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## Raise Your Voice; Save Your Wallet

So much for being a bargain. UNC has long been heralded as one of the best buys in higher education for its affordable, solid program for both in-state and out-of-state students. Obviously, Gov. Jim Hunt wasn't thinking about UNC's reputation — but only about trying to work with the Republicans who have taken over the legislature — when he proposed his state budget this week.

Hunt has proposed a one-time tuition hike of 3.1 percent for in-state students and an increase of 10 percent per year for three years for out-of-state students at most of the 16 campuses in the system.

Plain and simple, these numbers mean that out-of-state students will not be able to afford UNC and that they will invest their money and talent in their home states, or anywhere else. And that sets the wheel spinning for even lower rankings and fewer students interested in a North Carolina education.

At a time when some professors are calling for the University to relax its policies on letting in out-of-state students, Hunt's proposal only stands to discourage those who want to travel to North Carolina to attend a prestigious and inexpensive university.

Yes, the state's responsibility is to make sure that UNC stays accessible for the people of North Carolina. But in the process, UNC should not and cannot keep prices down at the expense of out-of-state students who contribute to the quality and reputation of our state university system.

The effects of ballooning tuition rates will be felt on all levels. Our school stands to lose the potential and talent of up-and-coming graduate students to institutions more willing to meet their needs.

Already, the skimpy stipends and benefits graduate students receive threaten to turn the most talented students away from Chapel Hill. UNC only has 385 remissions that exempt some

graduate students from paying full out-of-state tuition. While Hunt's plan significantly hikes tuition, it does not provide for more remissions, which means even more graduate students will be paying their bills in full. This, added to the lack of health insurance at the graduate level, makes UNC an exceedingly unattractive place to further an academic career.

And, at the undergraduate level, fewer qualified graduate students means less-gifted teachers in the classroom.

The state is sending out a message that it is not thinking about its universities, especially as this hike is coupled with shrinking raises for faculty and significant cuts in the system's capital budget.

The entire University community must face the budget crisis together. As soon as the new student body president is elected next week, students, faculty and administrators must make themselves heard in Raleigh.

Our delegation — along with every legislator who has a university in his or her home district — must listen and must fight for our needs.

Write to your representatives. Call them in Raleigh. Don't sit by and let the legislature make a decision it can't explain.

Call Fred Hobbs and Teena Little and let them know that tuition hikes this high are not OK. Tell Reps. Joe Hackney and Anne Barnes that they must make UNC's needs a priority. The main number at the General Assembly is (919) 733-4111. Use it.

This campus cannot sit back and let this budget move through the assembly. Hunt and his colleagues must be reminded that the state still has to sell UNC to high school students all over the United States and that the message high tuition sends is one of indifference.

We must teach our legislators that higher education distinguishes our state and that the only way to invest in our future is to keep tuition bills down.

## Out-of-State, Out of Mind

The Board of Governors seems to think that threatening further funding cuts is the best way to make the UNC system safe for in-state students.

At a time when in-state and out-of-state students must witness the quality of their education slipping amid cuts, this plan is simply the wrong way to deal with the problem of overadmission of out-of-state students.

On Friday, at their annual retreat, the UNC Board of Governors voted to penalize UNC-system schools for exceeding the 18 percent maximum of out-of-state students.

Funding cuts would be enacted against offending schools if they enrolled out-of-state students beyond this rigid limit for two consecutive years.

Since 1988, when the BOG first decided to limit the number of out-of-state freshmen accepted, the admissions office has restricted the number of prospective students from outside North Carolina to which they offered admission.

They could rely only on past evidence to predict how many of these acceptees would actually enroll. Now, the Board of Governors plans to penalize UNC for overenrollment beyond its control. The Board of Governors' action will do much to harm the University.

Now, out of fear of further cuts spurred by the possibility of another overenrollment, the admissions office will be forced to drastically lower the number of out-of-state students offered admission.

Students from outside the state, and outside the country, bring diverse perspectives and interests to this university, not to mention a boost to the academic strength of the student body. Their loss would be a tragic blow to the goal of having a diverse University community.

The BOG's penalty of choice, restricted funding, will further harm the University.

