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House Tuition Plan Heads to Senate

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RALEIGH — The N.C. House once again approved an amendment Tuesday night that would raise tuition for out-of-state students by about 15 percent and leave the wallets of in-state students untouched.

If the amendment is approved by both chambers of the legislature, in-state students at UNC-Chapel Hill will receive a tuition refund of about \$50 for the semester and out-of-state students will pay about \$2,000 in additional tuition to the University for the year.

The amendment was part of a continuing budget resolution that the legislature needs to pass by midnight today in order to avoid a government shutdown.

The resolution passed the Senate last

week, and the House version will head back there today for reconsideration.

If the Senate makes further changes to the resolution, a conference committee will be called to iron out the differences between the two proposals.

The tuition increase amendment, proposed by Rep. Cary Allred, R-Orange, was added to a continuing budget resolution by a 65-54 vote.

The amendment was struck down Tuesday morning in the House Rules Committee, but Allred brought it back up before the full House later that night.

The resolution, the third such passed by the House, provides funding for the state government while legislators try to fashion a budget — nearly two months after the start of the fiscal year.

A multimillion dollar shortfall has complicated legislators' tasks and left them seeking alternative sources of

funding, such as raising taxes and increasing tuition.

The Allred amendment passed the House with 66 votes earlier this summer while the Senate passed a budget that split the tuition increase between in-state and out-of-state students.

But in closed-door budget negotiations last week, lawmakers reached a compromise of a 9 percent across-the-board tuition increase.

Allred said he continued pursuing the tuition hike for out-of-state students because a provision of the N.C. Constitution states tuition should be as free as practical for residents.

"I don't think the taxpayers of North Carolina should subsidize the students from another state, especially when it means making it more difficult on in-state students," he said.

The continuing resolution approved

by the Senate last week originally called for a 9 percent systemwide tuition increase.

Allred added that out-of-state students do not pay enough in tuition and fees to cover their educational expenses — forcing the state to spend more than \$1,200 per capita each year on their education.

Allred said the proposal would likely prove contentious. "I suppose the Senate will maintain some ruckus about it," he said. "But it has passed the House twice, and I hope they keep that in mind."

But other legislators, such as Sen. Howard Lee, D-Orange, said the amendment would not likely survive the Senate. "The Senate cannot accept this kind of unbalanced increase on out-of-state students."

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N.C. House Speaker Jim Black talks with fellow legislators before a decision made to focus a tuition proposal on out-of-state students.

Police Begin Inquiry Into Alleged Bomb

The SBI is analyzing a device detonated on campus yesterday, while UNC police follow up on several leads in the case.

BY LIZZIE BREYER
University Editor

University police are investigating several leads in the case involving a suspicious object — which police say might have been a pipe bomb — that was discovered and detonated on Cameron Avenue on Monday.

University Police Chief Derek Poarch said the remnants of the device, which was broken into several parts by State Bureau of Investigation bomb squad officials, were turned over to the SBI on Tuesday morning.

"We delivered it to SBI labs this morning for analysis," he said.

Poarch did not provide a time frame for when the analysis might be completed. But he said University police are continuing to pursue an investigation on campus.

