

OUT-OF-STATE

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dents, several officials were quick to cite their push last fall to increase the percentage of out-of-state students admitted to the University as an indicator of just how much UNC appreciates nonresidents.

"Out-of-state students are highly valued," Chancellor James Moeser said. "They bring a tremendous amount of geographic diversity and energy and excitement to this campus that we would sorely miss."

Officials now are wrestling with how they can encourage the N.C. General Assembly to increase the percentage of out-of-state students. At the same time they are hammering out a new philosophy to guide future tuition increases.

Trustees are pursuing a market-based philosophy to keep resident tuition in the bottom quartile among peer institutions and push nonresident tuition into the top quartile. "As we settle into this level of tuition, I don't feel that in the long term it will be an issue," Trustee Paul Fulton said. "But right

now it is a significant change and it affects students on campus more."

The University now is working with the Art & Science Group, a higher education consulting firm, to study how a market-based tuition philosophy will impact enrollment.

Officials will have preliminary results of the study, which costs about \$250,000, in their hands by the end of the summer.

Jerry Lucido, director of undergraduate admissions, said that through talking with students, he has found that actual tuition costs weigh marginally on enrollment.

Still, he noted that many students base their decisions on how an institution values its students and the amount of scholarship money it provides.

Tepper said that as trustees continue tuition discussions, students need to be able to predict increases. "I think there are ways to phase in tuition increases that are a little bit easier for students to handle, especially when it comes to the debt that they are taking on when they graduate."

Although predictable tuition

rates would make college costs easier to shoulder, Provost Robert Shelton said that ensuring a certain price is almost impossible given that the BOT is not the final word on tuition increases.

"Sadly, I don't think that is in the cards," he said. "Not because it's not wanted, but because there are multiple levels of governance, and in this case, that hurts us."

With budget cuts and increased expenses, officials contend that tuition hikes are necessary to maintain the level of quality education many expect from UNC.

But as new policies are implemented, some have expressed a need to remember the human cost.

"When we are talking about dollars and tuition rates and market prices, that is all part of the University's business world, but Carolina is so much more than a business world," Ort said. "And part of what makes the Carolina business as good as it is, is because of the people part of the equation."

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an application for a second revision of the development plan.

"That was in process before the council started talking about modifications to OI-4," said Jonathan Howes, special assistant to Chancellor James Moeser. "We weren't racing to get it done."

Hill said the council fell victim to bad timing when it sent the letter asking the University to halt all applications for modifications.

"That was unfortunate, but it was purely coincidental," he said.

The changes to the development plan are mostly internal and aren't expected to affect the town as much as they will the main campus.

Hill said the council will resolve any concerns with OI-4 zoning before UNC submits plans concerning areas near campus.

"We've got time to hash it out and we're going to get it hashed out before any issues that relate to the changes come up," he said.

But the University intends to keep the OI-4 zoning process as is because it is optimal for the rate at which it wishes to develop.

"The ordinance was developed as a town-gown process," Howes said.

"The ordinance is effective in terms of the university's needs and the good of the community."

Waiting for an answer

To the Town Council, the plans for Carolina North seem to hinge on the closing of the Horace Williams Airport.

"Given the fact that most of the elements they're planning are built on top of the airport, ... it's a big issue," Hill said. "Given the normal sequence of way things are planned, we've got the cart in front of the horse."

The airport, which sits on the future site of Carolina North, will be kept open by the N.C. General Assembly until at least Jan. 1.

State legislators are expected to decide soon if the N.C. Area Health Education Centers, a program that flies physicians across the state, can be relocated from the airport.

N.C. Rep. Verla Insko, D-Orange, said earlier this week that the airport most likely will remain open for the next two years.

Hill submitted a resolution to the council April 14 which effectively asked the council and town staff to put all discussions about Carolina North on the back burner until the airport issue is settled.

"The idea to move ahead on something so unresolved seems foolish," he said. "And it's really that simple."

But Mark Crowell, director of the University's Office of Technology Development, said the

postponement of the airport's closing might not affect the groundbreaking date for Carolina North, so officials are not slowing down.

"The Carolina North planning process is going on. To stop is not the right way to act."

Crowell said the best plan would be to develop first where the airport is, and assuming that everything goes smoothly, the University could break ground on Carolina North in 2006. "That's probably optimistic. But when you plan for the future, you should be optimistic."

He said those working on Carolina North would like to engage in more aggressive fashion with the town staff, especially on transportation and environmental issues.

UNC officials are scheduled to meet with the council on May 5 to discuss the second revision of the Carolina North plan.

Again, Hill said the University has not fully disclosed the reason for rushing through the process.

"I don't know what their schedule is," he said. "All I know is it's hurry up. If there are commitments that have been made that we don't know about, we just don't know about them."

"If the University has some pressing reason they need to forge ahead, they need to let us know."

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IRAQ

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D.C.-based think tank.

