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## Tuition hike will take effect fall 1997

Legislators approved a 3 percent hike for in-state students and 5 percent for out-of-state students.

BY VICKY ECKENRODE  
ASSISTANT STATE & NATIONAL EDITOR

When the N.C. General Assembly passed the 1997-98 budget Wednesday, UNC-CH and North Carolina State University students learned they would pay for a tuition increase — effective this semester.

During budget negotiations, legislators expressed hope that the tuition hike would not take effect until next semester so students would have time to plan their finances.

However, the budget made the increase retroactive, said Sen. Howard Lee, D-Orange.

"This was a House proposal, and they always wanted it to be effective July 1, so even though the budget was passed in August, the revenue still has to come from somewhere," Lee said.

D. G. Martin, vice president for public affairs at UNC's General Administration, said he did not know when this semester's students would receive

the extra bill.

"The legislature does not have control over that, so it will be the campus's decision on how to handle the extra bill," he said.

The tuition increase took effect as previously reported with a 5 percent increase for out-of-state tuition and a 3 percent increase for in-state. That means an extra \$500 per year for out-of-state students and an extra \$46 for in-state students.

Lee said, "There will also be a slight 2 percent across-the-board increase in 1999."

Sen. Eleanor Kinnaird, D-Orange, said she and other members close to the university community were disappointed in the final decision.

"I don't understand it," she said. "We had extra money so there was no reason for the increase."

The late nature of the increase would be hard on students because their families need time to budget college expenses, said Student Body President Mo Nathan.

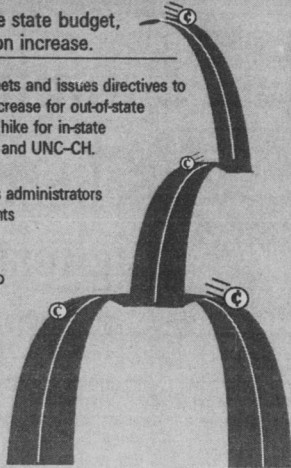
"(The General Assembly) is going to force families to scramble to pay for their delay," Nathan said.

Rep. Verla Insko, D-Orange, said she hoped tuition increases did not become a trend. "This is the second time we've done it, and it's not a good precedent to set."

### Rolling down the tuition road ...

The General Assembly passed the state budget, which includes a retroactive tuition increase.

- 1 The UNC Board of Governors meets and issues directives to implement a 5 percent tuition increase for out-of-state students and a 3 percent tuition hike for in-state students at N.C. State University and UNC-CH.
- 2 It will be left up to the campus's administrators to figure out how to send students supplementary bills.
- 3 Out-of-state students will need to consult with the Office of Scholarships and Student Aid at UNC-CH about the possibility of receiving more financial aid.
- 4 In-state students will not receive additional aid for this semester's increase.



SOURCE: UNC-SYSTEM GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

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## General Assembly passes state budget

The N.C. General Assembly's budget includes provisions for fire safety, mass transportation and welfare reform.

BY WHITNEY MOORE  
STATE & NATIONAL EDITOR

RALEIGH — Exhausted and relieved, members of the N.C. General Assembly passed the state budget late Wednesday and prepared to adjourn the longest-running session ever.

"Everybody's so weary, it's hard to be as elated right now as we will be next week," said Julia White, communications director for the N.C. Senate. She said legislators worked late nights through the weekend to settle on a compromise budget.

With bipartisan support, the budget passed 47-2 in the Senate and 47-2 in the House.

## UNC could follow Duke housing plan

Student lounges would promote learning by having stages and blackboards.

BY SHARIF DURHAMS  
UNIVERSITY EDITOR

At Duke University, some professors have an open-door policy for all freshmen.

The students just walk down the hall from their rooms and knock.

Duke administrators decided three years ago to combine intellectual life with social life for all of their freshmen, which included moving professors into residence halls.

On Monday, a group of UNC professors, staff and students suggested testing out a similar system at UNC.

The Chancellor's Task Force on Intellectual Climate gave a 71-page report to Chancellor Michael Hooker with suggestions on how to encourage intelligent interaction on campus.

The task force said the most important recommendation they could make was to give freshmen a totally new first-year experience.

As a part of that change, the task force suggested creating freshman residence halls that combine student life with the classroom, said History Professor Leon Fink, head of the task force's first-year initiative subcommittee.

"(Duke) moved dramatically to try to create a special climate for the freshmen," Fink said. His committee suggested converting five floors of Hinton James Residence Hall into a small intellectual society for 500 freshmen.

Duke changed housing all over campus. All freshmen were assigned rooms on Duke's East Campus.

The 1,600 freshmen had to eat together, study together and had social events specifically for East Campus residents, said Jason Barkley, chief of staff of Duke's student government.

"Students were very skeptical," he said. "Nobody thought it was going to work."

But he said students changed their minds quickly.

Professors hold classes, give advice and work out with students.

One professor plays on an intramural basketball team, Marrero said. A neurobiology professor tutors students on one day and has a class on building better abdominal muscles the next.

"If you have an opportunity to go to one of these things, it can make a difference in how you study," Duke Student Body President Lino Marrero said.

Marrero, a senior and former resi-

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Protesting the ongoing construction of Ram Road near Hinton James Residence Hall, students place candles by a cherry tree they planted Wednesday night. Twenty-five students marched silently to the construction site.

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## Road's construction draws more protest

Students planted a tree named "Hope" at the road's construction site.