Right now is not the time for more funding cuts.

Faculty are facing pay raises below the level of inflation, and departments are looking to see if there is anything left to cut. Facing falling rankings, the University cannot withstand another blow.

Unless the Board of Governors changes this shortsighted policy, it will end up harming the universities it wishes to protect and preserve for in-state students.

In the past few years, the University of North Carolina has attracted more students than even the Office of Admissions could have predicted. Why should the University be punished for being recognized as such a great place?

## BAROMETER

The Week's Opinion in Review

### Free Silver Candidacy

While SBP runoff candidates hit their cash reserves to finance more campaigning, it's encouraging to know that Congress member-elect Bryan Kimzey spent zero dollars to get himself into office.

### Latex Love

During Valentine's Day, we give out chocolate candies, flowers or maybe even jewelry. But when it comes to giving up a bit more, give out one more thing — a condom. Passion need not be bottled up, it simply needs to be wrapped. Like we should with Valentine's Day, make National Condom Week every week of the year.

### Buy Back the Hill

Recent surveys indicate that buying guns can improve a community's safety. That is if residents, such as law student Allen Baddour, are buying them — back. Buy Back the Hill organizers encourage residents to pass over their guns to the police department, and in return they can receive a tidy sum.

### A Hot and Sunny February?

Is there something wrong with the barometer? The rain is miserable; it's cloudy, windy and cold; and people are getting tan. Oh yes, you know Spring Break is definitely on the way when UNC women are spotted sneaking into local tanning salons — one of the few rituals this campus can depend on year after year.

### A Stormy Sea for UNC

We've all heard about the separation of church and state in America. But after hearing Gov. Hunt's proposals for UNC, perhaps we should consider a separation between education and politics in North Carolina. Hunt's proposals are about as academically sound as a 1.5 GPA.

### Extended Forecast

Hey Calvin and Stacey, we know who you are! If you won't spare our campus brickwalks from your unsightly chalk, may Adolph Coors pray for rain on Tuesday. Then our precious walkways will be cleansed with a bath from the Lord.



## Fred X Hall: Racism Remains 'Sugar-Coated' at UNC

When I started graduate school in sociology here at UNC in 1977, my family and I lived in a mobile home park about 8 miles out of town. The setting was bucolic and serene, and though 5 of us were cramped into a 12-foot by 56-foot single-wide trailer, it was located with several others in view of a placid lake. The man who collected our rent was an older black man — a dairy farmer — and his wife was a retired school teacher from the Chapel Hill-Carboro schools. Both were either from Orange County, or had been living here most of their lives. Being from Philadelphia and having the usual stereotypical images of the South, I said to him one day how amicably races appeared to get along with one another here in "The Southern Part of Heaven." This gentleman said something to me I shall never forget: "There's plenty of racism here Fred, but it's 'sugar-coated.'" Today, in 1995, I can bear witness to the truth of what he said. I now know exactly what he meant.

The ongoing embattlement of black Student Body President George Battle, the disgustingly drawn-out appeal of Keith Edwards' case, the mistreatment of Eric Browning, the gymnastics and conniptions required year after year for the Black Student Movement to obtain funding, not to mention the blatantly disproportionate representation in custodial, feeding, and other "caretaking" services of blacks on this campus, all serve to illustrate that UNC at Chapel Hill is nothing more than Plantation 1995. When I was a child, I heard a song entitled "a White Man's Heaven is a Black Man's Hell." Now, at age 47, I know what that is really all about. The "Southern Part of Heaven" for some people is really the "Northern Part of Hell" for others. Take a look at the "Tar Heel" logo. It sometimes is shown as blue in color, but usually it is white, while the heel is almost always black.

What does that connote? What is the deeper symbolic message conveyed? The keeping under the (white) foot of the (black) tar stuck to the heel is simply representative of the true position

of black people at Carolina, in Chapel Hill, in the state of North Carolina, in the United States, in the world!

