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## Trustee Committee Recommends Tuition Hike

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The proposed \$400 tuition increase moved a major step closer to final approval as the UNC Board of Trustees' business and finance committee recommended approving the increase during a special teleconference meeting Friday.

Committee members approved the recommendation by 5 to 1 vote, with Cressie Thigpen of Raleigh casting the only dissenting vote.

Under the approved motion, all students would face an additional tuition charge of \$200 per semester beginning next fall. The motion also recommended the full \$3,000 increase allowed for graduate students in certain professional programs. If the full board approves the proposal, 45 percent of the revenue would go toward faculty salaries and 10 percent would go toward library funding. The remaining 45 percent would go to supplement financial aid, 10 percent above the minimum 35 percent mandated by the original original

legislation.

Annette Wood, chairwoman of the committee, said the committee thought its concerns about the added financial burden for students, which had been a hot topic for discussion at a BOT hearing Sept. 7, had been adequately addressed.

"We feel that those presently on aid, those applying for financial aid, as well as those that would need aid after the increase would be covered under the plan," she said.

Wood joined trustees William Jordan, David Pardue, Richard Stevens and Student Body President Calvin Cunningham in voting to recommend the increase to the full board.

She said she thought improving faculty salaries was a key to improving the University's standing among peer institutions and that trustees felt this plan would do just that.

"I think in general we all realize the need to improve faculty salaries," she said. "We know we can't be a first class institution without competitive faculty salaries."

Wood said she thought the proposal would be approved when the trustees voted on the plan at their regular meeting this Friday. "I think probably a majority would be in favor of it," she said.

Wood, who was also chairwoman of the committee last year, said she could not recall a recommendation from the committee which failed to gain approval from the full board.

BOT Chairman Billy Armfield said he expected the board to vote on the issue at the Friday meeting.

Armfield, who said he supported the plan, said the merit-based faculty increases would be a 5.6 percent increase over this year's pay.

"I think our responsibility is to provide excellent education and affordable tuition," he said. "This puts more outstanding teachers at a rateable level."

Chancellor Michael Hooker, who has not taken a public stance on the issue, said that while he had shared his thoughts on

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## Hooker Leaning Toward \$400 Increase

BY BRONWEN CLARK  
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The tuition debate which has divided the campus has also divided the top administrators.

At a Thursday night Rotary Club meeting in Chapel Hill, Chancellor Michael Hooker said if he had to decide on the spot, he would endorse the hike.

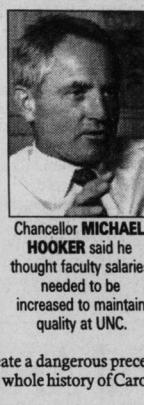
However, on Sunday, Hooker clarified his position, saying he could still see both sides of the issue. "What I said then was if I had a gun to my head, I would go with the increase," Hooker said.

However, he said he also feared the increase could impede UNC's accessibility. "The immediate issue is the trade-off between accessibility and quality," he said. "The reason to raise tuition is all about quality. The reason for worry is all

about accessibility. If we fully meet students' financial needs, you eliminate the accessibility issue."

Hooker said he, like many students, worried about the precedent such an increase could set.

"If accessibility is a worry for the long term, it is a worry because by raising tuition because the state could not or would not step up to the plate, you create a dangerous precedent contrary to the whole history of Carolina," Hooker said.



Chancellor MICHAEL HOOKER said he thought faculty salaries needed to be increased to maintain quality at UNC.

However, Hooker said he feared that without a sufficient increase in faculty salaries, UNC's quality could be eroded. "One mustn't lose sight of the fact that to sustain and build quality we must keep a competitive faculty salary structure."

Hooker said the recent rankings by the National Research Council, which ranked only two UNC graduate departments in the top 10, were indicative of a decline in quality directly related to faculty salaries. "Continued slippage in quality is 100 percent a faculty salary issue," he said.

Student Body President Calvin Cunningham and Interim Provost Richard Richardson have come out in support of the increase. However, UNC System President C.D. Spangler opposes the increase and has said the hike would make UNC an "elitist" institution.

## Local Man Shoots Ex-Girlfriend, Self

A man with a long criminal record killed his ex-girlfriend and himself at her parents' home Thursday night.

BY SUZANNE WOOD  
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An Orange County man with a record of assaulting women shot and killed his ex-girlfriend on her parents' front lawn two miles outside of Carrboro, then turned the gun on himself Thursday night.

Jennifer Lee Noell, 34, a Chapel Hill Transit bus driver, was killed when her ex-boyfriend, Joseph Malcolm McLeod, 34, shot her in the head in the front yard of her house in Calavander.

Orange County sheriff's deputies arrived at the apparent murder-suicide at 8510 Union Grove Church Road shortly before 11 p.m. to find the two bodies lying in the front yard.

McLeod, a Carrboro landscaper, had been visiting Noell at her parents' house Thursday night. When he walked out of the house to leave, Noell followed him outside.

Family members came outside at the sound of gunshots to find McLeod shooting Noell in the head.

