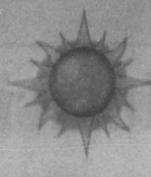


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Payne Seeks More Student Input on Tuition

By JENNIFER HAGIN
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UNC Association of Student Governments President Andrew Payne said Thursday that he hopes the Board of Governors' recent decision to re-examine its tuition-setting policy will result in more student input.

The BOG approved tuition increases at six system schools Wednesday – a move that also incited the board to reconsider the process it adopted in 1998 to set tuition levels at the 16 campuses.

Payne said the level of student involvement in tuition decisions, which are made each spring at the BOG level and each fall at the campus level, is not up to par. "There

needs to be a systematic approach to awareness," he said, adding that he would like to have a uniform system to ensure that student input on tuition is solicited on each campus.

But some of the system's student leaders think students already have a voice in the tuition process.

Timothy Peterkin, student body president at N.C.



ASG President Andrew Payne said the policy for tuition increases needs to be more specific.

Central University, one of the campuses for which the BOG approved a tuition increase this week, said the school strives to include students in tuition discussions. Peterkin said N.C. Central students met with administrators to discuss tuition increases on campus, adding that administrators also held a campuswide forum to explain the increase.

"I think students, through their representatives, have an adequate say in tuition increases," he said.

Brad Wilson, chairman of the BOG's budget and finance committee, said it is important for students to be involved in the tuition-setting process.

But Wilson said he would not support Payne's suggestion for a uniform system

because he thinks each campus should develop its own system to include students. "I would hesitate to say we need to take a cookie-cutter approach," he said.

The BOG's current tuition-setting policy allows individual schools to request tuition increases under "extraordinary circumstances."

Since the policy was instated two years ago, 11 schools, including UNC-Chapel Hill, have succeeded in receiving tuition increases, mostly to boost faculty salaries. At Wednesday's meeting, board members agreed to meet in April to investigate and discuss possible policy changes.

In addition to failing to require adequate student input Payne said the tuition policy is not explicit enough.

"Until the board lays out what 'extraordinary' means we can't go forward with more increases," he said.

But BOG member Addison Bell said explicit wording would wreck the policy, which he said should allow for different decisions to be made from year to year. "It may be clarified to some extent," Bell said. "But the question is how do we do it without locking ourselves in a box."

But Payne said he is optimistic that changes will be made. "I think it's good there are so many people on the board who see the change we've made as opening a Pandora's Box."

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NCAA Seats Available Next Week

UNC's seed in the NCAA tournament will influence the number of tickets that will go on sale Monday.

By BROOK CORWIN
Staff Writer

Students hoping to catch the UNC men's basketball team in postseason action might have the chance Monday morning to purchase tickets to the first two rounds of the NCAA tournament.

But the number of tickets available to students rests heavily on the region the team is assigned to by the tournament selection committee.

Carolina Athletic Association President Tee Pruitt said the tickets will be distributed over the phone on a first come, first serve basis, so any students interested in obtaining tickets should call the ticket office early Monday.

"You have to hop on this thing as soon as it happens because it happens so fast," Pruitt said.

Depending on which venue hosts the games, students could expect to pay anywhere between \$105 and \$150 for tickets.

Andrew Brown, public relations manager for the Greensboro Coliseum – one of the Tar Heels' more possible tournament venues – said each venue will distribute tickets to the athletics departments of participating schools according to NCAA regulations.

But Pruitt said how those allocated tickets are distributed is under the jurisdiction of UNC's Department of Athletics and will strongly depend on the proximity of the venue. "When the team plays outside the Dean Dome, it's out of the CAA's hands," he said.

If the basketball team is placed in the east region – a strong possibility if it wins this weekend's ACC tournament – it will play its first- and second-round games at either Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Long Island or at the Greensboro Coliseum.

Pruitt said more students would probably get tickets if the games are held closer to Chapel Hill. "I think we're more likely to get tickets for Greensboro than anywhere else," Pruitt said.

Brown said that if the team were assigned to play in Greensboro, the athletics department could receive as many as 450 of the venue's 23,037 seats. "We're allocating a set amount of 350 tickets per school, and each school has the option of purchasing 100 more," he said.

The tickets, which admit patrons to all six games held at the venue, would be sold to the University at their face value of \$105, Brown said.

Pruitt said probably only a small fraction of the University's allocated tickets would be distributed to students, with many of the tickets already slated to go to such groups as the UNC Pep Band, athletics department staff and Educational Foundation donors.

But Pruitt said extra tickets might become available if other schools trav-

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Officials to Use Odum Village for Interim Housing

Many students dislike the early checkout, but only 19 undergraduates and graduates asked to remain on campus during break.

By JOE SULLIVAN
Staff Writer

While most UNC students are packing to leave town for Spring Break, some students are facing the reality of another week in Chapel Hill and difficulties with residence hall closing times.

Campus residence halls will close at 6 p.m. today and will not reopen until noon March 18.

