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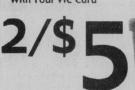
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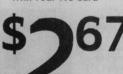


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## Va. Legislators Block Push To Freeze College Tuition

By ALEX KAPLUN AND WORTH CIVILS

The Virginia Senate recently shot down Gov. Jim Gilmore's second effort in February to freeze college tuition after

he leaves office.
In January, the governor sent a bill to the state legislature that would freeze tuition at Virginia state universities from 2002 until 2004.

But while the House overwhelmingly approved the bill, the Senate Finance Committee rejected it. The House bill then went to the Senate Education and

Health Committee, where it again failed. The move came on the heels of a UNC Board of Governors proposal to increase tuition at five UNC-system schools to maintain competitive faculty salaries. The Virginia system is one of UNC's main competitors.

Students at the University of Virginia had mixed reactions to the bill's failure. While they approved of low tuition, some were concerned the freeze might

lower the quality of their education.
But legislators' reservations about the bill were somewhat different – primarily that the bill would remain in effect for

vo years after Gilmore's term ended. Democratic Sen. Benjamin Lambert said he did not think it was appropriate for the current administration to saddle next legislature with regulations.

But the idea of freezing tuition is not unheard of to Virginia lawmakers, who froze tuition in 1996 until 2002.

David Adams, assistant education secretary, said the proposed bill was aimed at letting parents know early that tuition would not increase.

"(The governor) thought it was important that parents know that when they are sending their kids to college, they will pay the same tuition today as in 4 years when they graduate," Adams

Nan Peterson, elections chairman for the UVa. student council, said she supported the bill. "I really like the idea of a tuition freeze, and I think it's important to keep cost down," Peterson said.

But she and student council President Taz Turner also expressed concern that a tuition freeze could decrease resources available to fund needs such as faculty

salaries and capital improvements. "While freezing may be approved by a lot of students, it's not good for faculty salaries, and we need more faculty," Peterson said.

Turner said he was also concerned about the university's structural needs.

"With the expansion of accommo dating more students, (the school) needs to increase tuition," he said.

"We're facing structural and academ-

ic needs. Lambert, who serves on the Senate Education and Health Committee, said the bill would have made it more difficult for lawmakers to raise tuition when

the need arose. "If you had the freeze in the code, you would have to pass laws to (raise tuition)," Lambert said

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## **Duke Gets Usual Boost in Bills**

By Alicia Gaddy

Duke University's Board of Trustees recently approved a 3.5 percent tuition increase coupled with a 4.3 percent raise in financial aid.

Unlike the proposed \$600 tuition increase at UNC-Chapel Hill, Duke's new increase is not unusual.

Al Rossiter Jr., director of Duke News Services, said this increase, along with last year's, would be one of the smallest in the last 30 years but that tuition rose steadily every year.

The increase would raise total fees 3.7 percent for first-, second- and third-year students.

Rossiter said Duke, with a \$1.68 billion endowment, which was relatively small when compared to other private schools, had to increase tuition to remain competitive by maintaining topnotch faculty and facilities.

"Unlike some schools that have large endowments like Harvard and Stanford, much of our tuition goes to pay for undergraduate teaching," he said. Rossiter added that Duke's tuition

was similar when compared to other private research institutions. "Last year, our tuition and mandatory fees were within several hundred dollars of MIT, Yale, Johns Hopkins and Stanford," he said.

But he said Duke was striving to keep tuition fairly stagnant and thereby make the school more accessible to the public. Rossiter said that to achieve this accessibility, Duke was trying to put less financial focus on non-academic activities.

But with ever-increasing tuition, he said the school's financial aid program was becoming more important.

He said financial aid next year would total more than \$31 million, and he estimated that 1,930 incoming students would receive grant packages averaging \$17,300. "That's 11 percent more than this year," Rossiter said.

Rossiter added that Duke would continue its "need-blind" enrollment policy, admitting students regardless of their financial backgrounds. He said Duke would also continue to meet the total

financial need of all incoming students.

"We guarantee that for any students that are admitted, we will put together a financial aid package," Rossiter said. Jim Belvin, Duke's director of finan-

cial aid, said next year's additional aid would all be given outright. "The entire amount of additional financial aid is in the form of grants," he said. Weighing the tuition increase against the financial aid increase, Belvin said

financial aid students would gain from this decision, making it more practical for them to attend Duke. "I think it's going to make it easier," he said. Duke senior Justin Fairfax, youth trustee for the Duke Board of Trustees,

also said new financial aid at Duke would increase students' opportunities and give them more incentive to attend Duke. "Hopefully, if (low-income students) know there's a dedication to financial aid, they will be influenced to

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