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Board of Trustees requests tuition hike

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The UNCW Board of Trustees has recently voted for yet another hike for in-state tuition for the year 2005-2006. If approved by the University of North Carolina Board of Governors, in-state undergraduate students will be responsible for paying an 11.7 percent increase in their tuition, an extra \$225 for the year. The mandatory fees would also be raised four percent, making mandatory fees total \$1,767.

The cost of tuition would increase 63 percent from what students were paying five years ago.

The purpose of the tuition hike is to lower the student to faculty ratio and decrease class sizes.

The decision to increase tuition was almost unanimous. The only opposing vote came from the President of the Student Government Association and the only student representative on the board, Zack Wynne.

"I believe that UNCW could still find places to cut. I do have some skepticism as to where past tuition increases have been spent because each year the requests discuss the same needs" Wynne said.

The UNCW Board of Trustees then submitted the request for the tuition increase to the University of North Carolina Board of Governors.

Chairman to the Board of Governors, J. Bradley Wilson, recommended placing a freeze on tuition increases.

"It is my judgment that the board should not raise tuition this year and I would urge you to vote against doing so," Wilson said.

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Relay for Life expected to draw 4,000 people



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Men's basketball coach Brad Brownell reviews passing and dribbling technique with junior Taylor Lay. Coach Brownell has been chosen as the Honorary Chairman of the Relay for Life Meet at Ashley High School.

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On April 23-24, more than 500 UNCW students, faculty and staff will join the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life Meet at Ashley High School.

The 24-hour-long fundraiser has teams walking laps at the high school's athletic complex located off Carolina Beach Road. Last year it

drew 3,600 people and raised about \$447,000. The 28 teams from UNCW, with 530 participants, raised \$23,000 in pledged donations.

From among the 160 county-wide teams participating last year, two UNCW teams won top honors. Phi Sigma Pi, a co-ed honor fraternity, took two prizes, "Best Dressed" and "Most Spirited." The Financial Aid Department staff also won two awards, "Best Decorated Campsite" and "Best Team Theme," for their job, appropriate name The Money Runners.

In 2005, UNCW is leading the parade with another honor. Men's basketball coach Brad

Brownell will be Relay for Life Honorary Chairman. "I'm very excited to be involved," Brownell said. "It is a wonderful opportunity to work for such a great cause, to help raise money to fight cancer."

"Unfortunately, we all know someone who has had cancer," Brownell said. "For me, it was my grandfather, who died of prostate cancer."

"I received a telephone call from

Yona Bar-Zeev of the American Cancer Society (ACS) asking me to participate," Brownell said, adding that he'll do whatever he can and whatever his basketball schedule will allow.

"I think we're going to play a game in February with the proceeds going toward the Relay for Life," he said. "And I hope we're going to put together a relay team from our men's and women's basketball teams."

ing to the UNCW liaison from the ACS, Yona Bar-Zeev. "This is growing each year. Last year we raised \$447,000, the year before \$312,000. This year we will raise \$500,000," he said.

Bar-Zeev said anyone wanting to take part in the relay is invited to form a team. He also stressed they shouldn't be concerned about the fact that it is an overnight affair, running from Friday evening to



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Kay Pugh, Chris Wrede, Judy Carter and Kimberly Goerne pose with the scarves and bracelets they have made to sell in support of the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. Pugh and Carter of Financial Aid and Veterans Services and Wrede and Goerne of the Registrar Office will be selling their wares throughout the semester at their offices in James Hall.

Student teams from the Student Government Association, the School of Nursing, the athletic teams, the fraternities, sororities and residence halls, among others, will be taking part in the fundraiser. Also joining them are staff and faculty from many departments. There are teams from the Office of the Registrar, the English and Creative Writing departments, the Cameron School of Business, and the Watson School of Education.

This year's event is going to be bigger and better than ever accord-

ing Saturday evening. "People can stay as long as they want and walk in the relays as little or much as they like," he said. "We have many people who stay only a few hours."

Bar-Zeev, a retired Verizon marketing executive, has been working with the American Cancer Society (ACS) for more than a decade.

"This is also a celebration of life. We want to show people that having cancer is not always a death sentence," he said. "Many, many people survive."

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