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Tuition Increase Proposal Struck Down

The bill would have allowed UNC-system campuses to raise tuition by \$500 during a two-year period.

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A legislative proposal that would have allowed individual UNC campuses to raise tuition without the approval of the Board of Governors has been struck down by state legislators.

The bill would have allowed individual system campuses to raise tuition by \$500 during a two-year period.

The proposal seemed to be in conflict with recently passed legislation that gives specific tuition-raising power to the BOG.

"They decided it just didn't make sense," said Student Body President Nic Heinke. "I think our lobbying played a big role."

The defeat of the proposal comes a week after last week, when 10 student leaders from UNC campuses protested the proposal because it was in conflict

with the UNC system's history of low tuition.

Heinke said BOG members and former UNC Presidents William Friday and C.D. Spangler were a vital part of lobbying efforts.

"The University people have thanked us," said Jeff Nieman, outgoing Association of Government President and BOG member.

"Since we all made our opposition so clear, we brought this issue to the forefront."

The proposal was independent of the across-the-board BOG tuition hikes

imposed by the BOG.

The proposal would have increased faculty salaries because UNC-Chapel Hill pays its professors less than other high caliber schools, like the Universities of California at Berkeley and Michigan.

The 65 percent of the money made by the tuition hike would have gone to increasing faculty salaries. The remaining 35 percent would have gone to student aid.

But Heinke said the issue of faculty salaries would not be ignored.

The BOG will now conduct an assessment of UNC-CH faculty salaries,

Heinke said.

In other legislative fronts, the Senate Budget and Finance Committee unanimously recommended Tuesday the approval of a \$3 billion bond package that would provide for the construction and renovation of UNC-system buildings.

Friday told legislators that university improvements were important for the entire state because universities had historically contributed to North Carolina's overall economic prosperity.

But Nieman said the package must now be put before the entire Senate and

must be battled in the House before it gets final approval.

"The tricky part is getting them to see that this should be approved without having to go to a public vote," he said.

"In our opinion, the members of the (N.C.) General Assembly were elected to make these types of decisions."

Nieman said it was difficult to determine just how much legislative support would be generated for the package, but most legislators would not openly oppose university improvements.

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Olympics Close Out With Bang

The closing ceremonies for the Special Olympics were dedicated to Chancellor Michael Hooker.

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JULY 8 - Each year on the Fourth of July, in tune with patriotic song, fireworks explode over Duke University's Wallace Wade Stadium, delighting the audience gathered on the stadium's stone seats, lighting the sky in brilliant fashion.

This year, however, these fireworks had added honors, and Durham's Independence Day celebration responded with a little more - more people, more heat and a lot more to celebrate.

Wallace Wade was the home of the

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Coordinator of University and Local Relations Aaron Nelson said the University did itself proud.

Farewell to Blue Heaven



Class of 1999 graduates said goodbye to the University under perfect Carolina Blue skies, making UNC live up to its nickname. This year's graduates tried their best to look and act original in the sea of graduation robes. Dramatic Art major Jennifer Teachey (left) of Swansboro went to graduation in a Carolina Blue bikini to stand out in the crowd of caps and gowns. Teachey stuffed dollar bills in her suit as a prop.



Women to Live in Old East, West

Starting in fall of 2000, women will live in the traditionally all-male halls during the school year.

BY RALPH BELK
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MAY 20 - The final obstacle to the integration of Old East and Old West residence halls has been cleared, and starting in fall 2000 women will live in the traditionally all-male halls during the school year.

Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Dean Bresciani supported the recommendation that the residence halls be changed to co-education-

al at the start of the fall 2000 semester.

He notified both the Department of University Housing and the residents of Old East and Old West residence halls of his final decision May 5.

The decision was the final step in a process initiated by a joint proposal from former Student Body Vice President Emily Williamson and former Residence Hall Association President David Jernigan to allow women to live in the residence halls.

Bresciani said he made his decision after receiving input from student leaders and forums with Old East and Old West residents.

