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The Front Street Brewery, located at 9 North Front St., serves casual food and nine original beers. Starting April 1, the building, which is over 120 years old and still has the original construction, will be up for sale.

Wilmington says goodbye to Front Street Brewery

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Bar-hoppers, casual diners and beer connoisseurs only have about a month left to enjoy the only brewpub in Southeastern North Carolina. For over a decade, Wilmington's own Front Street Brewery has been welcoming customers with a pub-style menu, while boasting nine personal ales, ports and stouts brewed right on the premises. That will all change as of April 1, when

the famous brewery will be put up for sale by the owner.

The Front Street Brewery, located downtown at 9 North Front St., occupies the Foy-Roe Building, which was built in 1883. All of the original construction still remains, giving the brewery a nostalgic aura. The galvanized tin ceilings, wrought iron railings and pine floor truly set the brewery's pub-style atmosphere. The restaurant is known primarily for its original brewed beers

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UNCW tuition increase is expected to go toward faculty salaries

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UNCW students can expect to shell out an additional \$322 for school next year.

The UNC Board of Governors approved tuition and fee increases for all state universities despite recent congressional cuts to student loan programs.

The increase of 12.15 percent makes UNCW the third most expensive university in the North Carolina school system.

Student Body President Bradley Ballou said the increase was largely

in response to the lack of funding from the state. According to Ballou, \$22 million has been cut from the UNCW budget in the last five years.

Ballou said that the additional \$3.1 million in revenue will go toward salary increases for teaching faculty.

"We lose quality faculty every year because they are attracted to other campuses around the nation and within the system even because of higher pay," he said.

However, UNCW gained 42 teaching faculty last school year, according to university records.

"These new hires were adequate, yes, for entry level teaching positions," Ballou said. "However, most of these 42 new faculty were in response to the loss of so many faculty for reasons like low pay and more attractive salaries at other institutions."

In a letter written to the UNCW Board of Trustees, Ballou said he felt comfortable voting in favor of the increase because of the affordability of federal student loans.

But on Feb. 8, the House of Representatives approved a \$12 billion cut to the federal student loan

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New UNCW Web site getting mixed reactions

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The new UNCW Web site, which made its debut the week of Feb. 10, is getting mixed reactions from students. While some feel that the Web site is a better representation of UNCW, others think the original Web site should not have been changed.

"The new Web site is just designed better," said student Jennifer Turner. "It looks like more effort went into it. The old one made the school seem less prestigious. It just looked like we didn't have the resources to make a decent Web site."

However, students are also complaining about the Web site, saying it doesn't look as professional as others, such as the UNC Chapel Hill or N.C. State Web sites.

"I don't feel like the new Web site looks as professional as the old one did," said student Justine Sgalio. "I just don't think it looks like a college Web site."

At the request of the Chancellor's office, the new Web site was created by UNCW Webmaster Michel



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Ryan Davis looks at the recently updated UNCW Web site, which was unveiled Feb. 10. Reactions have varied, with some student thinking the site looks more professional and some less professional.

Fougeres, University Relations and Mindpower, a marketing firm based in Atlanta.

"The pre-existing page was designed as a catchall design, in terms of audience," Fougeres said. "This new site is driven by marketing goals, primarily for external audiences. In general, I think current students like that their university's Web site now shows off the

excitement that we all feel on campus. Personally, I don't think the pre-existing Web site did as good a job with this."

The new Web site is different from the old site because it offers a "Community and Visitors" section, a slideshow of photos on the homepage that reflect UNCW's seven strategic goals and the "Soaring

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