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## Fees might rise more than \$100

### COMMITTEE WILL PERFORM FINAL FEE REVIEW THURSDAY

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Students might find their wallets emptier than expected next fall as student fees could increase by more than \$100.

In the past month the

Chancellor's Committee on Student Fees has recommended proposals for several student fee increases totaling \$124.80 for undergraduate students, \$128.80 for graduate students and \$99.05 for law students. The committee still has several

more fee increase proposals to evaluate at its Thursday meeting.

Final recommendations will go to Chancellor James Moeser for approval and will be implemented for the next academic year.

On Sept. 11, the committee recommended proposals to increase the education portion of the education and technology fee, the athletic fee, the student facilities debt service fee, the Rams Head Recreation

Center debt service fee, the student government fee and the Rams Head Recreation Center operating fees.

On Sept. 26, the committee recommended increases in the student information system registration fee, the UNC ONE Card fee, the student dining debt service fee and the student transit fee.

The committee approved Sept. 29 increases to the Graduate and Professional Orientation fee, the

Freshman and Transfer Orientation fee, the campus recreation fee, the Carolina Union operating expenses fee and the University Career Services fee.

The committee also met Monday, approving increases in the Health Services fee and the renewable energy fee.

Much of Monday's meeting was devoted to discussing the technology component of the education and

technology fee. More funding is needed for an increased demand for workers at the Information Technology Response Center and its 24-hour helpline, online chat and messaging, an online calendar and student software.

The possibility of an online chat and messaging service sparked debate during the meeting.

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Michelle Klemens (left) and Natalie Harry were both discharged from the UNC ROTC program after they wrote letters disclosing their sexuality. Klemens will have to repay approximately \$32,000 in tuition and expenses after violating the U.S. Military's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy.

## STUDENTS CONTEST MILITARY POLICY

BY KIRSTEN VALLE  
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When Michelle Klemens was a child, she dreamed of a career in the military.

Now she faces the reality of a personal life conflicting with national military policy, plus a \$32,000 debt.

A senior journalism major, Klemens is one of many homosexuals who have been chastised by the military. She was kicked out of the UNC branch of the Navy ROTC in January and has since shouldered hefty tuition payments and what she sees as a fight for justice.

Klemens was discharged from the NROTC for violating the military's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy, allowing homosexuals to serve in the military as long as they keep their sexuality secret.

"Military personnel who are lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender are forced into a life of secrecy, fear and isolation," she said.

Klemens kept her sexuality concealed for

many years in the service. After high school in Oxford, N.Y., she enlisted in the Marine Corps as a drummer. She was stationed at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina from 1999 to 2000, when she received an NROTC scholarship to attend UNC.

After almost three years of college, she got tired of lying — she had been with her partner, Lisa Giencke, for more than a year but was not allowed to acknowledge her relationship, she said. "I was sick of being isolated. I had no one to talk to about it."

Klemens issued a statement to her commanding officer saying she was a lesbian but still wanted to serve. Though aware of the potential consequences, Klemens believes she should have been allowed to remain in NROTC and keep her scholarship.

"My sexual orientation bears no weight on my effectiveness as a leader, unit cohesion or my ability to be a good Marine," Klemens said.

But Klemens promptly was expelled from the NROTC and informed that she was responsible for repaying her tuition and anything else funded by the military — expenses totaling \$32,000.

She said that many officers were supportive of what she did and that she blames the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy, not necessarily specific individuals. "The 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' policy is an atrocity in the face of civil rights and freedoms," Klemens said. She said the policy, instituted in 1993, was an unfortunate compromise of the Clinton administration.

"It forces military personnel to be judged not on their strengths and performance, but for who they love," she said.

Lieutenant Colonel Kenneth Thompson, executive officer of NROTC Piedmont region, declined to comment Monday.

Steve Ralls, director of communications for

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## N.C. students skip UNC for aid, diversity

BY MATT HANSON  
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Mike Munson grew up loving Carolina. His brother and sister went to UNC-Chapel Hill. His father, Eric Munson, is the

President and CEO of UNC Hospitals.

He even is enrolled in a University-run study abroad program in Seville, Spain.

But Munson is a junior at the University

of Virginia.

"The only thing Carolina had against me was that I lived 30 seconds away from it," said Munson, a Chapel Hill native.

This Durham Academy alumnus, third in his 2001 graduating class, echoes the sentiment of many of North Carolina's high-caliber students.

