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Group approves large fee increase

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The Chancellor's Committee on Student Fees on Thursday made one addition to its list of recommended student fee increase proposals, soon to be submitted to Chancellor James Moeser for approval.

That brings the total possible increase in undergraduate student fees for the academic year 2004-05 to \$117.50. Graduate students could see a slightly larger increase of \$121.10 next year.

These amounts could be added to the \$1,117.02 paid by undergraduates and the \$1,105.52 paid by graduate students in fees this year.

Only one fee increase survived Thursday's discussions. The com-

mittee already had approved a multitude of student fee increases at its previous meetings.

Thursday's proposal adds to the technology portion of the student educational and technology fees. It sparked moderate debate before being cut from a requested \$44.25 to \$19.

The discussion centered on the portion of the increase that would be dedicated to funding an online chat and instant messaging form of technical support. Members of the committee expressed reservations about recommending an increase for a program for which student interest has not yet been gauged.

A compromise between committee members resulted in the creation of a trial form of the instant

messaging and online chat program. The program will be piloted and available to students next year.

The committee cut \$3 from the portion of the requested technology component that was intended to pay for the program. As a result the pilot will receive only 40 cents of the \$19 increase given to the technology component of the educational and technology fee.

Additional requests for increased funding for campuswide wireless printing capabilities and a student software program were not approved as part of the educational and technology fee.

Requests for additional increases in the late registration and Child

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Fees won't replace lost state funding

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With the University facing slashed state appropriations, members of the Chancellor's Committee on Student Fees had worried student fees would be targeted for major increases.

"Over the summer I was frightened that some of the departments would turn to student fees to make up for some of the budget cuts," said Student Body President Matt

Tepper, a member of the committee.

But despite a possible increase of \$117.50 in undergraduate student fees for next year, committee members said that won't be the case. The increases, members say, will offer new and improved services that will affect directly the quality of student life.

"We have a vibrancy of campus life here that is pretty much

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2003-04 STUDENT FEES FOR FULL-TIME UNDERGRADUATES IN UNC-SYSTEM SCHOOLS

School	Total Fees
Fayetteville State	\$915
NCSU	\$934
UNC-CH	\$1,117.02
ECU	\$1,141
UNC-C	\$1,160
ASU	\$1,241.50
UNC-A	\$1,357.50
UNC-W	\$1,608

SOURCE: UNC DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE DTH/SNOW

KICKIN' IT



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Staceyann Chin, a resident of New York City and a Jamaican National, performs Thursday night during the Def Poetry Jam in Hill Hall Auditorium. Chin performed original poems and haikus in front of a sold-out, energetic crowd during the three-hour event. Chin, who has performed one-woman shows off-Broadway, has been a

practicing poet since 1998. Ishle Yi Park and Roger Bonair Agard opened the show with original poetry followed by an acoustic guitar performance by Doria Roberts. All three poets have appeared on HBO's Def Poetry Jam. Thursday's Def Poetry Jam event was part of the 2003-2004 Carolina Union Performing Arts Series.

May speaker, process irks some seniors

Leamon: Chambers' N.C. ties a plus

BY BRIAN HUDSON
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Though many seniors are pleased with the 2004 Commencement speaker, some are questioning the process used in selecting UNC alumnus Julius Chambers.

"I wish students had more options, but I'm happy with the decision," said Student Body President Matt Tepper. "I wish it would have been more of an open process."

Chancellor James Moeser announced Wednesday that Chambers, a graduate of the UNC School of Law and director of the University's Center for Civil Rights, will be the keynote speaker at May's Commencement ceremonies.

Although the chancellor makes the final decision on the Commencement speaker, a selection committee is formed each year to offer recommendations. The committee is made up of five student government officials and five members of the faculty committee.

Senior Class President George Leamon was a member of the committee and said the committee's recommendation for Chambers was unanimous.

"When the name came, it was immediate — (committee mem-

bers) were excited about it," he said. "There was no reason to debate."

Leamon said members of the senior class could submit recommendations through e-mail for a speaker starting last spring. Because of the confidential nature of the committee, he said student input was limited.

