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Retroactive Charges Likely in Pending Tuition Deal

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State and university leaders seem certain that students will have to pay even more in tuition for the fall 2001 semester, but questions remain about who will pay, when and how much.

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A compromise was in the works Monday night that could bring together differing state Senate and House tuition proposals that

budget writers from both chambers have been trying to reconcile since June.

Sen. Howard Lee, D-Orange, who chairs the Senate Appropriations Committee, said budget writers reached a compromise Monday that calls for a 9 percent across-the-board tuition increase for all students in the UNC system.

That proposal would raise in-state undergraduate tuition at UNC-Chapel Hill by about \$200 and out-of-state undergraduate tuition by about \$1,000.

The compromise discussed Monday would also increase tuition 9 percent for graduate and professional students.

The tuition increase compromise, or any other tuition increase proposal that lawmakers consider, would be retroactive, meaning students would later have to pay additional money for the fall semester that starts today.

In late June, both the House and the Senate passed budget legislation that included two drastically different tuition increase proposals.

The Senate version of the budget included a 4 percent tuition increase approved by the Board of Governors last year.

On top of the BOG-approved

increase, the Senate also called for a 5 percent tuition increase for in-state students. The House proposal eliminates all in-state tuition increases and raises out-of-state tuition at UNC-CH by about \$2,000.

All of the tuition proposals are also on top of the \$300 increase that the BOG approved two years ago for UNC-CH and N.C. State University.

Lee said budget writers are working on all aspects of the budget, including the tuition increase, adding that a final amount for the tuition increase could be set by the end of the week.

No matter which proposal goes

through, UNC-CH students will receive another bill for the fall 2001 semester.

Lee said individual universities might be given the option of how to charge students, but he said he expects most universities would simply charge students retroactively for the fall semester.

UNC-CH Financial Aid Director Shirley Ort said the retroactive tuition increase could be difficult for students to absorb.

Ort said the bill mailed out to students in July included the 4 percent BOG-approved tuition increase and the \$300 increase approved last summer but not-

ing else. Ort said bills for additional tuition increases will be mailed out shortly after the General Assembly passes a budget.

She added that while her office has been able to provide enough aid for all students under the bills they sent out this summer, any increases beyond that, especially a large increase in out-of-state tuition, would be difficult to cover.

"We're in pretty good shape right now, but any significant increase could be difficult for us to cover," Ort said.

Ort said the school would readjust the

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Growing Pains

As the 2001-02 school year gets under way, the University community braces for a storm of construction projects aimed at helping the campus absorb a projected enrollment boom. But campus growth presents a number of obstacles for the University, obstacles we all will face in the coming months.

By LIZZIE BREYER
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No pain, no gain.

That's the message UNC officials have been trying to sell students as the year begins against the backdrop of planned construction projects and missed deadlines.

As UNC undertakes newly intensified renovation projects in several areas of campus, the campus community is struggling to reconcile its desire for long-term growth and improvement with the short-term discomforts that construction brings.

UNC students will face even more construction in coming years as the campus's share of the \$3.1 billion higher education bond pays for new development and capital improvements.

The University also plans to build extensively as part of its Master Plan, a blueprint for campus growth in the next 50 years, which is facing scrutiny from Chapel Hill officials.

But for now, four major projects — construction of new South Campus residence halls, renovation of the Student Union, renovation of the Undergraduate Library and improvement to the hot water heating system on North Campus — are causing immediate difficulty for students.

South Campus Residence Halls

For many freshmen arriving on campus for the first time, the first sight that greeted them was that of exposed brick and beams — in the front yards of their new homes.

Construction began on four new South Campus residence halls in November 2000 and is scheduled to be finished July 10.

But despite the fact that the project is proceeding as planned, the construction is still causing headaches for many South Campus residents. Christopher Payne, director of housing and residential education, says the inconvenience for students is unfortunate but unavoidable.

"We are really committed to providing a bed for every undergraduate head, but that won't happen without the ability to build new housing and renovate existing housing," he said. "This is a very exciting time at Carolina, and it's important to realize that there will be inconveniences that go along with that, but it's also important to mitigate them."

Payne said the continuing construction might create more hassles for South Campus residents, including utility interruptions, noise and dust. The basketball court at Hinton James Residence Hall also is closed, although members of the housing department expect it to reopen it soon.

Cheryl Stout, assistant director of parking services, said the construction also has claimed some student parking spaces.

