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UNC officials: future bypasses of BOG unlikely

UNC deans support study of tuition cost

Deans say they hope the study focuses on ways to keep up with competition.

BY KAREN JOYCE
ASSISTANT UNIVERSITY EDITOR

A proposal to study the effects of raising tuition in professional schools on campus has met with mixed reviews.

The professional schools on campus are interested in UNC-system President Molly Broad's decision to study possible increases in tuition to keep themselves competitive both locally and nationally.

When Dean Paul Fulton of the Kenan-Flagler Business School approached the legislature with his request for authority over tuition-raising decisions, other schools expressed interest in doing the same.

Cindy Falgout, director of communications at the business school, said the

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"I thought it would have been preferable to address on the broader issue ...

It's an important issue that deserves full and open debate."

MOLLY BROAD
UNC-system President

"I support the study of tuition fees, but I don't think just raising fees is the answer."

JOHN STAMM

Dean, School of Dentistry

"I wanted authority for our school as well. But if I had authority, I would discuss (the increase) with faculty, students and alumni."

RICHARD COLE

Dean, School of Journalism and Mass Communication

BY WHITNEY MOORE
STATE & NATIONAL EDITOR

Fears that the Kenan-Flagler Business School's end run around the Board of Governors would undermine the UNC system are unjustified, officials at other system schools said Monday.

Earlier this month, business school Dean Paul Fulton bypassed the established chain of command when he asked state legislators for permission to raise tuition. Last week, UNC-system President Molly Broad responded by requesting that the N.C. General Assembly defer the issue to the BOG for study.

Some UNC officials predicted that Fulton's move would set a bad precedent for the system.

But East Carolina University Chancellor Richard Eakin said his administrators would not attempt the same coup, even if Fulton's example had succeeded. "I think if (our deans) were going to increase fees or raise tuition they would go through me," he said.

Chancellor Edward Fort of North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University, agreed.

"Unless the BOG through its president renders a change in its policy, we will continue to adhere to it," he said.

But Broad said reports of other deans possibly attempting the same type of deal were unexaggerated. "I certainly have heard reports of other deans who, had this been successful, would have an interest in exploring similar strategies," she said. "I thought it would've been

preferable to address this on the broader issue and not address this to one school on one campus."

And members of the BOG seemed pleased with the conclusion of a situation they saw as possibly threatening to the structure of the system. "I've concluded that now is not the time to disallow established procedures," said William Brown, a BOG member.

"There's a process in place for raising tuition, and it works well," he said.

Broad said she had problems with the way the increase was approached, not in the actual possibility of increasing tuition.

"I don't want to prejudge an answer to the question now put before the BOG," she said.

"But the costs of graduate education

is higher ... and the likely lifetime earnings are different for those with a graduate degree and those with an undergraduate degree," she said. "I think (tuition increases are) an issue worth taking a second look at."

John Sanders, professor emeritus of the UNC-CH Institute of Government, had expressed concern over the threat Fulton's actions posed to the authority of the BOG.

He said the possibility of other deans following Fulton's actions justified not allowing the request to succeed.

"I think this is the best disposal of the matter as it stands now," he said.

Officials were unwilling to comment on the possibility of the BOG allowing the business school tuition increase after studying the issue.



"Molly Broad's study could only point out conclusively the difference in graduate and professional students' ability to pay."

KATHRYN KRAFT

Graduate and Professional Student Federation President

"The challenge is to find the right level of tuition to enable the school to offer quality programs at a price the students can afford."