He also consulted academic studies which compared the benefits of single-sex and co-ed environments.

Bresciani said he was convinced that

he had the support of the student body and said co-educational living environments were more conducive to a student's preparation for life after college.

Director of University Housing Wayne Kuncl said the goal of his department was to complete the changeover as smoothly as possible.

He said he wanted to continue honoring both the housing contracts which were currently valid and the priority, or "squatters' rights," of all the residents.

Bresciani said he and the housing department would work closely with residents during the next school year to resolve other issues that would arise.

Some of these issues which are still being worked on include how the halls will be split, the substance-free status of Old West, visitation and what will hap-

pen if some males are displaced or unhappy living in a co-ed residence hall.

Both Kuncl and Bresciani said they were hopeful that no one would be forced to move because of the historically low return rates of the residents of these two residence halls.

Students who wish to move will probably be given priority in a residence hall of their choice, Bresciani said.

Student Body President Nic Heinke said he thought the plan to allow women residents in Old East and Old West was a good idea.

When asked if this decision, along with the decision to reopen Spencer Residence Hall as co-ed instead of all-female, marked a trend against single-

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Town Appoints First Female Fire Marshall

BY JACOB MCCONNICO
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MAY 27 - In May the town of Chapel Hill made history by promoting its first female to a commanding officer position with the fire department.

Fire Marshall Caprice Mellon was promoted to the position in a ceremony at the Chapel Hill fire department.

Mellon replaced Larry Johnson, who retired in April after over 30 years of service with the department.

Chapel Hill Fire Chief Dan Jones said Mellon was promoted after competing with applicants from across the state.

"There were 19 candidates from across North Carolina including experienced fire marshalls from cities and

counties," he said.

Jones said the promotion was an important event in the history of the Chapel Hill fire department because Mellon would be the first woman to hold such a high position.

"Fire Marshall is a key position, responsible for fire investigation, fire safety and fire prevention," he said.

Jones said he was happy about Mellon's promotion because she had the right character for the job. "I think it's great," he said. "She's the type of person, when she puts her mind to something, she does it."

Jones said Mellon had an impressive record with nine Letters of Accommodation, two Department

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Swain Keeps Law Enforcement License

Lt. C.E. Swain will retain his certification to be an officer, but his license will be on five-year probation.

BY ASHLEY STEPHENSON
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MAY 27 - Lt. C.E. Swain will get to keep his law enforcement certification after a 13-2 vote by the N.C. Training and Standards Commission on Friday.

But Swain's Chapel Hill lawyer Alan McSurely said he held his breath when members of the commission declared their votes.

"The first four (votes) went 'yes, no, yes, no,' and I was like, 'Oh, God, it's going to be close,'" McSurely said.

The commission voted to uphold a recommendation made by Administrative Law Judge Fred Morrison in March that put Swain's license on a five-year probation.

Swain faced scrutiny when the commission's standards committee found probable cause in August 1998 to terminate the University Police officer's license for lying on his officer license application.

"I'm in the clear now," Swain said.



University Police Lt. C.E. Swain said the 13-2 hearing vote put him in the clear and showed the system did work.

"They tried their best. They did everything they could to try to make me look bad. But I'm in the clear."

C.E. SWAIN
University Police Lt.

"This proves that the system does work."

McSurely and Swain allege that the charges that surfaced in August 1998 were the University's way of retaliating against Swain for a ticket he issued at a UNC football game in 1997.

Swain issued an alcohol citation to Caroline Hancock, the daughter of UNC Board of Trustees member Billy

Armfield and was then fired by Chancellor Michael Hooker on the grounds that he had falsified his time card.

"There is no question that the people behind this were upset about Swain's giving the ticket and exposing what was going on at UNC," McSurely said.

"He committed two sins, like a double no-no."

Swain said the decision meant the commission had linked the citation to the charges that Swain falsified his application.

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The first woman fire marshal Caprice Mellon watched as her mother attached her marshal pin at a ceremony in May.