A propos embattlement, did Rutgers' president commit a faux pas by letting the cat out of the bag and merely articulating what America's majority is really thinking? What Carolina's majority is really thinking? Are Herrnstein and Murray at the "upper end" of not a "bell curve," but an "innovation/diffusion/adoption" curve, having the courage to say openly what some articulate in privacy, and many others do in the secret spaces of their hearts? I often invite my students to make use of what is called the "sociological imagination" (a term coined by C. Wright Mills) to become more fully aware of the connections between their individual life experiences (biography), the society as a whole (social structure), and the part played by the moving stream of time (history) in shaping both the individual and society. I invite you to do the same.

What is your position here at Carolina? How do you "fit in"? How did you get to where you are? And perhaps most important of all, where are you going? Where are we going? In the wake of the 1968 civil disorders in America's cities, the Kerner Commission intimated we were moving toward two societies one white, one black (indeed, nonwhite), separate and unequal. Political scientist Andrew Hacker seized on this phrase as the springboard for his penetrating analysis in the book "Two Nations."

But we really don't have to look far to see two nations. Look at overall allocations of students to campus residence hall sites. Look at your own

dorm, within floors and within rooms. Look at seating "choices" in classes, in Lenoir and in other dining facilities. Faculty and staff colleagues, we may not live on campus, but what is the nature, quality, and frequency of our workplace and social interactions across racial lines? With whom do we choose to spend our free time? With whom do we play and pray (if we do either)? I know that I have spent a great deal of my own time and energy on this campus trying to bridge the racial divide that separates us by such things as my participating in Black-Jewish dialogues in both the Sonja Haynes Stone BCC [sic] and Hillel House.

I am at the point now of wondering how much good is really being done, how much progress is really being made by such efforts. It seems to all be Samsara — an endless round of births and deaths in a changeless cycle of racial "progress" that takes one step forward and two steps back (remember the outcome of the national elections of November 1994?). And now, I read in the Feb. 13 edition of The Daily Tar Heel that 24 (white?) men at Carolina are about to establish a chapter of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Oh, joy!

So where does all this leave us? I don't know where it leaves you — you'll have to answer that for yourself — but I do know where it leaves me. Studying history is good. Making it is even better. "If the mountain won't come to Muhammad, then Muhammad must go to the mountain." Ben Chavis and Louis Farrakhan have called for black men in America to converge on Washington, D.C., in a Million Man March in October 1995. I'll be there. How much of the other "tar" on the heel will be there from UNC-Chapel Hill?

Or will we just sit at home on the plantation? P.S. If you find anything I have stated above disturbing, or troubling, or offensive, sorry 'bout that, but just remember: I was made in the U.S.A. ... and at UNC-Chapel Hill.

Brother Dr. Fred X (Hall) is an assistant professor of sociology.



FRED X HALL

GUEST COLUMNIST

## Out-of-Staters Benefit UNC

TO THE EDITOR:

Your Feb. 14 article "BOG to Enforce Out-of-State Limit" describes the Board of Governors' threatened financial penalties against UNC-system schools, especially UNC-Chapel Hill, if they do not sharply cap their numbers of out-of-state students at 18 percent or less. Provost Richard McCormick bowed to the BOG's out-of-state policy "which it believes is in the best interest of its universities."

As an out-of-stater who has grown to love this state and its people, I STRONGLY DISAGREE with the BOG's policy. I have heard many North Carolinians justify it to me by claiming, "You don't pay taxes here for the schools." Well, according to Gov. Hunt's budget proposal, out-of-state tuition will rise another 30 percent, designed to ensure that out-of-staters pay the FULL cost of their education here. Also, many out-of-staters hold jobs to cover their rising tuition (state wage taxes) and pay other taxes here (sales tax). So, that argument doesn't work; out-of-staters pay their way and pay into the economy of North Carolina.