After shooting Noell, McLeod walked to his car and fatally shot himself in the head with a .22 caliber revolver.

The murder followed an incident earlier Thursday afternoon when McLeod boarded the bus Noell was driving and harassed her, said Chapel Hill Police Department spokeswoman Jane Cousins.

McLeod got on the bus at about 5 p.m. and sat near Noell, Cousins said. After McLeod rode the bus for awhile, Noell radioed for help.

A Chapel Hill police officer boarded the bus on Columbia Street and asked



Two street hockey players battle for the ball Sunday afternoon behind Craige Parking Deck in the Street Hockey Challenge. Nike sponsored the event and donated all the equipment to IM-Rec.

## Nike Event Puts Hockey On Street

BY LOU RUTIGLIANO  
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While most Chapel Hill residents were still in bed sleeping off the previous night's beers, many hardcore Tar Heels spent their weekend busily battling it out at Nike's Power Play Street Hockey Challenge.

Starting at 8 a.m. Saturday, and continuing through Sunday night, these students shook off their hangovers and stumbled down to the Craige Parking Deck for two full days of intense street hockey.

The Street Hockey Challenge is part of Nike's Participate in the Lives of America's Youth campaign, designed to generate interest in new sports and provide entertainment for the community.

In Co-Rec Division 1, the Trackies topped We Own the Night to take the crown; in Co-Rec Division 2, Dog Pound beat out Blind Panic; in the Women's Division, Asphalt Kamikaze bested Strokin'.

Debra Williamson, one of the directors of the tournament, said Nike made no profit from the tournament and donated all equipment used to the IM-Rec department. The whole setup travels across the country from school to school throughout the year.

After the gear was unloaded and the two rinks were set up, it was time to get down to business. The early hour prevented some teams from getting started, though, and several teams had to forfeit because they couldn't get their players out of bed.

With grunge music pumping at maximum volume out of a wall of speakers, a light rain fell during the early part of the day, prompting many players to seriously question if the souvenir Nike T-shirt was worth it. "I just want to go home and go to

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Two Local Directors Hope the Crowds at "Immortal's" Saturday Night Premiere Mean

BY THANASSIS CAMBANIS  
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On one of the biggest nights of their lives, the co-directors of "Immortal" tried to make sure nothing went wrong. After two years of working on their independent film production, the two Chapel Hillians nervously planned their film's premiere for over a month.

But something was bound to go wrong. Fortunately for Walt Bost and Steve White, the problem was only in the pudding. Or in the cake, to be precise.

Bost ordered a "basic white cake with regular butter icing."

"It was kind of a shock when I saw the cake was filled with lemon icing," he said at the premiere's after-party at the Omni Europa Hotel.

But the lemon filling didn't ruin the party; it just meant that Bost's sister couldn't eat any of the cake.

At least 100 supporters, cast, crew, friends and viewers gathered after the sold-out first public showing of the film to celebrate the completion of Bost and White's project, the vampire film "Immortal".

"Immortal" begins a week-long regular run Friday at the Plaza. The directors said they didn't know what to expect at Saturday's debut. The numbers erased some of their

"It hasn't sunk in yet," Bost said.

I didn't expect it to sell out. I didn't expect the party to be this big."

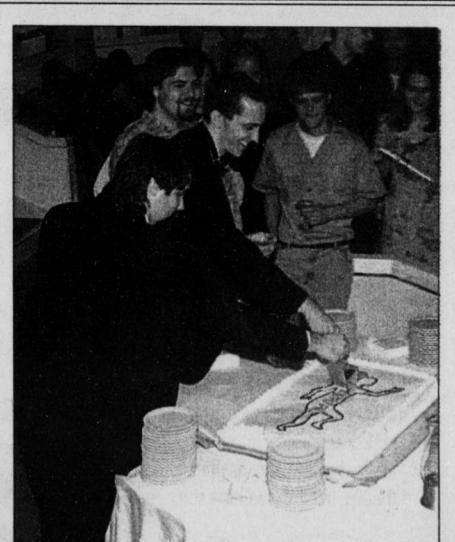
The Plaza Theaters at Village Plaza hosted the premiere. Around 580 people paid \$10 apiece to get into the showing; about 100 others were turned away.

In the parking lot outside the Plaza before the premiere, a spotlight donated by Creative Visions of Raleigh traced circles in the sky. A half-opened coffin from Walker's Funeral Home greeted members of the audience in the lobby, along with a blood fountain from Home Depot. Local artist Clyde Jones from Bynum donated an "Immortal" status complete with film cans.

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## The Vampire Killing Will Make a Killing



"Immortal" directors Steve White (left) and Walt Bost (right) slice the celebration cake at their premiere after-party Saturday night (above). Before the party, 580 people attended the sold-out premiere at The Plaza Theaters and saw, among other things, White pacing in front of a sculpture by local artist Clyde Jones.

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*I phoned my dad to tell him I had stopped smoking. He called me a quitter.*

Stephen Pearl