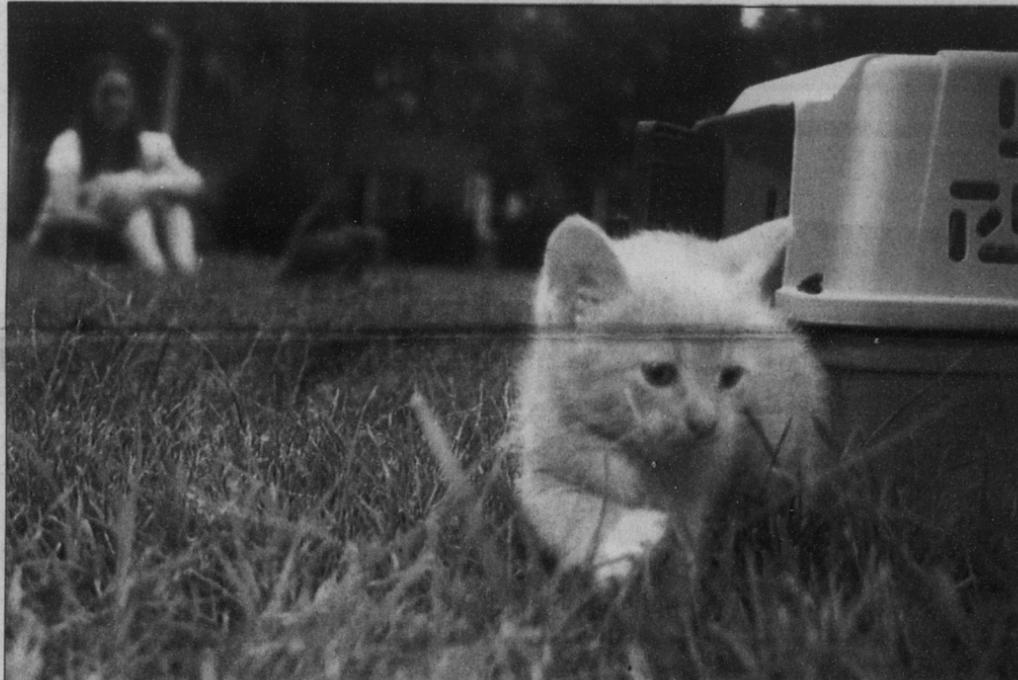
"We received several leads over last night, and today that we're actively following," Poarch said.

The device was reported to University police at about 11

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Suspect Device Explodes, Injures Sprint Worker
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WHO LET THE CATS OUT?



DTH/SEFTON IPOCK

Junior Winter Keeler watches Gizmo (front) and Grey Bear play in the quad in front of Kenan Residence Hall on Tuesday evening. Keeler's friend Erin Ihnat, a Meredith College student, adopted a stray that gave birth to five kittens. Ihnat brought these two to Chapel Hill for Keeler and her roommate, April Shell, to play with.

Cut-Back Hours Only Temporary

For the rest of the week while new staff is trained, Davis Library will not remain open 24 hours a day.

BY DANIEL THIGPEN
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Students expecting to return to late-night study routines at Davis Library were caught by surprise recently when they realized the building now closes at midnight.

For the rest of the week, Davis is operating on reduced hours rather than its usual 24-hour schedule.

On weekdays, the library will be open from 8 a.m. until midnight except on Friday, when it closes at 6 p.m.

But UNC officials say the changes are only temporary.

Diane Strauss, associate University librarian for public services, said Davis' 24-hour service will be back in place after the Labor Day weekend.

"It hasn't changed for the entire semester," she said.

Strauss said the Davis Circulation Department is in the process of hiring and training students and new employees, resulting in the early closings.

"What happens typically is that there's a whole new influx of student employees," she said. "The full-time staff are heavily involved in training the staff the first week or two of classes. (New staff) really have to be well-versed and trained to be able to handle what comes up."

Although new employees are trained during Davis' operating hours, Strauss said it is still important to close early until training sessions have finished. "The students ... aren't sufficiently trained to work late at night," she said.

When the Undergraduate Library began renovations last December, Davis extended its operating hours for the spring 2001 semester — a move meant to accommodate students who normally utilized the Undergraduate Library's 24-hour facilities for late-night schoolwork.

The Undergrad is slated to reopen in fall 2002.

Last semester, Davis offered 24-hour service with the exception of Friday and Saturday nights.