Sophomore Nathan Baldwin lives in Hinton James Residence Hall but isn't leaving until Saturday because he plays on the Rugby Football Club, which is playing Middle Tennessee State at 1 p.m. Saturday. As for where he's staying Friday night, Baldwin said he doesn't really know but that he'd most likely stay somewhere off campus with a friend.

But Baldwin said officials should allow students to lock up their rooms and leave when it's convenient for them. "I'm disappointed that (the University) doesn't trust the students enough to handle the situation on their own," he said.

But the Department of University Housing has taken steps to accommodate those students who have requested to stay in University housing next week.

Housing Director Christopher Payne said the department received 19 requests from both undergraduate and graduate students asking to stay on campus next week.

He said that in years past, the department had to screen applicants, giving preference to those who lived farthest away. But this year, Payne said, all students who asked to stay on campus will be able to do so, even those students who are from Chapel Hill.

Rebecca Casey, assistant director of marketing for the housing department, said the department sent out an e-mail to all students currently living on campus, inviting them to fill out an interim housing form, available on the housing Web site, by Feb. 9. The fee for staying on campus during Spring Break is \$90.

Whitehead is the only residence hall that will remain open, and the additional 19 students seeking housing will stay in apartments in Odum Village, the student family housing apartments.

Rather than have the students stay in residence hall lounges as they have in the past, Payne said several empty apartments will be temporary homes for these students. Payne added that security and on-call procedures will not change at all.

Campus services also will be modifying their operating hours during Spring Break. Student Health Service will be open for normal hours, Carolina Dining Services will not be open at all next week and the Student Recreation Center will be open during the day from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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Two students pose for a picture outside of Old East Residence Hall circa 1892 (above). Second-year law student Jamie Allison (below) plays through McCorkle Place during a round of Frisbee golf Thursday afternoon.

Preservation Key in Hall Updates

By KARA EIDE
Staff Writer

Tiers of metal scaffolding envelop Old East and Old West residence halls as the centuries-old dormitories receive further repairs.

While the current construction consists only of roofing replacement, officials say any renovation projects on Old East and Old West must exercise caution to preserve the buildings' historic authenticity.

On Jan. 22, construction crews began roof and gutter work on the buildings. Both buildings had new roofs installed during extensive renovations from 1992 to 1993, but already need more repairs.

Larry Herringdine, UNC's assistant director of facilities management, said the renovations will cost \$230,000, money that will come from the Department of University Housing.

But the current roof replacement is just one of many construction projects that have been executed on Old East and Old



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West in past years.

Old East represents a historic landmark not only for the University, but for the nation as well. As the oldest building on

any state university campus in the nation, Old East naturally requires attention

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Making Room in the Neighborhood

As the University seeks to expand its borders, UNC officials are requesting town reassessment of a zoning cap and special use permits currently restricting implementation of its Master Plan.

- Zoning cap – 14 million square feet
- Current approved construction – 13.7 million square feet
- The University wants to add 3 million to 4 million square feet in the next eight years.

■ Modified special use permit

Construction of University housing in a town-mandated buffer zone between the Mason Farm community and University development.

■ Modified special use permit

An access road joining Fordham Boulevard and UNC Hospitals. The road would run through the Mason Farm community.

SOURCE: TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL

UNC Seeks More Flexibility in Town Laws

By JAMES MILLER
Staff Writer

Chancellor James Moeser sent a letter Wednesday to Chapel Hill Mayor Rosemary Waldorf requesting re-evaluation of the town's application of zoning regulations and permits to the University.

The chancellor's letter asked for elimination of a zoning cap that limits University floor space and modification of the special-use permits currently applied to the Horace Williams and Mason Farm land tracts.

The letter also requested exemption from zoning-compliance permits and the site-plan reviews associated with them. The costs of zoning compliance permits were raised by the town July 1, 2000.

If honored, Moeser's requests would ease implementation of UNC's Capital Improvements Plan and could indirectly reduce development fees paid to the town.

The current zoning cap allows UNC 14 million square feet of floor space, said Nancy Suttentfield, vice chancellor for finance and administration.

"Our present approved construction

takes us to 13.7 million," she said. "We're going to need to add 3 million to 4 million square feet in the next eight years in accord with the Capital Improvements Plan."

Modification of special-use permits would allow the University to construct graduate and family student housing in a town-designated buffer zone adjacent to the Mason Farm community.

Modification also would let UNC build an access road from Fordham Boulevard to UNC Hospitals, Suttentfield said.

In addition to specific regulatory

changes, UNC officials are seeking more comprehensive changes in the development review process.

"We are trying to get the process changed in general, so that for these projects on campus there would be neither site-plan reviews, which go to the planning board, nor zoning-compliance permits," said Bruce Runberg, associate vice chancellor of facilities services.

In June 2000, the Chapel Hill Town Council rejected UNC's request to be

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Work is a necessary evil to be avoided.

Mark Twain