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BSM Says Hike Poor Idea, Students Need More Information

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The Black Student Movement took a resounding stance against the proposed \$400 tuition increase at a meeting Wednesday night.

An overwhelming majority of the 75 members present voted against the proposed tuition hike. BSM President Ladell Robbins will present the group's position today at a round table discussion with members of the Board of Trustees.

Robbins said Wednesday's meeting was the group's first serious discussion of the issue. "We are new in the whole tuition debate arena."

"At the Board of Trustees meeting (Sept. 7), no black students were on the panel to give feedback," Robbins said. "At that point, I knew that we needed to make the members of the black community aware of this issue."

Some students present said they had not seen enough information about the issue.

"The people most in the know have done a good job keeping the information from students," said Fred Wherry, a senior from Rock Hill, S.C.

Harold Wallace, vice chancellor for university affairs, attended the meeting at Robbins' request to give information on the proposed tuition increase.

Wallace said he was concerned about

UNC's slip in rankings and the way in which the slip was linked to faculty salaries. "We just did not have the resources within the University to compete with other universities," he said. "Rankings do matter." Wallace added that passing the hike could be a dangerous precedent. "The real question is whether our friends in the legislature will see this as a precedent."

Currently, 32.6 percent of UNC students receive financial aid on a "need" basis. Robbins said he feared many UNC students would have a tough time footing the bill if the proposed increase were passed.

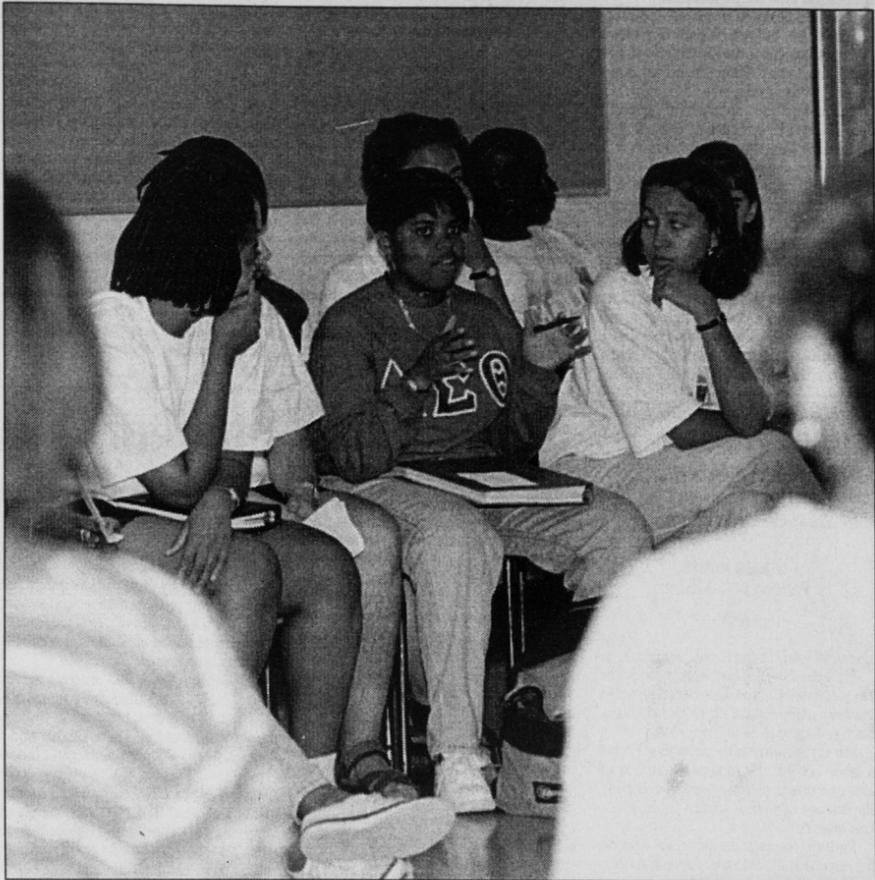
"The reasons for this increase are legitimate," he said. "So many students are working now as it is. It is a big stretch to ask students to come up with even more money."

Out-of-state students said they feared the proposed increase would slap them with an even larger bill.

"I feel like it will put a significant burden on myself and my family," said Deana Davis, a sophomore from New Jersey. "I came here because UNC was a prestigious university. I can go to Rutgers in my backyard for the same amount of money."

Robbins said he thought the burden should fall on state taxpayers because UNC is a state institution.

"North Carolina's economy is looking pretty good right now," he said. "The money is out there."



