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## BOT Sets Stage for Tuition Vote

The chairwoman of the Board of Trustees says only two students will address the board on Oct. 28.

By JASON ARTHURS  
Staff Writer

Although student leaders announced they would rally students to speak out against a tuition increase at next week's Board of Trustees meeting, BOT Chairwoman Anne Cates said Wednesday that she would place restrictions on student representation and limit the length of the meeting.

Cates said that only Student Body President Nic Heinke and Graduate and

Professional Student Federation President Lee Conner would represent students at the Oct. 28 meeting. Conner said there were originally five other students slated to address the board.

Heinke said the intent of having other students speak was to give both out-of-state and in-state students who would be directly affected by an increase a chance to express their opinions.

Cates also mandated limited time allotments for each student leader because the meeting would be conducted under time constraints.

"I think that's pretty fair," she said. "We've done a lot of homework, and Nic and Lee are very up on the facts."

While Cates would not comment about the specifics of the time restrictions, she said they were enacted based on when BOT met to discuss a similar issue in 1995. That year, only Student Body President Calvin Cunningham was allowed to speak to the board about a \$400 tuition increase. He supported

the increase, which marked the first time the N.C. General Assembly allowed individual campuses to boost tuition for salary increases. "The trustees will have a recommendation to study over thoroughly this week," Cates said.

The proposal that the trustees will be reviewing includes a tuition increase of \$1,500 for in-state undergraduates over three years and \$2,000 for out-of-state and graduate students over four years to finance higher faculty salaries.

Trustee Walter Davis said he understood the need to cut back on the number of students at the board meeting.

"I wish everybody could speak," Davis said. "(The BOT) wants the leaders to speak. It's just the same as our representation in the N.C. legislature."

Conner said he hoped the trustees would understand the difficulty of two students representing the entire student body's views in a restricted time slot.

"It's very disturbing and disappointing that they're devoting a limited

amount of time to a decision of such importance," he said. "It lacks a real openness and desire to be respectful of the needs of the student body."

Conner and Heinke announced Tuesday that they planned to launch a "war" against the tuition increase by meeting with campus groups, starting a petition and encouraging students to attend the BOT meeting.

Cates said she and the board had no intentions of disregarding student opinions and were open to any new ideas students had. "Where else can we go (for money)? Do you (students) all have a little tree we can go shake?"

"To raise tuition is something that no one is excited about doing," she said. "Nobody wants to take advantage of the students. We care a lot about the students, and anything we do is for the good of the University."

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## Student Coalition Plans To Protest Proposed Hike

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At a Wednesday night meeting, members of the Progressive Student Coalition voiced their concerns about a proposed UNC tuition increase, fearing that the University could become financially segregated and inaccessible to lower-class students.

The student group plans to tell the Board of Trustees that while they support an increase in faculty salaries, they do not believe student tuition should finance it. The BOT will meet Oct. 28 to vote on the plan.

"As the Progressive Student Coalition, ensuring an affordable education is one of our primary goals — one of the five reasons we joined together," said Michal Osterweil, a junior from Los Angeles.

Formed last spring when members wanted to change the role of student government on campus, the coalition consists of members of the Black Student Movement, Student Environmental Action Coalition, Alliance for Creating Campus Equity and Seeking Social Justice, the Young Democrats, Students United for a Responsible Global Environment and Students for Economic Justice.

The nearly 20 students who attended coalition's meeting were primarily concerned with monetary effects of a tuition raise on present and future students.

"There is a practical reason to reject tuition increases: it shuts people out, decreasing us as an affordable university and leading to broader implications of classism and racism," Osterweil

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## Students Stage 'Sweat-In' To Show Workers' Plight

By ARMAN ANVARI  
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Hemmed inside a thin wire fence, hunched over card tables cluttered with requisite sewing machines and piles of tattered fabric, three students worked laboriously to cut, stitch and pin squares of cloth together.

Students for Economic Justice staged a 24-hour "sweat-in" beneath the overhang of the Student Union beginning at 5 a.m. Wednesday.

The students ignored the cold draft hurtling through the Pit and dealt with the constant drip and patter of raindrops falling from the roof of the Student Union.

For at least a day, these UNC students were slave laborers.

"(The sweat-in) is not a big pity demonstration," said freshman SEJ member Sandi Chapman.

"It's just here to give people a sense of the prison-type atmosphere that a lot of people work in to manufacture things that we buy."

SEJ hoped to use the demonstration to make others aware that many of the licensees that produce athletic apparel and other University-sponsored goods ruthlessly manufacture their products in sweatshops, Chapman said.

About one dozen SEJ members participated in the demonstration. Each worked one- and two-hour shifts inside an 8-by-10 fenced area.

The students ultimately used the fabric they worked with to hang banners on the fence in which

they were enclosed — a fence held up by four Carolina-blue posts.

During the course of the day, the banners formed a wall with terse statements like "India 25 cents," "Guatemala 70 cents," "Nicaragua 37 cents," and "Ontario \$3" printed on it, signifying the hourly wage sweatshop workers receive in each of those regions.

Chapman said another goal was to disseminate information about one of SEJ's main campaigns for the semester: urging the University to remove itself from the Fair Labor Association and become a member of the Worker Rights Consortium.

Chapman said, "Our concern with the FLA is primarily that it allows corporations to monitor themselves, and we don't think that makes any sense."

"We need to have people who are independent of corporate control doing the monitoring."

Junior SEJ member Todd Pugatch said the consortium would apply to the entire UNC licensing program.

