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Tuition increase can be justified

With another tuition increase at hand for the academic year 1992-93, many questions are being raised as to where this money is going.

For students who have been here only one year, your questioning is valid and you have a right to know why such an increase is taking place. Any student who has been here at least two years also has the right to know where the money is going. But these students should also notice and recognize the many changes that have taken place on the campus.

In our dorm rooms are now telephones with messageline. Last year, each student had to acquire his or her own phone and answering machine. Also, there is now cable hook-up in each of the rooms. No longer will a student have to pay that monthly cable bill; it has been added right to the tuition bill.

For an educational institution to keep up with the competition, other colleges and universities, there has to be upgraded equipment and facilities. Last year, new computers were installed in the computer lab. Also, for a student to get an excellent education at North Carolina Wesleyan College, there

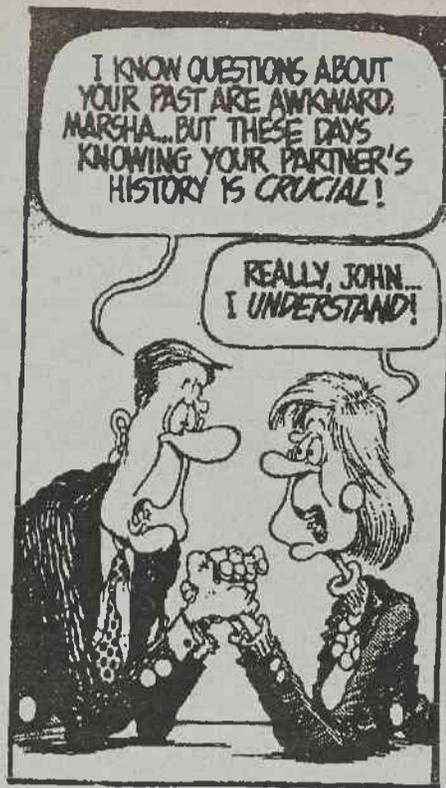
needs to be the finest professors available. These professors and instructors are not going to work for peanuts. Salaries have to be increased or we, as students, might as well say goodbye to our favorite professor.

So as the tuition goes up year after year, don't complain and argue about the increase. Look around the campus and you will easily see the changes taking place.

We have all heard the term inflation, but when it comes to an increase in our college education, we continuously argue. It just seems funny that the price of everything in society is going up, but we still buy these things. Cassettes, compact discs, video games, movies, food, clothing, everything has gone up.

So when something goes up that will be of value to you for the rest of your lifetime, such as a college education, look ahead and see what that tuition increase did for you. While you are in college, it will make your life more enjoyable. And when you get out of college, the money you had to pay out might help you get more money or land a better job.

Something to think about!



Spring break project

The pitfalls of painting

By DR. STEVE FEREBEE

Well, I did it again. I decided to play handyman around the house during spring break. Why won't I learn to stick with the gardening?

My bathroom walls were getting a little mildewy, so I thought I'd roll on a couple of coats of Sherwin Williams semi-gloss interior latex. After working my way through the one million available colors, I paid what seemed like an exorbitant price for a gallon of "exciting new horizons" for my home, and I readied my tools.

Then I remembered that when I moved in and painted originally, I had removed the ugliest wallpaper (that big-flowered, alumi-

num foil stuff) but painted over a lot of bumpy dried glue. So I had to scrape the walls with a putty knife.

I put some loud rock and roll on the stereo and approached my destiny. Scraping layers of paint and dried wallpaper glue turned out to be a bit more time-consuming than I had planned.

My arm felt like I had lifted the space shuttle, my eyes were gritty with paint specks, my hair looked like a Pink Floyd album cover, and I sneezed dried paint

all up and down the hallway. I needed a break.

But after breaks, you need your toilet, and if it is buried under paint cans and rollers and drop cloths, you have a problem.

Sooner or later, I had to get to the job at hand, so I moved everything out, shoot paint flecks into the environment, vacuumed the bathroom, and again covered everything with my drop cloth. I was ready to paint.

...I had forgotten to clean the walls. I got the vacuum cleaner again, zoomed over the walls, and then washed them with soap and water. After stepping into the bucket and spilling water over the drop cloth and down the hall, I

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Dr. Steve Muses

Democrats killed school reform

Dear Editors:

Next time the Democrats claim that President Bush isn't doing anything for education, I want you to know that they are lying. The Democrats in the Senate recently killed a proposal which would have made meaningful improvement to the system taking government out of it. Let me explain.

In the current system, the federal government hands out money which helps local and state governments fund their schools. The local boards control much of the school system, but have to work through an almost infinitely large bureaucracy.

Since the government prom-

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ises to provide education to all students, the government is looking for some way to make the system better than it is. The Democratic solution is to dump more money into the public system as it currently exists. Maybe we could extend the school day or even the school year. In other words, give students more of a bad thing.

The Republicans have a dif-

ferent plan. Instead of relying on the public school system, we want to give out vouchers to students. These vouchers, which represent the amount of money the government would spend on public schools, can be taken to any school at the secondary or primary level. Schools would have to become better and compete with each other. Our current system is a monopoly; most students can't get out and go to the better private schools. Well, this would open up the choices.

Few private schools cost more than the government spends on

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