As for the BOG's reason given at the policy's passage in 1988 that it didn't want too many residents "denied access to the state universities," I believe roughly 14 UNC-system schools serve this state. The problem seems to be not of access in general to higher education but instead access to Chapel Hill. This state is fortunate to have a tiered system with Chapel Hill leading the way as a nationally respected institution. In my native Louisiana, each LSU-system school has virtually the same (low) admissions standards, leaving all mediocre at best and creating a "brain drain" of talented students from the state, many permanently. Conversely, some talented out-of-staters come to North Carolina and most talented residents stay here for college, and about 50 percent of the out-of-staters stay here after graduation, helping add to the vitality and economic growth of this region. However, if the BOG is truly concerned about maintaining Chapel Hill's stature in the face of declining national rankings and past budget cuts, it should look to the University of Virginia's example, UVa admits a much higher percentage of out-of-staters and has, I think not coincidentally, maintained its stature and rankings better than we.

I do not mean to focus on those obscure "rankings," or even on SAT scores which show out-of-staters with 150 point higher averages, for those are just numbers. The focus should be on the PEOPLE. Two of my best friends here are from England and Venezuela — out-of-country, not just out-of-state! The things one can learn

## READERS' FORUM

The Daily Tar Heel welcomes reader comments and criticism. Letters to the editor should be no longer than 400 words and must be typed, double-spaced, dated and signed by no more than two people. Students should include their year, major and phone number. Faculty and staff should include their title, department and phone number. The DTH reserves the right to edit letters for space, clarity and vulgarity. Send e-mail forum to: dth@unc.edu.

from contact with people like that is a large part of one's college experience, as is the academic challenge of knowing that you're butting heads with some of the brightest people from around the country, not just the state. The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill will always be and should always be a university of the people, as Charles Kuralt described in his Kenan Stadium speech, but I firmly believe that its people are NOT well served by the arbitrary 18 percent cap on out-of-state students. I urge our newly elected student leaders at all levels to examine this issue and work to change it.

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## Wilson's 'World Without Racial Distinction' Unrealistic

TO THE EDITOR:

Tadd Wilson's condemnation of Black History Month as "exclusionary history" ("Black History Month Makes Exclusionary History," Feb. 13) is breath-taking in its ignorance and insensitivity. It is fine to prefer a world without racial distinction ("why limit history to black?"), but that is not the world that we have inherited.

When, in 1926, the African-American historian, Carter Woodson, inaugurated the celebration of what has become Black History Month, the UNC student body was not only all white, but — like most of their parents and instructors — they also regularly dismissed black people as a servant class incapable of citizenship, let alone of higher achievement. Defying the marginalization of his people, Woodson knew

that the qualities of self-knowledge and self-esteem were prerequisites to a larger spirit of struggle for civil rights. Initially, he chose the second week of February to commemorate that struggle, symbolically connecting the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln.

Since that time, of course, much has changed. Black history, like the civil rights movement, has generally been adopted as a precious part of our national heritage, part of our self-inquiry as a people. Like all histories, this one has its charlatans, including the Afrocentric eccentrics to which Mr. Wilson refers. But that is no reason to throw out the baby with the bathwater. It is no reason to confuse the very different historic roles of Jesse Helms and Jesse Jackson. Before we close the book on Black History Month, one question, please, Mr. Wilson. You call your column, "Roll It Again, James." Who is James?

Zachary Smith  
PROFESSOR OF HISTORY

## Hinton James Hikers Deserve PHYA Credit for Daily Trek

TO THE EDITOR:

As legend would have it, over 200 years ago, a dedicated scholar named Hinton James trekked over a hundred miles by foot to attend our prestigious university. Today, nearly a thousand students pay tribute to that honorable young man through a pedestrian journey of their own. Fittingly, those students who conquer the enduring quest from South to North Campus each morning also share the common bond of dwelling in the edifice that bears the name of that first Tar Heel student: Hinton James. Thus it is only fair that these deserving students receive not just recognition and admiration, but one hour of physical activity credit as well. First of all, the average James' r walks about 400 miles between North and South Campus through the course of a year. That's 33,000 calories burned, or 56 Chase "Advantage Meals." Now, compare that to the calories burned in a semester of bowling and decide where that credit hour belongs. Other physical exertions endured by James' r include carrying large numbers of books as to avoid extra trips back to South Campus between classes, stair-climbing with up to 10 floors available for true fitness enthusiasts and, of course, speedy escapes during fire alarms (some real, some just for fun). Hinton James would surely agree: It's time to give credit where PHYA credit is due.

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