"That's any product bearing the UNC name and logo, anything in Student Stores," Pugatch said.

"Whether it's clothing or a shot glass or a banner or a sticker, anything that's officially licensed by the University would fall under the consortium."

"So we're talking about a wide range of industries."

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DTH: KAARIN MOORE

Law student David Neal sits behind a fence in front of the Student Union and sews Wednesday afternoon to raise awareness of worker conditions in sweatshops. The "sweat-in" was a 24-hour event sponsored by Students for Economic Justice.

## Post Office To Deliver Haunting

A haunted house, sponsored by various service groups, opens today in the basement of the post office.

By KATHLEEN WIRTH  
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The smirk on sophomore business major Greg Bartholomew's face instantly transformed into a look of raw terror as he stared up at a dark, menacing face two inches from his own eyes.

Located beneath the Franklin Street post office, the Hill of Horrors haunted house held a "shriek preview" for today's opening to the public, beginning at 5 p.m. "Bring your guts and possibly a shotgun because it's scary," Bartholomew said.

The haunted house is a joint effort between USAMEDIA, a multi-media production company based in Carrboro, the Street Scene Teen Center and Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity. All proceeds will go to the teen center's computer lab and to various charities of Alpha Phi Omega.

Luke Barrow of USAMEDIA, said the Hill of Horrors was a psychological



DTH: KATE MELLNIK

Ariadne Guthrie, an Alpha Phi Omega volunteer, scares a group touring the Hill of Horrors, which is located under the Franklin Street post office.

form of terror with a minimal amount of blood and guts. "We're not your typical haunted house," he said. "We don't have a Jason and we don't have a Freddy."

Even without the standard blood and gore of traditional haunted houses, Chris Walters, president of the Street Scene Teen Center, said it got a good response. "I thought it went awesome," he said. "I'm pretty sure I scared the hell out of some people."

In constructing the Hill of Horrors, members from all three sponsors put in weeks of planning beginning in early September. "From the onset, I knew it was going to be a huge undertaking," said Paul Barnhardt, president of Alpha Phi Omega fraternity. "However, I was really impressed tonight with the finished product."

Officials from USAMEDIA said they were expecting around 4,000 visitors over the Halloween season and around \$15,000 to \$20,000 in proceeds. "This is a great cause and an excellent way to get into the Halloween spirit," Barrow said.

The Hill of Horrors will run until Halloween from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. each day, with Saturday and Sunday shows starting at 2 p.m. However, Barrow said that with the large number of people flocking to Franklin Street on Halloween night, the haunted house would be closing at 7 p.m. "It's so crazy up here on Halloween," Barrow said.

"(The town of Chapel Hill) doesn't want another element to deal with."

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## SURGE Conference To Hit UNC Friday

By GEOFF WESSEL  
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Members of Students United for a Responsible Global Environment will work to build a better world at their first conference this weekend.

In less than a year, SURGE has grown into an international organization with almost 250 chapters worldwide. More than 200 members will meet at UNC from Oct. 22 to Oct. 24.

One of the group's major goals is to increase student political power by working together, a goal which members felt required close personal contact.

"We decided that we need to meet face to face," said junior Dennis Markatos, one of the students who founded the UNC-based social and environmental activism group in 1998.

"We are working on important campaigns, but we can't win unless we work together."

Markatos said members began discussing an international SURGE conference to bring closer interaction last May. The reality of that conference is now only a few days away.

"I think (the conference) is incredibly ambitious," said graduate student Mary Kubal, who will be co-chairwoman of a workshop at the conference. "The scope of all the issues they're trying to cover is pretty incredible."

The conference, titled "The International and National Student Movement: Facing the Challenges of Globalization," has several missions. In addition to allowing contact among members, goals include educating both SURGE members and the University community, and planning ways to achieve the group's goals.

"We're hoping this will be a big success," Markatos said. "On the UNC campus, I'm hoping we can get awareness up on key issues such as the devastation of Iraq."

Markatos said that while raising awareness was possibly the most important goal, the others were also urgent.

"Another goal is to make sure that we know what we're talking about, all the little details, so that we're not people that just want to protest," he said. "We're people that want to improve the situation and can work towards a certain policy that we know would be better."

Keynote speaker Michael Parenti, author of political critiques such as "Democracy for the Few," will open the conference with a speech on "U.S. Global Power: Easing Towards Imperialism."

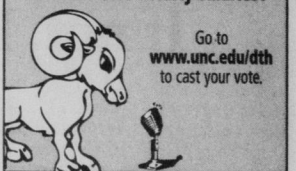
Other speakers, ranging from students to political activist Michel Chossudovsky, will hold 30 workshops

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## Carolina, Speak Out!

A weekly DTH online poll

Do you support a tuition hike to increase UNC faculty salaries?



Go to [www.unc.edu/dth](http://www.unc.edu/dth) to cast your vote.

## INSIDE Thursday

### New Show to Rock Stage

A graduate student, a local band and an alumna have joined forces to create a new musical about a struggling young woman with a smiling facade. The show will hit the stage tonight. See Page 5.

### Attention, Faculty!

The Daily Tar Heel is looking for faculty members who would like to write guest columns or letters to the editor about UNC's proposed tuition increase. Share with this community how you feel and what road you think UNC's Board of Trustees should take during next week's historic vote.

### Today's Weather

Cloudy High 60s.  
Friday: Cloudy, High 60s.

We work to become, not to acquire.

Elbert Hubbard