

Students can still apply for tuition grants

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Students worried about paying the \$400 tuition increase this year might still be able to get a grant to cover the extra cost from the Office of Scholarships and Student Aid.

Under guidelines set by the financial aid office, any student who qualifies for need-based aid can get a tuition grant to cover the tuition increase.

"Virtually every student who qualified for need-based aid got the tuition grant, and we're continuing to make awards," said Stuart Bethune, associate director of the financial aid office.

As of Friday, 5,681 students had re-

ceived \$400 tuition grants, totalling well over \$2 million, Bethune said. Of the 5,681 students, 3,222 were undergraduates and 2,639 were graduate and professional students.

Eleanor Morris, director of the financial aid office, said graduate students had not received gift money from her office before. Morris said any student who needed the grant should apply as soon as possible. "It's not too late," she said. "But I don't know how long the money will hold out."

Morris said there were two cases in which a student would not receive the grant. "If the student is taking half a course load or has a need less than \$400, he or she is not qualified," she said.

"Students taking less than a full load have their tuition prorated, so therefore their grant was prorated."

To determine eligibility, a student must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid and wait for the financial aid office to receive notification of their eligibility.

"The speed of the return depends on the time of year," Morris said. "It may go faster now. We had more students asking about it in the spring."

Once the financial aid office receives notification of a student's eligibility, they must check the form for missing data, and in some cases they must verify tax information.

Morris said students could receive

notification quickly if there were no problems with their application.

Jennifer Turner, a junior from Hickory, received the tuition grant this year. "Without the grant I guess I would have had to pay it out of my pocket," Turner said. "The savings from my summer job would have (gone) to my tuition."

Kelli Gaskill, a junior from Beaufort, used the tuition grant and loans to cover her school expenses this year. She said the grant lessened the financial burden on her parents.

"Actually, I had enough with my loans and grants (to cover the increase), but I wouldn't have had enough to live off, so my parents would have had to give me more money."

Council member attacks mayor's town affiliations

BY LAURA GODWIN
CITY EDITOR

When the Chapel Hill Town Council reconvened from their summer break last weekend, a debate began as to the role of the mayor.

At Saturday's council retreat, council member Joyce Brown raised questions as to whether the mayor should attend meetings of several town organizations.

Specifically, Brown questioned whether the mayor should attend meetings of groups with special interests like the Chapel Hill Chamber of Commerce.

Brown said she was not questioning Chapel Hill Mayor Rosemary Waldorf's actions, but rather wanted to establish guidelines for a mayor's outside affiliations.

"I would like to take this out of any personal context," Brown said.

Brown said she is concerned that when any mayor or council member attends meetings of area groups like the Chamber of Commerce, they are representing the entire council.

Waldorf has attended a few chamber breakfast meetings but has no voting power with the organization. Waldorf said she did not represent the council

when she occasionally attended a chamber breakfast.

Waldorf said she does not participate in the chamber's business, but attends meetings to answer any questions regarding the town's business that may arise.

"(Brown) has nothing to worry about," Waldorf said.

Brown said her main concern was a possible conflict of interest should groups that a mayor has ties with come before the council to make a request.

Brown said the mayor is primarily responsible for conducting council meetings and representing the council.

"Other than that, the council has the ability to set the tone," she said. "It is at least our responsibility and our power of pleasure to have some say in the impression that is given."

Waldorf said the issue of her involvement with the chamber was a small one compared to the other concerns addressed by the Town Council at the retreat.

"I think the discussion is over," she said. "We stayed there all day and that discussion lasted only 45 minutes."

Former Mayor Ken Broun said while in office he also attended the chamber breakfasts when his schedule permitted.

Broun said during his tenure as mayor, no concern over his presence at various meetings was ever expressed by members of the council.

Broun said he saw nothing wrong with Waldorf attending the same meetings he had attended.

"I think it's a perfectly appropriate thing for her to do."



Chapel Hill Mayor ROSEMARY WALDORF said the mayor is free to attend area meetings.

UNC, DTH hope for October ruling in Honor Court suit

BY SHARIF DURHAMS
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Attorneys for The Daily Tar Heel and the University said they hoped for an October ruling on whether Honor Court cases should be opened to the public.

Thomas Ziko, special deputy attorney general, said he and the DTH's attorney, Amanda Martin, were trying to bypass court-ordered arbitration in the case and file cross motions for summary judgement. "We can sit down and talk about the middle ground, but there's no middle ground," Ziko said.

The dispute arises from a spring Honor Court case in which two students were acquitted of infringing upon the free speech of a campus publication by removing 1,500 copies of The Carolina

Review from classrooms.

