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University prepares to mail tuition bills

The tuition increase that legislators passed last week will be due in mid-October.

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The University will mail bills that include a 3 percent tuition increase for in-state students and 5 percent increases for out-of-state students some time next week.

"We're going to send the bills on the 10th of September, and we'll probably make them due October 18," University cashier Kermit Williams said Friday.

In-state students will pay around \$21 extra for this semester, while out-of-state students will pay \$248.

The tuition increase passed during the N.C. General Assembly's final budget negotiations last Wednesday, making it necessary to send out new bills.

Tuition increases are usually included in a student's original bill, but this year's increase came at the end of one of the General Assembly's longest sessions in history.

Director of the Office of Scholarships and Student Aid Eleanor Morris said

out-of-state students could come to the financial aid office in Vance Hall to apply for additional aid, but that it would be scarce for this semester.

Parents can still apply for a Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students, which are given to students' parents for college expenses, Morris said.

PLUS loans have a higher interest rate than the Stafford Loans most financial aid recipients have.

In-state students will not receive any additional aid, Morris said.

"We don't have the money to do that (for in-state students) with the increase being as small as it is," Morris said.

The financial aid available for next semester probably will not increase either, Morris said.

She said recomputing financial aid was not uncommon in any semester, and the financial aid office is working hard to deal with the new increase.

Lauren Knott, a sophomore from Columbia, Md., works at the Coffee Mill Roastery to pay for her expenses and has a brother who plans to enter college next year.

Knott said she might have to find a summer job to pay for her food and expenses next year.

"Right now, my parents pay for my tuition, but I know this school is at the top of what they can afford."

GOING ONCE ...



Members of Chi Omega sorority welcomed their new pledges Sunday afternoon as part of Bid Day. More than 600 rushees ran across campus to receive spirited welcomes from their new sororities.

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Traffic proves headache for holiday commuters

A new Highway Patrol plan resulted in more police cars on interstates.

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Drivers encountered more than backed-up traffic Labor Day weekend on major highways in North Carolina.

The N.C. Highway Patrol escalated efforts to control speeding and accidents, resulting in a higher number of policemen on highways. Some students

said the presence of officers seemed to slow down traffic, adding to the delays already caused by accidents.

"We did a program for the first time in conjunction with Georgia and South Carolina," said Renee Hoffman, a spokeswoman for the Highway Patrol. "We put a trooper every 10 miles on interstate highways."

Students noticed the addition of so many troopers.

"There were a lot of state troopers going back-and-forth from their exits," said Jessica Cox, a junior from Asheville. She said the troopers drove from one exit to the other, then turned

around and repeated the circle.

"High visibility makes people slow down," Hoffman said. "Slowing down prevents accidents."

She said final statistics would not be released until after midnight Monday, but by Monday evening 10 fatalities had been reported, compared to a total of 14 last year.

"We publicized the new program," she said.

"That deters people from speeding or driving while impaired, and those are the two big things we want to stop," she said.

Jaime Bevan, a Goldsboro sopho-

more, drove on interstate highways to Clemson, S.C.

"I passed a lot of cops and a lot of people pulled," she said. "There was a lot of traffic, and they were pulling people for speeding."

Roads between Raleigh and Chapel Hill clogged Friday afternoon, causing delays for students trying to drive home.

"I left during rush hour," said Heather Ward, a junior from Raleigh. "It was horrible. I didn't get out of second gear the whole time."

Ward said she saw few troopers polic-

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Proposed academy to assist educators

UNC might implement a program similar to one at the University of Texas.

BY NAHAL TOOSI
UNIVERSITY EDITOR

Bill Powers enjoys being distinguished.

Powers, a law professor at the University of Texas at Austin, was recently elected to an elite group of faculty there called the Academy of Distinguished Teachers.

The academy was founded 2 1/2 years ago to consult with U-T-Austin administrators on educational issues and to assist in projects to improve teaching.

But it also has an additional role.

"It's basically honorific," Powers said. "There's actually a substantial stipend that goes with it, and it boosts the morale of the people that are elected. The idea is to recognize excellence in

what the university is supposed to be doing, which is teaching."

In the same spirit, UNC might soon implement a similar program.

