

TUITION

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say they are being overlooked. These students are paying \$16,267 in tuition and fees. The BOT has proposed a \$1,500 one-year increase for nonresident graduate and undergraduate students. The board wants to increase nonresident undergraduate and graduate tuition to the 75th percentile of UNC's peers, leaving nonresident graduate students looking at about a \$3,700 increase in tuition over the next few years. While nonresidents make up only 18 percent of all undergraduate students, 40 percent of graduate students are nonresidents. That percentage jumps to 70 percent for first-year graduate students. "They're not living off the parental dole," said Dan Herman, president of the Graduate and Professional Student Federation. "This is a real life worry." Jen Bushman, GPSF vice president for external affairs, said some graduate programs require graduate students not to hold an outside job, making it harder to absorb a tuition increase. "It backs a student into a wall where they have to go further into debt or they may have to change

their standard of living," she said. But Linda Dykstra, dean of The Graduate School, said she is "pretty comfortable" with the tuition increase proposals and students' ability to handle an increase. The BOT expects to hold harmless funds for tuition remissions, which pay the difference between nonresident and resident tuition for graduate students who are either research or teaching assistants. About 50 percent of nonresident graduate students receive tuition remission, although that percent shifts between the students from semester to semester. "If they're not working as teaching assistants and research assistants and they don't have another source of income, they will be able to apply for student aid," Dykstra said. But Herman said he is worried about the massive impact that this tuition increase could have on graduate students and the University on a whole. He said that having highly qualified graduate students is important to UNC for three main reasons: research, faculty retention and recruitment and the quality of undergraduate education. The Faculty Council expressed the same concerns in a resolution passed Friday against the proposed

increase, stating that recruitment and retention of top graduate students is linked to recruiting and retaining top faculty, as well as to securing research funding. Bushman said she is worried that higher tuition will affect UNC's ability to recruit. "If the price goes sky-high all of a sudden, we're going to have trouble attracting the cream of the crop of graduate students," she said. But Dykstra said she doubts the increase will have a negative impact on UNC's ability to attract prospective graduate students. "I think it would be difficult to find a university as good as Chapel Hill at any lower price," she said. The additional money from the tuition increase is expected to be used primarily to boost faculty salaries, officials have emphasized. But Herman said the increase could end up deterring prospective faculty from teaching at UNC by degrading the quality of graduate students who apply. "You might be making the illness worse through the treatment," he said. While GPSF leaders say the graduate student voice has not been heard during tuition talks, BOT members said they will take such concerns into consideration. "I don't know exactly what that will mean when we make our decision," said BOT Vice Chairman Nelson Schwab. "But there were some good points made, and I think we ought to consider them." BOT chairman Richard "Stick" Williams said there could be a different tuition increase for undergraduates and graduates. "I don't know that that's what the board is thinking going into this," he said. "But that's definitely possible." Until the board settles the tuition issue this year, students like Dumancic will be left wondering if they'll need to find the money to cover a higher tuition bill. "I wish I could be more focused on my studies," he said, "instead of what's going to happen to me a year from now as far as my financial situation."

RESOLUTION

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shaped, but I think there will be a nonresident increase," he said in an interview after the meeting. Judith Wegner, chairwoman of the council, will present the resolution to the BOT during its meeting, although she fears the BOT will not be swayed by the opinions of the faculty. "It gives me great sorrow and concern that they're proceeding in this direction without taking heed to good counsel," she said. Wegner said she will present the resolution to board members to inform them of faculty concerns. "I would be stressing that they shouldn't do this if they're doing it in the name of the faculty." If the BOT passes the proposed increase, Wegner said, she will

appeal to the UNC-system Board of Governors. The BOG must approve the request before it is sent to the N.C. General Assembly. Last semester a Tuition Task Force comprising University students and officials proposed raising tuition \$300 over three years. The BOT rejected this proposal in November, instead choosing to focus on raising tuition for out-of-state students only. During Friday's council meeting, history Professor Lloyd Kramer said he was concerned by the BOT's actions. "They're setting a new precedent that basically says, 'Well, you can say what you want, but we're going to make our own decision.'"

