

sive growth in the operating budget to \$134 million, more than double the amount available upon his arrival. The university has also experienced a 62 percent growth in faculty and the addition of several new campus buildings, including the Warwick Center, the expansion of Dobo Science Hall and Bear Hall, Center for Marine Science at Myrtle Grove, Student Recreation Center, International and Honors resident halls and the general classroom building.

"He had brought leadership and vision to UNCW that I think is unparalleled in the UNC system," said Margaret Dardess, member of the Board of Trustees. "As a result [UNCW] is an exciting place to be as a member of the Board of Trustees,"



Chancellor James Leutze looks at a painting of a Civil War scene presented to him in honor of his decade of service to UNCW

Leutze has also been responsible for the production of three award-winning documentaries that have increased awareness of the university in the realm of natural environment issues. Included in each was a comprehensive resource guide for public schools.

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