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## Tuition Could Be Raised Another 5 Percent

By MATT VISER  
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UNC-system students might be faced with an additional 5 percent added to their tuition bills this fall to help alleviate the state's budget woes.

The Senate Appropriations Committee approved their budget recommendations Monday and most education officials left happy. But all UNC-system students could still face a 9 percent tuition increase in fall 2001.

The Senate has recommended a 5 percent tuition increase, which would come in addition to a 4 percent tuition increase the UNC Board of Governors approved in February.

"This is not an ideal way to increase tuition, for sure," said UNC-system

President Molly Broad said. "Hopefully the pace of tuition increases in future years will be slower."

The UNC-system's budget will be trimmed by \$3.3 million, a far cry from the \$125 million that was originally quoted to university officials.

"Given the state's fiscal problems, I think the universities have been treated really well," Broad said. "The cuts are much lower than was originally outlined by the Senate."

"It's a much, much better picture than what we originally had."

But in sparing education of such drastic cuts, some say the tuition increase is setting a bad precedent and students are shouldering a statewide problem.

"The decision was made to put the burden on the backs of students," said

UNC-CH Student Body President Justin Young.

But state legislators say the proposal is the best solution to the ongoing problem.

"Education has been spared," said Sen. Aaron Plyler, D-Union, co-chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee. "It's been one tough budget to put together because of the lack of money, but we've done the best we can."

Senators are facing the worst budget crisis the state has seen in a decade. The Appropriations Committee has had to deal with an \$800 million deficit, a large disaster fund for Hurricane Floyd and a poor economy.

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### Paying Up

The Senate Appropriations Committee has recommended a 5 percent tuition increase, which would result in a 9 percent total tuition increase for all UNC-system students in fall 2001. The figures include campus-initiated increases approved by the Board of Governors.

	2000-01 Tuition		February's 4 Percent BOG Increase		5 Percent Proposed Increase	
	Resident	Non-resident	Resident	Non-resident	Resident	Non-resident
UNC-CH	1,860.00	11,026.00	2,234.00	11,400.00	2,327.00	11,951.00
ECU	1,195.00	9,058.00	1,393.00	9,256.00	1,453.00	9,709.00
UNC-C	1,132.00	8,402.00	1,360.00	8,926.00	1,417.00	9,346.00
UNC-G	1,108.00	9,562.00	1,302.00	9,756.00	1,357.00	10,234.00

SOURCE: THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

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## BOG: UNC Needs More Flexibility

UNC's Board of Governors supported a state Senate proposal to make system schools more flexible.

By GEOFF WESSEL  
University Editor

The UNC Board of Governors held a special meeting Tuesday morning to discuss a potential restructuring of the UNC system that would give system schools more room for action independent from BOG oversight.

N.C. state legislators are considering giving trustees at the campuses of the system's 16 constituent universities more purchasing authority and the authority to raise tuition and hire faculty and administrators.

"We are looking at the whole issue of the need for the universities to have more flexibility to serve students better," said Sen. Linda Garrou, D-Forsyth, one of the proposal's co-sponsors.

"What we're saying is let's allow them the flexibility so that they don't lose time, they don't lose energy and they don't lose money."

The proposal is incorporated into the Senate's budget bill, which passed for the first of three times Tuesday. If passed again, it will be sent to the North Carolina House of Representatives today.

Rob Lamme, spokesman for Senate President pro tempore Marc Basnight, D-Dare, said increased managerial flexibility at the campus level would help enable system schools to compete on a national and international level.

"There's been a desire on Senator Basnight's part for a while to give the campuses more flexibility," Lamme said. "I think it's also been a priority of (BOG President Molly Broad) and something that a good number of the individual campuses have wanted for a while."

BOG Chairman Benjamin Ruffin opened Tuesday's meeting by praising the board's quick response to the situation.

"We have a real responsibility to do the best work we can," he said. "Sometimes we have to do it in an emergency situation like we have

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BOG Chairman Benjamin Ruffin says the proposal would benefit both the state and UNC-system schools.

## Rezoning Strains Rapport Between University, Town

Mayor Rosemary Waldorf says a proposal to exempt UNC from Chapel Hill zoning laws was negotiated behind the town's back.

By AMA BOATEN  
Staff Writer

Relations between UNC and the Town of Chapel Hill could experience new tension following recent legislative action concerning the amount of land the University will receive for Master Plan-related projects.