A student speaks against the proposed tuition hike at the Black Student Movement meeting in Chase Hall's Upendo Lounge on Wednesday. BSM members will state their position on the issue at today's Board of Trustees discussion.

Congress Overrides Own Rule

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Low attendance at Wednesday night's Student Congress meeting forced Student Body President Calvin Cunningham to agree to a voting change so the body could appropriate student funds.

Because of a procedural change in funding, three-fourths of congress members must vote for an appropriation before it can pass.

Cunningham's agreement allows congress to pass spending measures with only a two-thirds vote. Less than the required three-fourths of representatives were present at the meeting.

"This is asking me to do something which congress has asked me to do," Cunningham said. "The only reason I'm signing it is not to do congress a favor but to do student groups a favor."

Congress failed to get the two-thirds majority required to pass a bill that would appropriate \$3,600 to the Carolina Athletic Association.

Congress debated funding the CAA for about 45 minutes before voting. The organization had received a large sum in the annual budget, and many representatives were opposed to increasing their funds.

New Student Congress Ethics Committee Chairman Steve Oljeski argued that additional funding for the CAA was not needed. "This is a waste of student funds in my opinion," he said. "I don't think they should get anything."

The chairman of the Ethics Committee, Trong Nguyen, submitted his resignation to congress. He left to take a job with the Canadian government. A unanimous vote installed Stephen Oljeski in the vacant position.

A bill which limited student participation in multiple branches of student government was passed. The bill was designed to clarify the rights of student government participants to serve in more than one capacity. One of the most hotly-debated issues revolved around whether a student should serve on both the Honor Court and student Supreme Court.

Nelson argued that no limits should be placed on student participation in the courts.

"The Supreme Court and the Honor Court are two separate entities with totally separate appeal processes," he said. "I believe there is no conflict if you serve on both."

As passed, the bill implies certain restrictions on court justices without placing direct limits.



Rep. AARON NELSON opposed a bill forbidding students to be members of the Honor Court and the Supreme Court at the same time.

ACTIVIST POISED TO LEAD BCC

History of the Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center Administration

■ **July 1988** Black cultural center opens in an interim office inside the Student Union. The University hires Margo Crawford as the first director.

■ **October 1991** UNC Board of Trustees name the black cultural center in honor of Sonja Haynes Stone, a UNC Afro-American studies professor and leading advocate of the BCC, who died in August.

■ **January 1994** Margo Crawford, the center's first director, resigns and a director search committee is formed. Harold Wallace takes over as interim director, and the BCC hires its first programming director, UNC graduate student Michelle Thomas.

■ **May 1994** UNC graduate student Ellington Graves replaces Michelle Thomas.

■ Gerald Horne, a UC-Santa Barbara professor who ran for U.S. Senate in 1992, says he is waiting for UNC's approval.

BY JAMES LEWIS
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As the fierce public fight for a free-standing Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center slips into the background and fund raising for the \$7 million building is at a near standstill, a lawyer, history scholar and former U.S. Senate candidate from California is set to take over as director next January.

Gerald Horne, a professor of history and black studies at the University of California at Santa Barbara, accepted the position as the center's director last week. The position has been vacant since the center's first director, Margo Crawford, resigned in January 1994.

Horne must receive a tenured professor's position from UNC to take the job. Currently, the history department and the African and Afro-American Studies curriculum are reviewing his credentials and work.

"I have accepted. They have not accepted me yet," Horne said from Zimbabwe on Wednesday. "I've agreed. The ball is in their court."

Horne, 45, a native of St. Louis, is currently a Fulbright Scholar studying at the University of Zimbabwe in Harare. Interim Provost Dick Richardson said he received the

recommendation from the director's search committee, headed by economics Professor Sandy Darity, last month.

"He's been accepted based on the recommendation of the search committee, and the chancellor and I enthusiastically accepted the recommendation," Richardson said.

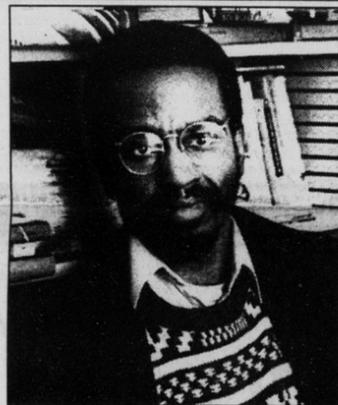
Richardson said Horne was a candidate for a joint appointment from both departments and could begin the job as early as January.

"I'm hopeful we can have something to him by the end of October," he said. "We let the departments follow their own schedule and their own time in order to make a good solid judgment."