WILLIAM ROPER

Dean, School of Public Health



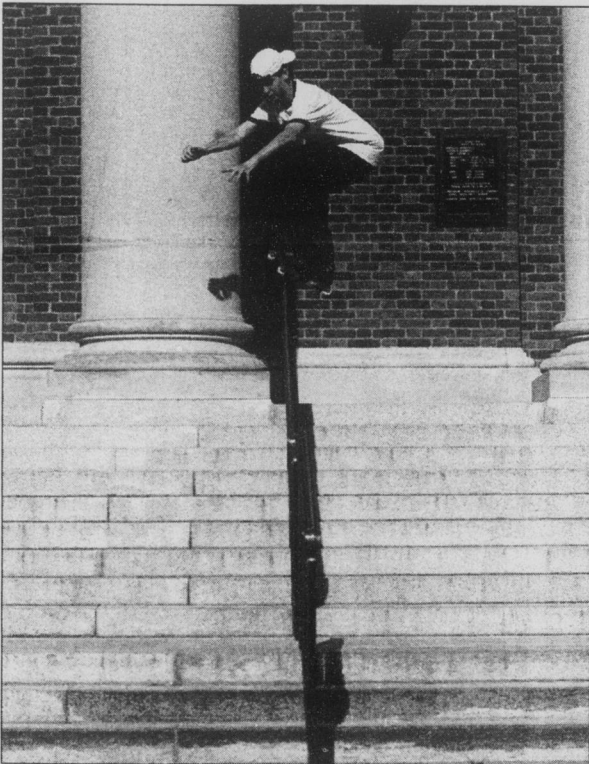
"It's something that I have actively considered and will continue to actively consider."

JUDITH WEGNER
Dean, School of Law



"I understand tuition may need to rise after years and years ... but refuse to accept tuition becoming a budget-balancer in an annual political circus."

MO NATHAN
Student Body President



DTH FILE PHOTO

The Chapel Hill Town Council will address the Northern Community Park issue Sept. 8. The park would allow skateboarders to skate legally.

Town Council establishes date for making new place to skate

A skateboard park plan includes \$60,000 for ramps and structures in town.

BY JIM VINSON
STAFF WRITER

The Chapel Hill Town Council will address in two weeks whether Chapel Hill skateboarders will get a place to skate.

Since skateboarding in Chapel Hill is illegal, council has been trying for almost three years to find a place where skateboarders can practice their sport without violating the law.

Town council member Richard Franck said the Department of Parks and Recreation has proposed three plans for the construction of Northern Community Park, which would be located off Airport Road.

Bids for construction have come in, but all were over the projected budget, he said.

At its Sept. 8 meeting, the council will be presented with three proposals for the park construction, said Bill Webster, acting director of the department.

An indoor pool and community center were incorporated in one of the plans, while the two others involve the construction of a skateboarding park and batting cages, Webster said.

He said in order for the pool and the community center to be included in the park, it would have to be done in two phases.

"The council has to decide whether to build the park outright, which means the community center and the pool would be left out," Webster said.

"The recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Commission is to have the park built in one phase."

In the proposed plans for the skateboard park, \$60,000 is included for ramps and structures, Webster said.

"Assuming the council approves the

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UNC Hospitals to consider training proposal

The federal plan would move medical school alumni toward new areas of need.

BY TONY MECIA
SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS EDITOR

UNC Hospitals will decide in the next six months whether or not to sign on to the federal government's plan to reduce the number of doctors produced nationwide, the hospitals' director said Monday.

The plan, which was included in the federal budget agreement reached earlier this month, could make residency programs more competitive.

"If this incentive works, then there will be fewer positions to choose from," said Eric B. Munson, executive director of UNC Hospitals.

Under the new law, the government

will offer subsidies to each of the nation's 1,025 teaching hospitals that agree to reduce the number of residency positions they offer by up to 25 percent. Medical school graduates compete for residency positions after two years of classwork and two years of clinical training.

The move is part of a trend to steer medical school graduates toward specialties where they are needed — particularly primary care — and away from specialties such as anesthesiology.

UNC Hospitals offers 450 residency spots. Nationwide, there are more positions available than there are domestic medical school graduates.

A cutback in the number of residents would likely mean fewer foreign doctors coming to the United States, Munson said.

The change could also mean that some specialties, such as cardiology, could become more competitive, since

the same number of graduates would apply for fewer spots.

Steve Oljeski, a second-year medical student, said his interests vary "on a daily basis" but that he would soon have to choose a specialty.

"I'm not too concerned about it right now," he said. "But as a year goes by, this factor of decreasing residencies will come into play."