BY KERI TARLTON  
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Twenty-five students gathered Wednesday night for a candlelight vigil to protest the ongoing construction of an access road near the Smith Center.

"We're marching silently because the tax payers have been silenced in this issue," Young Democrats President Shannon Stamey said.

The students marched silently from

the Pit to the construction site. They carried a cherry tree, which they named "Hope." They planted the tree in the middle of the construction area.

The "Ram Road," as critics have dubbed it, will connect the VIP Ram's Club lot to Manning Drive. Several students and community members say the road will serve only as a quick exit to certain members of the University's Educational Foundation.

Students said they protested because the Department of Transportation used state funds for a project that would benefit only a small group.

Lauren Attanas, a member of the

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## Rock climbers to reach new heights inside gym

BY MARY-KATHRYN CRAFT  
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Max Schoenberger looks forward to dangling 29 feet above the ground next week at Fetzer Gymnasium.

Schoenberger, a senior from Bryn Athyn, Penn., and vice president of the Carolina Rock and Gym Climbers, said he planned to spend a great amount of time climbing on the new indoor climbing wall, which opens next week at Fetzer Gym C.

"I will be on the wall all I can," Schoenberger said. "I am excited."

The wall is the latest addition to Carolina Adventures, an outdoor recreation and education center which is part of the Intramural Sports Program.

Carolina Adventures director Mike Lyons has been working for the last two years to bring an indoor climbing wall to UNC.

"This is one of the things where UNC is at the back of the pack," said Lyons, who has coordinated outdoor programs at several other universities as well as been a back-country ski guide.

"Most major universities across the United States have walls. They have become very popular."

UNC's indoor wall, which was paid for by alumni donations and contributions to the Student Recreation Center, will be open to all students, faculty and staff who attend climbing orientation and training sessions.

After receiving belay certification, climbers can use the wall whenever it's open.

Schoenberger explained that when one is climbing a wall or rock, there is a person who holds the rope, takes up the slack and locks the rope for the person climbing. That person is called a belayer, he said.

"When you are dangling, that's

belaying," he said.

People with previous climbing experience must still complete a wall orientation class, demonstrate their skills and pay a \$15 certification fee. The first class for those with past experience is Sept. 29.

For those with no previous experience, Sept. 30's class will introduce all the necessary skills to properly use the wall, Lyons said. The class costs \$20 and lasts 1 1/2 hours. Lyons said the wall will be open nightly, and certified

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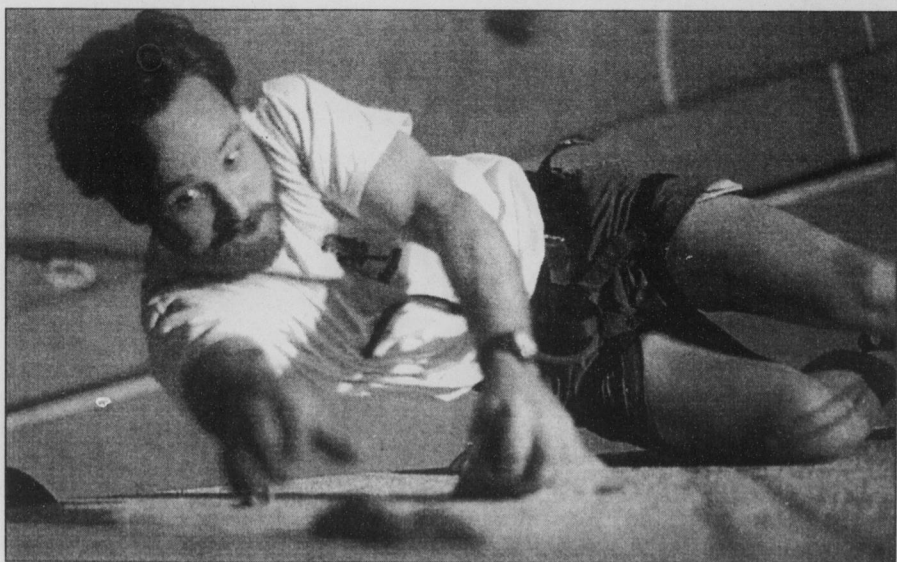
### Climbing craze

Hours for the indoor climbing wall in Fetzer Gymnasium are as follows:

Monday	6 p.m.-10 p.m.
Tuesday	8 a.m.-noon, 6 p.m.-10 p.m.
Wednesday	6 p.m.-10 p.m.
Thursday	8 a.m.-noon, 8 p.m.-10 p.m.*
Friday	11 a.m.-3 p.m., 6 p.m.-9 p.m.
Saturday	10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sunday	1 p.m.-8 p.m.

\*Carolina Rock and Gym Climbers only

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Mike Lyons lunges for the uppermost hold on the new Fetzer Gymnasium climbing wall. The wall, which is located in the gymnastics room, will officially open to students and faculty next week.

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## INSIDE Thursday

### 'The King' is dead?

Although Elvis Presley died 20 years ago, students and older fans remain fascinated by his music and movies. Page 5



### Is the well really dry?

Universities across the country struggle to implement dry rush policy for fraternities and sororities. Page 3

### Football's feminine side

UNC's Mack Brown taught about 280 women the basics of football Wednesday. Page 9



### Today's weather

Partly sunny; low 90s  
Friday: Partly sunny; high 80s

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Sleeping is no mean art. For its sake one must stay awake all day.

Friedrich Nietzsche