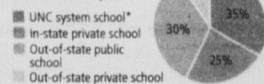
The close proximity and relatively low cost of a UNC-system education makes the state's universities attractive to some North Carolinians. Some students, however, view them as a setback when choosing a college.

A DRAIN ON N.C.'S BRAINPOWER

The top universities chosen by in-state students who were accepted at UNC-CH but did not enroll.

School	Number Attending
NC State University*	120
Duke University	76
Wake Forest University	54
East Carolina University*	22
Davidson College	18
Appalachian State University*	16
University of Georgia	13
UNC-Greensboro*	10
UNC-Asheville*	9
UNC-Charlotte*	9
UNC-Wilmington*	9
Washington and Lee University	9
College of William and Mary	9
Cornell University	8
Elon University	8
Harvard University	8
Emory University	7

Type of school attended based on the top 20



SOURCE: UNC OFFICE OF UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS

This year 1,559 in-state students passed over UNC-CH acceptance letters in favor of other schools, according to admissions data.

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UNC admissions official Ginny Henderly (right) discusses application standards with Chapel Hill High School senior Isa Watson during a college fair last week at East Chapel Hill High School. Admissions officials focus about 80 percent of their recruiting efforts on in-state students.

## Carolina Covenant blazes trail for nation

11 states express interest in program

BY EMMA BURGIN  
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The University's newly introduced Carolina Covenant is attracting attention nationwide, and the University of Virginia has shown particular interest in following UNC's lead.

UNC Chancellor James Moeser announced Wednesday a bold financial aid plan that will ensure a full ride for low-income students in exchange for 10 to 12 hours each week in a federal work-study program. UVa. and schools from 10 other states have expressed interest in the program.

UVa. President John Casteen III asked last week for a financial analysis report of what a similar program would look like at his uni-

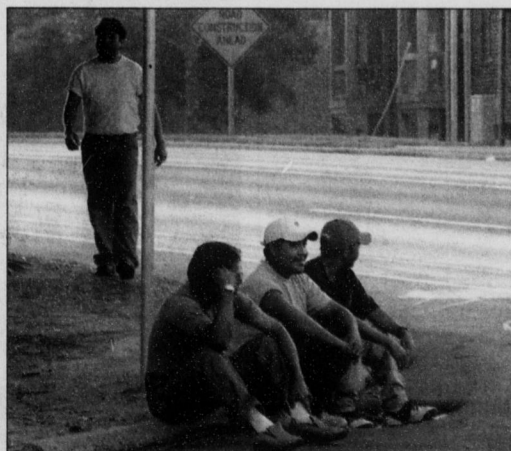
versity, said UVa. spokeswoman Carol Wood.

She said Casteen brought the idea up at last week's Board of Visitors meeting after reading about Moeser's announcement in his State of the University address. "Casteen mentioned it seemed like a good idea," Wood said. "But it's very preliminary. It's too soon to be more specific."

Yvonne Hubbard, UVa. director of student financial services, said her department will meet Oct. 15 to discuss ways in which to reduce debt, including ideas stemming from the Carolina Covenant. "It won't be a knockoff of the Covenant," she said. "We're a little

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## Carrboro considers plight of laborers



Hispanic men sit on the curb at the corner of Davie and Jones Ferry roads in Carrboro waiting for contractors to hire them for the day.

BY EMILY VASQUEZ  
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The intersection of Davie and Jones Ferry roads in Carrboro became a center of concern for local officials in August when Carrboro Police Chief Carolyn Hutchinson named it one of the town's "hot spots."

Carrboro police were receiving daily complaints from local businesses and residents about some of the Hispanic men who wait there each day to be contracted for jobs.

Now, a day labor fact-finding group has begun to work on a solution.

The group, which ultimately will propose a new location for worker pick-up in order to prevent continued loitering, will explore available services for unemployed men.

The group is moving cautiously to ensure that its proposal will be well-suited for the entire Carrboro community.

"All places are different," Carrboro Community and Economic Development Director James Harris said. "Whatever we do must be tailored to Carrboro."

But some group members, particularly Harris, seem ready to "think big" regarding the development of a day laborer program.

Harris is looking at models in cities such as Austin, Texas.

He showed an interest in this national precedent last week when he invited Scott Lyles of the Durham Housing Authority to the group's first meeting.

Lyles directed a day laborer center in Austin that he believes could serve as a model for Carrboro.

He envisions a new building specifically constructed for day laborers' use at a new pick-up site.

Lyles said the center could have a director who would train the

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