

# Va. Governor Proposes Tuition Increase

The proposal is an attempt to address the \$3.5 billion shortfall Virginia is facing for 2003 and 2004.

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A projected \$3.5 billion shortfall in Virginia's budget during the next 30 months has caused Gov. Mark Warner to propose breaking a long-standing freeze on tuition at the state's public universities.

Warner submitted amendments to the Virginia budget last week, advocating a tuition increase of up to 5 percent for in-state students and more than 5 percent for out-of-state and graduate students.

The plan presents schools with the option of raising tuition but calls for the majority of the money to be turned over to the state.

Officials at the University of Virginia expressed displeasure at the budget amendment.

Colette Sheehy, vice president for management and budget at UVa., said the university's officials "have a problem" with Warner's proposal. "He's calculated a percent and required for that money to be returned to the common-

wealth."

The last tuition increase at UVa. occurred in 1995-96, after which the state legislature froze tuition in the state. But the new plan might force UVa. and other public institutions to raise tuition for next year.

"They're basically going to take the money anyway," Sheehy said, pointing out that Warner's amendment would not give universities a fair choice in deciding whether to raise tuition.

Sheehy added that the tuition freeze over the past few years has allowed peer institutions to catch up and surpass UVa. in costs. "We prefer that tuition policy be dealt with by the Board of Visitors," she said.

Warner's budget amendments address a \$3.5 billion shortfall during the next 30-month period, which starts July 1, 2002, and covers the fiscal years 2003 and 2004.

Former Virginia Gov. James S. Gilmore proposed in his final budget last month to raise tuition by a flat \$200 across the commonwealth.

Ellen Qualls, Warner's press secretary, said Gilmore's plan would have raised tuition by as much as 17 percent at lower-cost institutions. "Our plan is a bit more of a compromise," Qualls said. "We want to limit an increase to keep tuition reasonable and affordable."

Another part of the plan that is caus-

ing controversy across Virginia is a proposed salary freeze for state employees, including university faculty.

Some fear the salary freeze will hurt faculty recruitment and retention efforts and might cause the ranking of Virginia public colleges to drop.

"The philosophy of Governor Warner is to spread the level of sacrifice across all entities," Qualls said. "He is keeping a basic safety net for the frail, the elderly and the poor. In terms of priority, faculty salaries aren't there, but he's concerned with it."

It remained unclear if the Republican majority in the Virginia legislature would support Warner's proposals.

But Qualls said Warner met with leaders in Richmond, Va., and reached an agreement on the overall framework. "None of the choices that my finance team presented me with was easy," Warner stated in a press release.

"I believe that we have succeeded as best we can in a difficult situation."

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## Developments in the War on Terrorism

### Afghans: U.S. Killed Wrong People

■ Villagers trekked to Kandahar on Sunday to complain to Afghan authorities that Army Special Forces killed innocent people in a raid last week. U.S. officials said the reports were inconsistent with intelligence.

**America Attacks**

### Special Forces Wage Secret Afghan War

■ As the U.S.-led campaign evolves from a seen-on-TV bombing campaign to a cave-by-cave hunt for al-Qaida and Taliban holdouts, covert U.S. agents and troops are increasingly fighting the key battles.

### Philippine Hostages Endure Hunger

■ Two American missionaries remain hostages eight months after they were captured by the Abu Sayyaf — a Muslim extremist group linked to Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network — in the Philippines.

## Campus Calendar

### Today

Theta Nu Xi will be sponsoring a book drive for the N.C. Children's Hospital. We encourage everyone to bring new or used children's books to bins located in residence halls on campus. The drive ends today. For more information, e-mail [jessica\\_nona@hotmail.com](mailto:jessica_nona@hotmail.com).

8 a.m. — Remaining tickets for this Thursday's Duke game will be distributed by the Carolina Athletic Association on a first-come, first-serve basis today until 5 p.m. while supplies last.