Oljeski said he supported the change. "Of course, it lessens a medical student's chance to get the residency of their choice," he said. "But in the country, there's a significant oversupply of physicians, especially in rural areas."

Katy Stevison, a fourth-year medical student and co-president of the UNC School of Medicine's student government, said reducing the number of residency slots won't leave UNC graduates without jobs.

"If someone graduated from school here, they will be able to have residency

training," she said. "But they might have to go to the less-competitive fields."

The changes should not have any effect on the sizes of medical schools, which have remained the same in the last few years.

The impact of the changes on pre-medical students will probably be minimal, said Anthony Hilger, faculty coordinator of the health professions advising office.

More than 600 freshmen declared themselves pre-medical last year, and around 300 UNC undergraduates applied to medical schools.

But undergraduates rarely know what specialties they will select when they apply to medical schools, Hilger said.

Instead, they likely won't be affected by the changes until after they enroll, he said.

"Whether they're able to get some specialties they wanted, there will be more competition."

Safety features reduce fire hazard

Consumer Reports said two types of halogen lamps tested safe for use.

BY GINNY HARRIS
STAFF WRITER

Miho Oshima, a junior from Hendersonville, remembers the time the halogen lamp in a friend's residence hall room started smoking.

"My freshman year, a stuffed animal accidentally fell off a loft and into a halogen lamp," Oshima said. "It was smoking, but we caught it before any damage happened."

Halogen lamps, a common source of light in residence hall rooms, can pose a serious fire hazard if misused, according to a July study from Consumer Reports magazine.

According to Consumer Reports, the halogen bulbs can reach extremely high temperatures, igniting anything they contact.

The lamps are reasonably priced at about \$25 or less, making them a popular item among college students.

Due to the hazardous nature of the lamps, new designs and safety functions have been developed to meet new consumer requirements. The July 1997 issue of Consumer Reports cites some new, safer lamps.

The improved lamps all have a U-shaped shield and a type of grate to keep items from falling into the hot bulb. Some also have functions that turn the lamp off if it exceeds a certain temperature.

Some students have noticed these improvements.

"I just purchased a halogen lamp this summer and noticed there is a guard over the bulb," Oshima said.

The Illuminate 6004 and the Dana 6303 are two examples of safe lamps, according to Consumer Reports. Both have a metal grate over the bulb and a thermal protector.

Wayne Kuncel, director of the Department of University Housing, said students should examine their lamps to

make sure they meet the new standards.

Kuncel also said students should follow Consumer Reports' advice and choose a model with both a metal-grate guard and a heat-sensitive power shutoff.

Some students said they were aware of the dangers associated with the lamps.

Melanie Lindley, a junior from Silk Hope, said, "We made sure that there weren't any posters or objects near our lamp."

Seeing things in a different light

A recent study has shown commonly-used halogen lamps can be dangerous. The following are some safety tips concerning the lamps:

Safety Tips

- New lamps still operate at high temperatures.
- Keep away from curtains, posters and other flammable items.
- Look for a model with a metal grate guard and a thermal protector.
- Avoid using old lamps without new safety features.
- Consider purchasing a lower-wattage incandescent lamp.
- Never leave a halogen lamp turned on and unattended.
- Make sure it is stable and will not fall over.



SOURCE: CONSUMER REPORTS

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INSIDE Tuesday

Apology accepted

Teamsters' president

Ron Carey apologized

for not being aware of

fund-raising problems.

His opponent, James

Hoffa, continues to

push for an investigation. Page 2



Students 'B'-ware

College students are in the highest risk category for hepatitis B. Broader use of an existing vaccine would lower the number of cases. Page 3

Today's weather



Partly sunny;
mid 80s

Wednesday, Partly sunny;
high 80s

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Time is running out to apply to become a DTH staff writer, designer or photographer. Applications are available at The Daily Tar Heel front desk in Suite 104 of the Student Union, and they are due by Friday at 5 p.m. Come learn about the DTH at an interest meeting tonight at 7 p.m. in Union 210.

Why is there so much month left at the end of the money?

Anonymous