The report of the Chancellor's Task Force on Intellectual Climate, released Aug. 26, states that the third most important priority of the University should be to create a "UNC Academy of Distinguished Scholars."

The academy's draft charter, included in the report, is based heavily on that of UT-Austin.

And although academy members would receive a \$5,000 raise and the title of "Distinguished Teaching Scholar," they'll have a lot of work, said Task Force Chairwoman Pamela Conover.

"This would not be just an honorary academy where people would receive a boost in their salary," she said. "We would really expect them to do something."

That something, Conover said, is taking responsibility for overseeing the educational enterprise at UNC.

"We intend (members) to be our most distinguished teaching scholars," she said.

The academy would have 10 mem-

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Lea Rabin to speak at Jordan Institute for Families

STAFF REPORT

Lea Rabin, widow of slain Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, will be a guest speaker at an international conference on childhood violence and trauma at the University in late September.

The conference entitled "I Can Fly, I Can Soar," is only one event in a list of many commemorating the one-year anniversary of the Jordan Institute for Families at UNC's School of Social Work. The weekend's festivities will feature an assortment of world leaders and celebrities, including basketball great and UNC alumnus, Michael Jordan.

The Jordan Institute will host both the conference and the weekend's events. Michael Jordan, who only a year ago pledged \$1 million to the institute's work for families and children, will commence the conference and other events with a birthday celebration for the Institute on Sept. 20.

The conference will open on Sept. 21

"I Can Fly, I Can Soar"

International conference on childhood Sept. 21-23

with a discussion between Rabin and William Friday, president emeritus of the UNC system. The discussion will be held at the William and Ida Friday Center for Continuing Education from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m.

Rabin, an advocate for children and families, will discuss her views and perspectives on violence and trauma. She lost her husband to a violent assassination in 1995, only a year after Prime Minister Rabin had received the Nobel Peace Prize.

The conference will discuss events and conditions that are often related to

childhood trauma and impaired child development. In addition to this, leaders and participants will analyze the effects of violence and trauma on children and families.

"We're very excited about the conference, as it is one of the first events sponsored by the Jordan Institute," Mark Fraser, director of the Jordan Institute, stated in a press release.

"Our hope is to open a global dialogue about the factors that place families at risk for violence and the factors that promote resilience and recovery in the face of trauma."

FESTIVAL FUN



DTH/JON GARDNER

Zach Walker (right) dances with Megan Wingett in the Somnambulist Project's final performance of "Satchmo and Izzy." The play was part of the Anti-Shakespeare Festival at the Forest Theatre.

Diana's driver inebriated, French authorities report

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PARIS — The driver in Princess Diana's fatal car crash was legally drunk and apparently driving over 100 mph, French authorities said Monday.

The revelations introduced a major new element in an investigation that had seemed focused on the role played by paparazzi who pursued the British princess's vehicle.

Police extended the detention of seven photographers taken into custody after the crash. They were expected to be placed under formal investigation Tuesday — a step short of being formally charged. The precise charges they might face were not known.

Other new details emerged about the tragedy, including reports that the driver had been trying to weave around a slower-moving vehicle and that photographers who snapped photos of Diana and boyfriend Dodi Fayed after the crash tried to push police and rescuers away.

Police said the speedometer on the wrecked Mercedes-Benz sedan was found frozen at 196 kph — 121 mph — after Sunday's accident, which also killed Diana's millionaire boyfriend and her driver Henri Paul.

In a statement, prosecutors said blood tests on Paul showed he had an illegal blood-alcohol level.

They did not give the level, but a judicial source, speaking on condition of anonymity, said it was 1.75 grams of alcohol per liter of blood — more than three times the legal limit.

France's National Association for the Prevention of Alcoholism said that level

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DIANA, PRINCESS OF WALES,

died trying to elude photographers chasing her car, which was driven by a speeding drunk driver.

INSIDE Tuesday

Life outside of class

Katherine Kraft and the GPSF will hold forums about UNC services like child care for graduate and professional students. Page 2

Fatter pockets on Franklin?

Congress passed a 40-cent increase in minimum wage. However, many workers on Franklin Street will not see the effects of those increases. Page 3

Today's weather

Partly cloudy;
high 80s
Wednesday: Partly cloudy;
low 90s

One of the drawbacks of Fame is that one can never escape from it.

Nellie Melba