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CRIME

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its safety amenities are factors that contribute to the number of incidents reported for each area. Sgt. Chris Blue, community services officer for Chapel Hill, said, "It's important for students to know crime statistics because of the nature of crimes in student communities." Blue said apartments in high-density areas with large parking lots are more attractive targets for criminals wanting to break into motor vehicles. "In high-density areas, students are at higher risk for crimes," he said. Lt. John Lau, the community services officer for Carrboro, said because many students want low rent rates and because apartments with affordable housing tend to attract more people, there is a correlation between lower-income areas and high crime rates in apartment complexes. "Lower-income areas breed crimes," he said. Lau also said the higher the occupancy in an area, the more crimes usually are reported. Abbey Court Apartments, the largest complex in Carrboro with 360 units, had the second-highest number of incidents. Although Abbey Court had 19 larcenies out of its total of 43 incidents reported last year, property manager Patrick Clark said, its management has tried to help residents avoid becoming victims of such crimes. Clark said the complex is police-friendly and is patrolled by West Tek Inc., a private security company based in Smithfield, factors that have reduced crime in the area. Blue said the location of apartments can make them more prone to criminal activities. He said communities on the perimeters of towns or near major highways and thoroughfares are more vulnerable to break-ins. Shadowoods Apartments, comprising 336 apartments and located near major thoroughfares such as Interstate 40, saw 28 larcenies in 2003, reports state.

CRIMES IN LOCAL APARTMENT COMPLEXES IN 2003

The 2003 crime statistics released last week by the Chapel Hill and Carrboro police departments indicate larceny was the crime most frequently committed in local apartments. The statistics were calculated for 41 apartment complexes in Chapel Hill and 18 in Carrboro.

Top 10 apartment complexes by total incidents:

CHAPEL HILL	CARRBORO
Kingswood 36	Estes Park 55
Shadowoods 31	Abbey Court 43
Laurel Ridge 27	Arbor Meadows 40
Pinegate 25	Carolina 40
Village West 24	Dominion at Ramsgate 40
Camelot 22	Royal Park 39
Walden at Greenfields 22	University Lake 38
Glen Lennox 19	Ridgewood 38
Bolinwood 15	Autumn Woods 30
Foxcroft 15	Highland Hills 30

Top 10 apartments by number of larcenies:

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Pinegate 22	Ridgewood 29
Laurel Ridge 21	University Lake 27
Walden at Greenfields 21	Carolina 24
Glen Lennox 17	Royal Park 21
Foxcroft 14	The Villages 20
Mill Creek 11	Abbey Court 19
Village West 11	Arbor Meadows 19
Camelot 9	Autumn Woods 17

For a full listing of the 2003 crime statistics for Chapel Hill apartments, visit <http://www.chpd.us>. Statistics for Carrboro apartments can be requested from the police department. SOURCE: THE CHAPEL HILL AND CARRBORO POLICE DEPARTMENTS

Lori Fox, spokeswoman for AIMCO, the company that manages Shadowoods, said proactive safety measures have been taken since Chapel Hill police completed a safety survey of the area. "The police said (the management) has done everything needed, and the police thought the property was safe." Although students are not identified as a cause of crime, Colony Apartments' property manager, Jason Patcher, said family oriented environments help maintain a low number of incident reports. Colony Apartments, which Patcher said has less than 1 percent student renters and 200 apartments, had only four incidents of larceny and six total incidents, as stated in the 2003 reports. "Larceny crime is a general issue because it's a college town, and students tend to leave CDs and other valuables in the front seats of their cars." Lau said students need to lock car doors, avoid leaving valuables in the seats and choose apartments with good lighting. Cousins said students searching for apartments can draw their own conclusions from the statistics, which are listed on the police department's Web site, <http://www.chpd.us>. Carrboro's statistics can be requested from the police department.

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MLK

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ident of the Durham chapter of the NAACP, spoke out against the conflict in Iraq, saying that King would have opposed the conflict and that citizens should take a stand against it as King did against the Vietnam War. Several other speakers took the chance to denounce the war in Iraq as well as other current issues such as racial profiling and rollbacks in affirmative action. But while the march featured much protest, King's own theme of togetherness also was emphasized. Mauricio Castro, president of the board of El Centro Latino, pointed out that celebrations associated with King's birthday and the struggle for equality should not be confined to one day. "The birth of a great leader such as Martin Luther King should be celebrated every day, not just today." Contact the City Editor at citydesk@unc.edu.

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