The DTH received a temporary injunction halting the hearing and sued to have the case opened to the public. The Honor Court hearing continued two days later, but the lawsuit is still pending.

"The DTH was attacking not a particular case, but an institution," DTH Editor Jeanne Fugate said. "We were fighting not against two UNC students but an institution that hid information from the students."

The conflict stems from differing legal interpretations of the Family Education Rights Privacy Act, known as the Buckley Amendment, and the N.C. Open Meetings Law.

Ziko said the University believed the Buckley Amendment defined Honor Court cases as part of educational records,

which are not public.

However, Martin said revisions to that law specifically stated that records of student courts were not protected. "There is nothing in the Buckley Amendment that closes down meetings," she said.

The DTH contends the N.C. Open Meetings Law mandates that University bodies that file reports should be public, Martin said. "They're claiming they're not a public body," she said. "The Honor Court is just an extension of the University."

Ziko said UNC viewed the hearings as a body appointed by the chancellor and therefore not required to be open under North Carolina law. "We don't perceive this as a lot of dispute of the facts," Ziko said. "Interpretation precludes us from opening the meetings."

Arbitration would not solve the dispute because it would not permanently settle the issue, Ziko said. "If we settle with (the DTH), then The (Raleigh) News & Observer can come in and sue."

The attorneys will try to settle the issue in Orange County Superior Court on Oct. 28.

Margaret Barrett, judicial programs coordinator and advisor to the Honor Court, said she could not comment on the case. She said her office was working to report limited information on Honor Court cases to the media more clearly and quickly.

Judicial programs used to prepare a list of charges, pleas, verdicts and punishments once a semester, Barrett said. The office now has the staff prepare the reports biweekly.

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Lucy Hernandez worked as a certified public accountant. They then moved to the Triangle because Michelle, a UNC student, was diagnosed with diabetes.

Michelle, a senior biology major, agreed the lack of a large Hispanic community in the Triangle was a culture shock. "You feel very alone and disoriented at first," she said.

Michelle said her parents insisted that she speak only Spanish at home when they moved to Florida.

"I became very self-conscious about being Hispanic and wanted to Americanize myself as much as possible and speak English at home," she said. "But my

parents wouldn't hear of it."

Michelle said she appreciates the experience now because she can help Spanish-speaking people and can learn new languages easily. "It's a real pity when I see Hispanic families who only want their children to speak English," she said.

Both Heriberto and Lucy also describe themselves as very conservative and say they will be supporting Dole in the upcoming presidential election.

The Hernandezes say that although there are far fewer Hispanics here than what they are used to, they generally feel accepted.

"Anywhere we go — in the church, in the shops — they accept us," Lucy Hernandez said. "We have no problems with that."

Campus Calendar

tions answered that you may have.

Alpha Epsilon Delta Members, our first general meeting will be held today in Union 224 at 7 p.m.

Items of Interest

There will be a **Sports Club Membership Drive** on Wednesday, Aug. 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in The Pit. Meet representatives from all 39 clubs, have all your questions answered and find out how to get involved. For more information call 962-1013.

The Center for Teaching and Learning offers an informal lunch discussion for TAs called "So, How's It Going? An Early Check-In for New TAs" on Wednesday, Aug. 28 from 1-2 p.m. in the Toy Lounge on the 4th floor of Dey Hall.

Come and join the **Korean American**

Student's Association in our first meeting, Wednesday, Aug. 28 at 4 p.m. in room 205 of the Student Union, to learn about the exciting Korean culture.

The **Association of Business Students** will hold a General Interest Meeting in room T-2 of New Carroll on Aug. 28 at 5 p.m. Join and have a voice in the BSBA program.

The **UNC Young Republicans** will be having a meeting Wednesday evening in 106 Carroll Hall at 7 p.m. Any and all students are encouraged to attend. There will be a raffle for a prize to be awarded.

UNC Crew Club will hold a general interest meeting Wednesday at 8 p.m. in 109 Fetzer. No experience is required.

Carolina's oldest coed a capella group, **Carolina Tar Heel Voices**, will be holding auditions for basses Wednesday, Aug. 28 from

9-11 p.m. Sign up for an audition time at the Union Desk. Location is also available at the Union Desk.

UNITAS Multicultural Living and Learning Program, located on the 5th floor of Carmichael Residence Hall, is accepting applications for this semester. One can be picked up at the Union desk, Carmichael desk or outside room 528 Carmichael. The deadline is Aug. 28. For more information call 914-1338.

The Carolina Union Activities Board Film Committee will present Massimo Troisi in "Il Postino", Thursday, Aug. 29 at 6:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Admission will be \$2.

Anthroposophy at UNC will hold its first meeting of the year, Thursday, Aug. 29 from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Call 732-9754 for more information about the location.

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