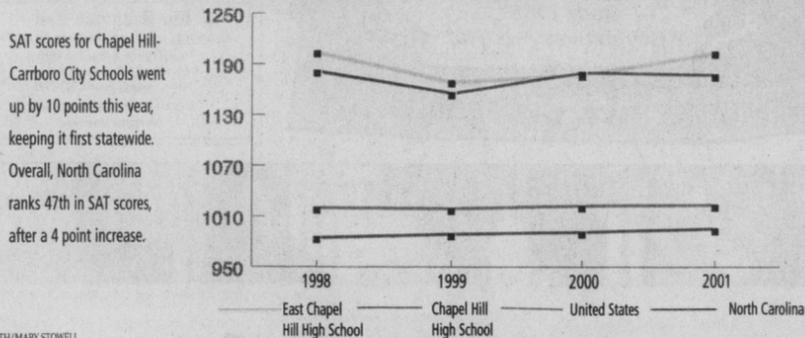
Students hoping to take advantage of the same hours this semester now must work around a new operating schedule.

"I was expecting it to be open 24 hours, like last semester," said senior biology major Adam Seay. "I can see where it would be a problem."

But Strauss said the process hasn't caused much disturbance, because the first two weeks of classes don't produce a high demand for late-night studying.

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Improved SAT Scores Evidence of Progress in Local Schools



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SOURCE: CHAPEL HILL-CARRBORO CITY SCHOOLS AND N.C. PUBLIC SCHOOLS

City, County Tout Rising SAT Scores

BY KELLIE DIXON
City Editor

Scholastic Assessment Test scores in local schools have increased, keeping one school system in first place and putting a second one on the map for the first time in years.

In Orange County Schools SAT scores skyrocketed, pushing the average score 42 points above last year's, with scores averaging 994 for the 1999-2000 school year and 1036 in 2000-01. "We're really proud," said Dana Thompson, a member of the Orange County School Board.

Parent and former Orange County School Board member Richard Kennedy said students also should be excited about this development. "You look at what our scores were five or six years ago, and we were below the state average. It's something we should really be proud of."

Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools continue to maintain their position as first in the state for SAT scores, jumping from 1175 in 1999-2000 to 1185 in 2000-01.

"I've been here for 18 years, and as long as I can remember we've had the

highest score and the largest participation rate," said Kim Hoke, spokeswoman for the school system.

Nick Didow, chairman of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education, said he is thrilled by the results. "I was particularly pleased to see the participation in taking the SAT at our high schools has increased as well as the average scores."

"I congratulate all the students, teachers and families involved in this effort," Hoke said there also was a rise in minority scores. "That's been an area where we've been placing both attention of staff and resources," Hoke said.

A total of 49 black seniors took the SAT last year, as compared to 40 in the 1999-2000 school year. Both of the system's high schools have a 25 percent minority base. According to a press release, the combined average score for black students in the district increased 26 points. The combined average score for the 2000-01 school year was 943.

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N.C. Students Inch Up Test Scores

Although state SAT scores are comparatively low, North Carolina has record numbers taking the test.

Staff and Wire Reports

RALEIGH — College-bound students in North Carolina increased their scores on the Scholastic Assessment Test by four points last year, but the state still ranks low — tied for 47th with Texas.

The state's average score climbed to 992 out of a possible 1,600, state education officials said Tuesday.

The national average was 1,020, up one point from the previous year.

The improvement continued a decade-long trend that saw the state nearly cut in half the gap between its average test score and the national average. In 1990, the gap was 53 points. In 2000-01 there was a 28-point gap.

"Progress is slow, but celebration in our state is in order," said Phil Kirk, chairman of the N.C. Board of

Education. "The trends are in the right direction."

Despite narrowing the gap, North Carolina's SAT scores remained near the bottom. The state was ranked 48th in the country in 2000. "We're not pleased that we're near the bottom in the ranking," Kirk said. "Granted, we started out low. We're still low."

The closely watched results are used as a predictor of how well a high schooler is likely to do in the first year of col-

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Where large sums of money are concerned, it is advisable to trust nobody.

Agatha Christie