Payne said members of the housing department will attempt to address student concerns. "At some point, it's the legacy of the

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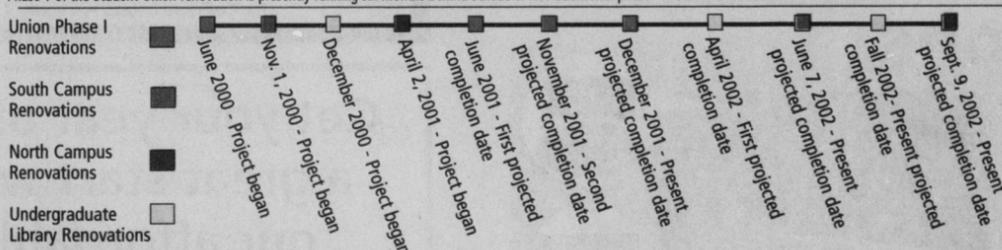


Phillip Long, Jessica Lowdermilk and Katie Fox walk past construction at the Undergraduate Library. Piles of bricks and other building materials are a common sight around campus.

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Deadline Pressure

The timeline shows the progress of four major renovation projects now under way on campus, the deadlines for several of which have been pushed back. For example, Phase 1 of the Student Union renovation is presently running six months behind schedule. Two additional phases of Union renovation will follow Phase 1.



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GRAPHIC BY KRISTEN HARDY

UNC, Town Aim to Heal Relationship

Following a year of tension between the University and Chapel Hill, the future for the two remains fragile.

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It's what some might call a vicious cycle.

Each year, UNC's enrollment rises — a phenomenon that has forced the University to create a blueprint for campus growth called the Master Plan.

This plan, spawned by projected enrollment increases, has put immediate pressure on the town and its residents.

The pressure peaked in May when Chancellor James Moeser gave the go-ahead for N.C. Senate leaders to include in the Senate budget proposal legislation exempting roughly 12 percent of the town's total area from Chapel Hill's zoning ordinances. The legislation was removed just days later — but the maneuver still has had significant implications for town-gown relations.

The move seemed like a power play to many town officials and residents, adding stress to the relationship between town and University officials.

"The strong-arm tactic just doesn't sit well with the community and the citizens," said Chapel Hill Town Council member Lee Pavao.

But Moeser wrote off the implications that tension during the summer will have on future town-gown relations.

"A lot of that is a matter of perception," he said. "We made some mistakes along the way. There was a lot more good than trouble."

Chapel Hill Mayor Rosemary Waldorf, who sat on a town-gown committee formed last year, said the Master Plan will benefit both the town and the University but added that she still supports a proposal that would be more conscious of residents' concerns.

"I've said many times that I wish the University would have developed a Master Plan that did not intrude into a neighborhood," she said.

Bruce Runberg, associate vice chancellor for facility services, noted the tension but said he thinks the town-gown relationship benefited both groups. "It's a very important issue and each side has had different responsibilities, and I think all in all, particularly over the last several months, it's been a team effort," he said.

Runberg said the process will help facilitate future conversations. "There's a lot of give-and-take in the process already, and we hope the process continues," he said. "The more difficult stages of this have yet to come."

Despite the events of the summer, Waldorf emphasized the importance of the town working with the University in the future.

"There has been disappointment, but we have to deal with it and move on."

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Freshman Meredith Webb shares a former study lounge in Ruffin Residence Hall with two roommates.

Joyner Opens to Alleviate Tight Housing

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The sight of homeless students forced to hole up in residence hall lounges has become a thing of the past, despite an increased demand for on-campus housing this year.

Due to a spike in freshman enrollment and a greater number of on-campus students renewing their housing contracts, the demand for on-campus housing considerably exceeded the roughly 6,500 available spaces.

But Christopher Payne, director of housing and residential education, said he did not want to alleviate the problem by using lounges to house students waiting for

their permanent assignments.

Last year, about 80 students moved into lounges around campus before being reassigned to permanent rooms.

"It's not a good experience for those students living in lounges, and it's not a good experience for those campus communities that can't use their lounges," Payne said.

And while some lounges have been converted to regular student rooms, the Department of Housing and Residential Education mostly looked to Joyner Residence Hall, which was scheduled to close this fall for renovations.

The housing department had already started painting the residence hall this sum-

mer, but officials decided to push back the closing date to January and fill Joyner's 170 beds with freshmen who submitted their housing applications late.

Payne said Joyner will function like any other co-ed campus community, but as spaces open in other residence halls, students will be placed in permanent assignments.

"They can move in and settle in," Payne said. "We'll give them a couple days and help them transport their belongings when they get their reassignment."

And while there is usually a large number of housing contract cancellations at the

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No smallest atom of our moral, physical or mental structure can stand still a year.

Mark Twain