The North Carolina Senate Appropriations Committee approved a provision granting the University exemption from town zoning laws as part of its budget proposal Monday. The bill has yet to be approved by the General Assembly.

University officials previously asked the town to remove a cap on building space to expedite the process of obtaining building permits. The University now has 13.7 million square feet of floor space either built or authorized for construction, and will soon reach the 14 million square-foot limit the Chapel Hill Town Council placed on UNC floor space in the 1980s.

But while town officials support a nine-step voting process to raise the limit, the General Assembly is considering authorizing expansion without Town Council approval.

"The trustees and I support this provision moving through the legislative process," Chancellor James Moeser said in a statement Tuesday.

But Chapel Hill Mayor Rosemary Waldorf said the University requested exemption from town zoning authority from the General Assembly without the town's approval. "I am very disappointed," she said. "I think it was inappropriate."

She said UNC's action could negatively affect the University's relationship with the town.

But Provost Robert Shelton said UNC did not request the exemption. "The interest originated with the legislature," he said. "We certainly continue to stress the importance of working with the town."

Waldorf said the University has previously worked well

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## HANG TIME



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Ali Scott of Carrboro glides through a reverse layup late Sunday afternoon at the Henry Anderson III Community Park in Carrboro. Scott says he shoots around at the park a few times a week. The park also has soccer fields, tennis courts, a playground and a pond with a surrounding walking path as well as outdoor picnic and grill areas.

## Downtown Eateries to Open Soon

A variety of new restaurants are moving into the Chapel Hill downtown area, filling Franklin Street vacancies.

By MATT VISER  
City, State & National Editor

The business line-up on Franklin Street continues to change, as several businesses prepare to open and some buildings still sit vacant.

Valentino's, a new upscale Italian restaurant, will open on the corner of Franklin and Columbia streets in about



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While new businesses arrive on Franklin Street, the building formerly housing the Wicked Burrito still faces an uncertain future.

three weeks.

"It will feature real authentic Italian cuisine," said Mike Crusco, head chef, who was born in Italy and is a third generation cook. "There's no restaurants around here that serve real authentic

Italian food right now."

There will also be several Asian eateries as well as a new seafood restaurant opening up soon, said Robert

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## UNC Officials Sue Porn Site

By GEOFF WESSEL  
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UNC-Chapel Hill and the UNC Board of Governors have filed a lawsuit against the creators of the pornographic Web site www.uncgirls.com for trademark violation.

The suit, which seeks up to \$100,000 in damages and requests that the domain name be transferred to the University, claims the site violates federal trademark laws by using "UNC."

The suit names Jack Erickson as president of Valuable Assets Leave Unrivaled Estates Holdings, Inc. and two other companies listed as defendants. April Erickson is named as secretary of the companies. It is not clear whether the Ericksons are related.

"One of the components of the University's trademark licensing program is to ensure that unauthorized or inappropriate uses of the University's

name don't occur," said Director of Auxiliary Services Rut Tufts.

He said ensuring appropriate use of the University's trademarks is very important to UNC-CH. Associate University Attorney David Parker said it is hoped the suit would help protect those trademarks.

"The University's reputation is obviously important, and so are our trademarks," Parker said. "The value of them is affected if we don't protect them."

According to wire reports, Erickson, who could not be reached for comment, claims he has not worked on the site for a year and is no longer responsible for it.

But the suit charges the Ericksons with "failure to observe the corporate formalities" and therefore identifies them as personally responsible for all debts of the corporate defendants, which the suit claims.

A database of registered Web addresses now lists the site as registered

to Eric Draven of Pennsylvania. The suit also alleges Eric Draven is or has been an alias used by Jack Erickson, although the source for this allegation is not given.

The site was down as of Wednesday morning, but an archived version of it mentioned in the suit included hidden HTML code with the phrases "Chapel Hill" and "UNC." The suit alleges this code would lead "Internet users searching for genuine UNC-CH sites on the Internet" to the defendants' site.

Another page on the archived site contains pictures of the Frank Porter Graham Student Union building and of street signs in downtown Chapel Hill.

"The public, upon seeing such marks on items, including Internet web sites, believes that such items are authorized, sponsored, approved, and/or maintained by UNC-CH," the suit states.

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Do, or do not. There is no 'try.'

Yoda