Richard Soloway, chairman of the history department, said a four-member committee had been formed to review Horne's work. He said he expected a recommendation from the group by Thanksgiving.

If Horne is appointed to a professorship he will take the helm of the BCC at a crucial time in the center's development. The center was allocated space in the Student Union in the summer of 1988. After some of the most intense political protest since the 1960s to obtain a free-standing center, officials today are making plans to relocate the center into a 53,000 square-foot building to be built adjacent to the Bell Tower and Coker Woods.

Horne also will arrive as the fund-raising campaign for the center is flagging, with only \$1.8 million of the needed \$7 million dollars raised during the past two years. Over half of those funds have already been spent on architectural expenses.



Gerald Horne has published a number of academic books and articles.

"We're just not moving as rapidly as we need to get funding," Richardson said. "If he comes in January he's going to be spending a great deal of time on that."

Horne said he wanted to be very involved in the mortar-and-bricks fund-raising aspect of the new center's creation.

"I'm both excited and enthusiastic about coming. One of the top priorities will be raising funds for the building," he said. "So I imagine that will be a top

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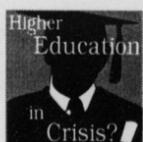


Still Undeclared: UNC's field hockey squad shut out Duke 3-0 Wednesday in Durham, marking the Tar Heels' 31st straight victory over the Blue Devils.
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"Slow Down!" Students at a Wednesday night forum urged the Board of Trustees to deliberate further on the proposed \$400 tuition increase.
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Mickey with a Twist: Two local cartoonists, Kevin Dixon and Eric Knisley, have sketched a strip with lots of spunk and sass.
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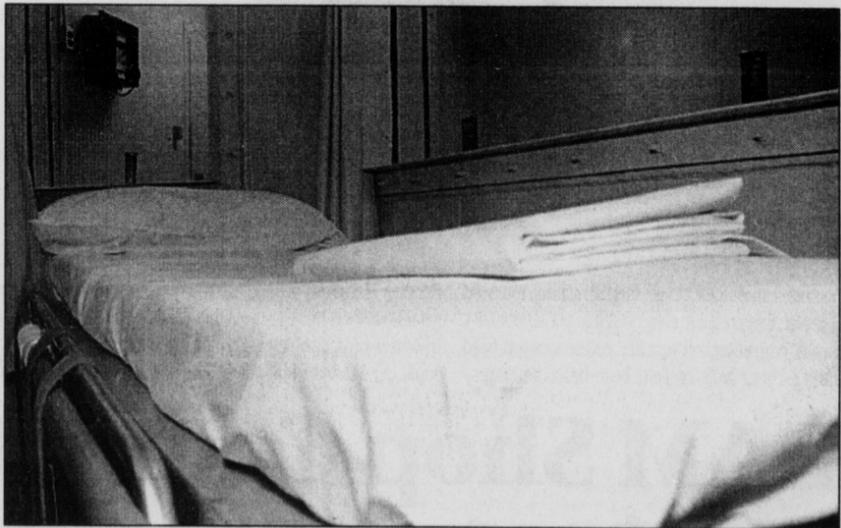
Will It Hurt You? Find out how UNC students will be affected by proposed legislation that threatens to cut student aid.
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Weather

TODAY: Partly cloudy; high 80s.
TUESDAY: Chance of showers; high 80s.

Countdown to an Execution

As the scheduled execution of Phillip Lee Ingle approaches, lawyers continue to debate the effect of his schizo-affective disorder on his status. Ingle's sister initiated and rescinded a last-minute appeal this week, while Central Prison officials prepared for Friday's 2 a.m. execution.



The neatness, order and plainness of this bed contrast sharply with the fact that, barring a last-minute call from the governor, Phillip Lee Ingle will be strapped down on this gurney and executed at 2 a.m. Friday.

Phillip Lee Ingle is scheduled to die Friday morning in Central Prison for the murders of two elderly couples, but controversy over Ingle's mental health caused his sister to file and retract a last-minute court motion to halt the execution.

Tina Ingle Thompson filed a motion in Rutherford County court late Tuesday, requesting that Ingle's execution be stayed because he is not mentally competent enough to choose death.

Ingle became the first person in North Carolina to refuse all appeals and choose to die. He has called the execution "state-assisted suicide."

A hearing was scheduled for 9:30 a.m. in Rutherford County Superior Court. However, Thompson announced Wednesday that after speaking to her brother, she would not continue her motion.

Thompson blamed attorneys in the case for coercing her into filing the report. Kenneth Rose filed Thompson's

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There is nothing for a case of nerves like a case of beer.

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