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Tuition Will Rise Again

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The Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina and the North Carolina General Assembly have once again decided to raise the tuition at all the 16 schools in the UNC System.

Winston-Salem State University students will also be affected by this increase. Although the increase in tuition will only affect in-state students and will raise tuition by 3 per cent or \$11 a semester, some students are not in favor of the change.

"I don't feel tuition needs to go up another dollar, because the services provided for WSSU students are not worth what we are paying," stated Tavares Gould, a sophomore, computer science major.

Vonda Little, a junior, computer science major, was in agreement with Gould's statement. She did not approve

of a tuition increase because the services are not up to par for the money currently being paid to the institution. Since the tuition increase has already been applied to the spring semester bill she says that she expects to have a higher quality of service.

As far as the fees that students are paying now for tuition, in-state students who are full-time (12 semester hours or more) pay \$776 and will pay \$787 with the 3 percent increase. Full-time fees for out-of-state students, \$3,934, will not be affected by the increase.

"Out-of-state students pay an awful lot a semester which is a significant cost considering they have to take care of living expenses which is another \$1,600 per semester added to the cost, so that might be the rationale for the increase," explained Vice Chancellor of Finance and Administration Clementine Cone.

Cone stated that the reason students haven't been billed for the increase until

the spring semester is because the General Assembly did not finalize the increase until late August. The charge will be accessed at the end of the semester. Parents and students were notified at home by mail of the increase in early November.

Although the increase has a small monetary value, a percentage of it will go to support the general operation expenses of the University, faculty salaries and supplies in addition to the support received from the state.

Several students wonder where this particular tuition increase or any increase will be applied in the fee schedule.

"I don't mind paying extra money as long as it goes towards making it easier for us to go to school and receive a better education. If the teachers get a little bit more money they'll feel better and they might teach better," said Casey Forrest, a freshmen computer science major.

Along with concerns of receiving a

better education, students feel that the increase should go towards purchasing more computers, increasing the capability of the computers already on campus and providing more campus Internet services.

Cone also stated that increases for technology as well as health services on campus were brought to the attention of the Board of Governors but they were not approved.

"The Board of Governors did not want to raise tuition that much. They want us to keep fees as low as possible," explained Cone.

Cone stated that although the tuition increase, which will go into effect Spring Semester 1998, will be applied mainly to general operational expenses on campus, there are plans in the making to improve technology and health services here at WSSU.

Nation Celebrates World AIDS Day

SPECIAL REPORT

December 1, 1997, was a special day around the world. People from all walks of life, ethnic backgrounds, sizes and colors celebrated World AIDS Day.

This day was meant to educate the public about ways to fight and deal with HIV, which has infected more than 27.9 million adults and children world wide. The theme of this year's World AIDS Day was "Give Children Hope in a World with AIDS."

The day's purpose was to challenge people around the world to contemplate the long-term repercussions of the AIDS pandemic, without losing sight that AIDS affects everyone. This celebration was organized by the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), a partnership of six United Nations (UN) agencies that were created in 1996.

Here in Winston-Salem, the HOPE

program helps children and parents infected or affected by HIV. At Winston-Salem State University pamphlets, stickers and balloons were distributed to students, faculty, administrators and staff to remind them about the World's HIV Crisis.

In person-on-the-street interviews, several members of the Ram Family were asked, "if they knew the significance of December 1?" Below are some of their comments.

Robin Propst, WSSU Office of Billings and Receivables - "It is a day to raise our awareness about AIDS. It will help to educate our young people. I have a cousin that is infected by the virus and it is hard on the family."

Tammi Johnson, WSSU Registrar Office - "We should all reflect that AIDS is real and does kill and doesn't specify age or ethnic background. We should all be doing more to help find a cure."

Thomas Leach, Manager of WSSU Student Union - "This day is for making people aware that AIDS is rapidly spreading through the world. Also it will alert people to do certain things so that they will not contract the disease."

William Davis, a senior Sports Management major - "This day will help make you more aware about the disease."

Dr. Abhijit Sen, Mass Communications professor - "This day will bring global awareness to AIDS. It will create awareness not just in the United States but around the world."

Ruth Roberts, Student Affairs Office Assistant - "It is a day of recognition for all people who have died and a day to inform and make people aware of AIDS. It will help people learn how to prevent the spreading of AIDS in the

community."

Terri Erickson, a education major - "I didn't know it was AIDS Awareness Day; but to me this means that the world is ready to recognize the disease as a world-wide problem."

Terrail Hargrove, a freshman political science major - "Today is World AIDS Day. The day does serve a special purpose for people coping with AIDS."

Jonathan Smith, a sophomore sociology major - "Today is a time when everyone needs to stop to learn about AIDS and AIDS prevention. It should be more than a day. Many people think the disease will not effect them."

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