8 p.m. — The UNC Young Democrats will be hosting their annual Student Body President Forum today in 103 Bingham Hall. All candidates, with

the exception of Charlie Trakas, have confirmed. Each candidate will give an introductory statement, answer questions submitted by club members and finish with closing remarks. The Young Democrats then will endorse the candidate of their choice.

## For the Record

The Dec. 3 edition of "Tar Heel History" incorrectly stated that Michael Pope was arrested in 1991 for scalping basketball tickets stolen from the UNC mailroom. The tickets were never actually in the possession of the mailroom. Pope was hired to deliver the tickets to a processing facility in Raleigh when he appropriated them for himself instead.

The Daily Tar Heel regrets the error.

## This Week in Tar Heel History ...



### 8 Years Ago:

■ This week in 1994, an anonymous grant of up to \$12,000 was given to the Coalition Against Genocide to allow the student group to bring three Bosnian students to study at UNC.

### 15 Years Ago:

■ This week in 1987, Genesis performed at the Smith Center in the facility's inauguration as a concert venue. Singer Phil Collins thanked the sold out crowd for camping out to buy tickets to the show.

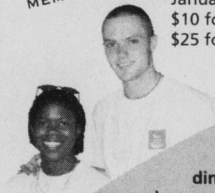
### 51 Years Ago:

■ This week in 1951, 20 UNC students were called to appear in court to answer charges of failure to pay parking tickets. The students' \$1 fines became \$18 due to late fees and court costs.



## Etiquette Dinner

Alumni Center, Carolina Club  
Tuesday, February 5, 6:30pm  
Get your tickets at the Alumni Center  
January 28-31 from 12 noon - 4pm  
\$10 for GAA student members  
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Have you ever wondered which fork to use? Which glass is really yours? A prospective employer is interviewing you over dinner — what shouldn't you order? We have a program that will finally solve these and many other etiquette mysteries. Join us for a four-course meal at The Carolina Club with etiquette lessons from Linda Conklin, Coordinator of Alumni Career Services.

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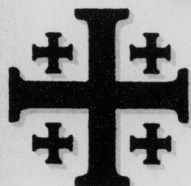
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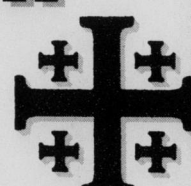
# Catholic Awareness Week



Here's Your Chance to Learn More About the Catholic Faith

January 27-February 2

Sponsored by the Newman Catholic Student Center Parish



## Schedule of Events

(all events are free)

### Sunday 1/27

Instructional Mass 7pm at Newman.  
Ever wonder why we do what we do  
at a Catholic Mass?  
Join us and find out!

### Monday 1/28

Spiritual prayer service  
in the Chapel at Newman 7:30pm.

### Tuesday 1/29

Join us in the Hinton James Recreation  
Room at 7pm to watch "The Matrix" and  
discuss the elements of Christianity  
throughout the movie.

### Wednesday 1/30

Interfaith Progressive Dinner to benefit  
the Dance Marathon beginning at Hillel  
at 5:30pm and progressing to Wesley  
and Newman. Meet at Newman at 5:15  
to walk together! There will be a  
Formation Forum at Newman to follow.  
The topic of the night is Ecumenism.

### Thursday 1/31

#### Beat Duke!

Support Carolina by wearing your  
Newman T-shirts on campus.

### Friday 2/1

Service Day in the Pit. Help us make  
PB&J sandwiches to be donated to an  
agency in Chapel Hill from 12-2pm  
in the Pit.

### Saturday 2/2

Off-Campus Service Day at the Masonic  
Children's Home. Meet us at Newman  
at 12:15pm and volunteer with us  
from 1-5pm with the kids!

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The Newman Catholic Student Center Parish is located at 218 Pittsboro Street,  
across from The Carolina Inn's parking lot. Wheelchair accessible.

MASSSES - Weekdays: Mon., Wed., Fri. at 12:15pm; Tues. at 5:30pm; Thurs. at 7:00pm  
Weekends: Sat. at 5:15pm; Sun. at 9:00am, 11:00am, and 7:00pm (Student Mass)