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Tuition May Jump \$55-65 Next Year

By David E. Griffith

By a recommendation of the Advisory Budget Committee of the North Carolina Legislature, the General Assembly is considering a \$55-\$65 across-the-board tuition increase for resident students and a proportional non-resident increase.

According to Student Body and University of North Carolina Association of Student Governments (UNCASG) President Ron Olsen, the increase is due to a line item in Governor Jim Hunt's 1981 budget. The line item requires a 6.2 million increase in UNC-system revenue.

Bill Friday, president of the UNC system, said, "The UNC system has not had an across-the-board increase since 1971." Friday says the increase

will not go into effect until after the legislature passes the appropriations bill.

UNCC Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs Leo Ells said, "There is no question in my mind that there will be strong support for a tuition increase in the North Carolina Legislature and very little opposition."

UNCASG plans to present a position paper on the tuition increase at its Feb. 13-14 meeting. Olsen said he did not expect the legislature to discuss the increase until mid-March.

Charlotte Mayor Eddie Knox, who heads the Advisory Budget Committee, was unavailable for comment because of recent events in Charlotte city government.



Photo by Debbie Miller

Students found traveling difficult as campus received two inches of snow Friday. Cars were abandoned on Highway 49 and some accidents were reported.

Student Legislature

Campus Affairs considers request

By Chip Wilson

After a seven-week delay, the Campus Affairs Committee of the Student Legislature will consider a request by Black Student Union President Michael Kemp for an investigation into the editorial practices of the *Carolina Journal*.

In a memorandum Sharon Chisholm, chair of the committee, said the meeting will be held in the student government conference room at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5.

Kemp presented his petition to the Student Legislature on Dec. 9, 1980.

In the request, made on behalf of

the Black Student Union (BSU), Kemp lists five reasons for the request.

The first asks for an exploration of "the reasons why on a wide basis the student population does not view the *Carolina Journal* favorably, and why black students in particular are dissatisfied with the coverage provided by our student newspaper of issues directly affecting them."

Secondly, Kemp charges that articles relating to black students are "distorted, with regard to actual facts taken out of context, and edited of valid information."

The BSU petition also asks the legislature to explore various ways of bringing about change within the newspaper. In addition, the letter requests that creation of a new alternative media source be reviewed.

The fifth request asks the legislature "to explore the feasibility of a constitutional amendment that would restructure the composition of the Student Media Board such that it would consist of members elected at-large by the student body with the editors and chairpersons of campus media serving on an *ex-officio* basis."

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UNCC was forced to close at 3 p.m. Friday due to hazardous conditions.