"A lot of students are under the illusion that it's the president or vice president that decides, but that's not how it works," he said. "This is the only part of our administration that we have the least amount of control on."

He said the confidentiality was necessary to "maintain the integrity of the committee."

But Paymon Rouhanifard, last year's senior class president, said seniors' opinions greatly affected the decision to select Bill Cosby, last year's Commencement speaker.

"We went directly based upon whom the seniors nominated," he said.

Rouhanifard said senior officials established a Web site in the spring of 2002 to allow students to nominate and vote for Commencement speakers.

"I stayed true to the seniors' list," he said. "Bill Cosby was

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Barriers still force some to stay silent

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As the Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender Straight Alliance is working to create a more open and accepting environment with Coming Out Week events, Michelle Klemens and Natalie Harry face punishment for their open homosexuality.

Klemens, a senior journalism major, was discharged in January from the UNC branch of the Navy ROTC. Harry, who graduated in May, also was kicked out. Klemens now must repay \$32,000 in tuition after violating the military's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy, which allows homosexuals to serve in the military if they keep their homosexuality a secret.

Their discharges have opened the University's nondiscrimination policy to scrutiny and brought into question UNC's climate of acceptance.

UNC's nondiscrimination policy based on sexual orientation states that decisions "should not be based on irrelevant factors or

"More ... are accepting, but there's definitely room for improvement."

TREVOR HOPPE, GLBTA

personal characteristics that have no connection with academic abilities or job preference."

But another section of the policy creates a loophole. Nondiscrimination efforts don't apply to outside institutions such as the federal government, which oversees the ROTC.

Lt. Col. Tom Reilly, professor of aerospace studies, said UNC has no control over military policy. "It's federal law. We don't have any say in the matter," he said.

The dismissals took place under the leadership of Lt. Col. Kenneth Thompson, former execu-

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Program targets eating disorders

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Dr. Cynthia Bulik termed them diseases. State Sen. John Kerr called them a societal problem. But Jennifer McLamb knew them personally as puppeteers pulling on the fragile strings of her life for eight years.

Eating disorders have emerged as prominent phenomena against the social backdrop of models and diet trends. Thursday's unveiling of UNC Hospitals' Eating Disorders Program marked the first step on a potential road to recovery.

The program, the first of its kind in North Carolina, is long-overdue, said Bulik, Eating Disorders Program director. "Up until this program, North Carolina was in the position of sending patients out of state for treatment."

McLamb, a recovered anorexic who spoke Thursday at the program's ribbon-cutting ceremony, searched the east coast for a clinic while fighting her disease. As she told her story, speakers including Kerr, UNC Hospitals President and CEO Eric Munson and UNC Department of Psychiatry Chair



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Jennifer McLamb (center) and her mother, Rita Robbins, cut the ribbon Thursday during a dedication for UNC Hospitals' new Eating Disorders Program. McLamb, a graduate of UNC-Greensboro, recovered from anorexia.

Robert Golden looked on.

In 1990, McLamb slid from depression into self-starvation, and a downward spiral of hospital visits and weight fluctuations followed. "My world was in such disarray," said McLamb as she stared out at the press and a slew of TV cameras.

The 29-year-old graduate of UNC-Greensboro quietly captivat-

ed the crowd. A sympathetic hush fell as she recalled the personal war that took 40 pounds from her frame in only six months. "People say we only use 3 percent of our brains. I think anorexia found the other 97 percent."

Bulik said eating disorders take this hold in somewhere between 3 and 10 percent of the population,

depending on evaluation criteria.

Though Bulik has many plans for the program, she's entering new territory as the only endowed professor on eating disorders in the country. The only other such position worldwide is at the University of Toronto.

Under Bulik's guidance, the pro-

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A STATE OF DISTRESS

Eleven more N.C. counties have been declared federal disaster areas, bringing the total to 47 counties PAGE 3



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NOTHING TO LOSE

The UNC football team will make its first appearance at ECU on Saturday. The victor will score its first season win PAGE 7

WEATHER

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SUNDAY Partly cloudy, H 78, L 47