"Whether (June 30) is the right date or not is irrelevant," he said. "Now that the date has been set, the important thing is to meet the deadline."

He added that many Iraqis believe the United States has no intention of giving control to them and that missing the deadline would only increase insurgency.

While handing off authority could mean power struggles and continued violence, such issues would persist even if the United States maintained control, he said.

"There is no guarantee for a perfect outcome, but for any hope of any good outcome, this cannot be a U.S.-determined future," he said. "The Iraqis have to determine Iraq's future."

Despite problems, Iraqi citizens understand the undertaking they face, said Gary Schmitt, executive director of Project for the New American Century, a Washington, D.C.-based think tank.

He also said power must be turned over on time, but that once elections occur, Iraqis are likely to take the new governments more seriously. But improved security forces also would help people form a better-functioning country.

"The first order of any stable and peaceful society is knowing your kids are safe, your family is safe, your business is safe and you're safe," he said.

But Peña said that at this point, there is not a lot to be done.

"The fact remains is that it's not a question of what we do anymore. It's a question of what the Iraqis do and we have to be willing to live with this decision."

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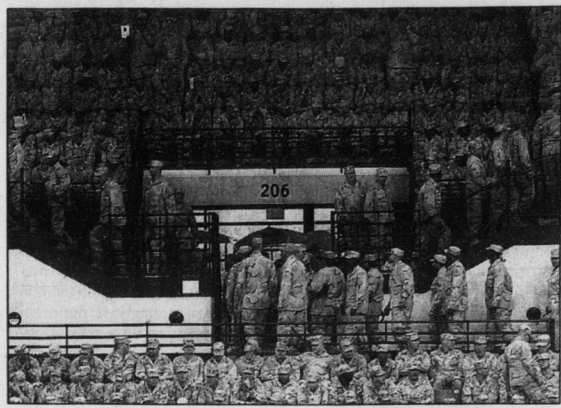
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director of athletics. "They have outstanding programs, and they are literally a perfect fit for the ACC."

"This has been a long, twisting, unpredictable and oftentimes frustrating path to this wonderful conclusion."

But it wasn't over. NCAA rules require a conference to contain 12 teams before it can hold a football championship game, a major impetus for the expansion in the first place.

"Eleven was in one sense an



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More than 4,000 members of the 30th Heavy Separate Brigade of the N.C. Army National Guard were deployed Feb. 12 to Iraq from Fort Bragg.

Life at home

The 30th Brigade has already seen some of the most devastating effects of war. Spc. Jocelyn Carrasquillo was killed last month when a roadside bomb exploded in Baghdad.

None of Davis' friends have been killed, but there have been close calls. Recently, a friend's truck ran over an explosive device, narrowly missing the cab. With so many close friends so far away, Davis said he worries about the danger they face, praying for them every day.

"Every time that the news channel says that someone's been injured or killed, I worry it's one of my guys," he said, rubbing his eyes.

Davis receives phone calls and e-mails from friends, telling him about patrols in Tikrit. They are proud to do their job, he said, but the circumstances are hard on them and they just want to finish the what they came to do.

Many never had been deployed

in all of their years of service, and now his friends are facing ordeals they have never experienced. "My friend) feels that he's over there for a reason and he understands why he's there, he just wishes politicians would make up their mind," he said. One friend's wife requested that Davis bring the message to her should anything happen to her husband, Davis said.

She wants to hear it from a friend and not a military official.

"Everyone will tell you that they're scared. Those that don't say they are the ones you need to worry about."

Before he left, one of Davis' friends told him how he views the situation — words Davis said he hasn't forgotten. "He is not a politician or a policy maker," he said, sighing. "He is a soldier and he is there to do his job, and he'll do his job 'til he goes home."

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incomplete pass, if you will, and some thought even an awkward organization," said North Carolina Chancellor James Moeser on Oct. 12. "Twelve works better."

"Twelve obviously gets you to a football championship, which has a major impact on the health of the conference."

UNC resisted the expansion from the onset, citing concerns about student-athlete welfare and the home-and-home schedule previously sacred in ACC basketball.

"When the process started, our point of view was that we have a strong conference and there wasn't any need to expand," said Dick

Baddour, North Carolina director of athletics. "I'd say that the process was extremely difficult and awkward at times."

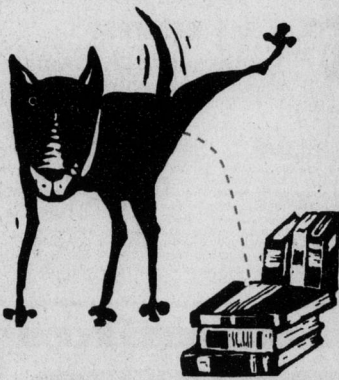
Despite those concerns, the conference will field 11 teams in August and 12 teams in the fall of 2005.

"Each extension of expansion has benefited the league, its student-athletes and its fans," said ACC Commissioner John Swofford. "I have no doubt that this expansion and extension will do the same."

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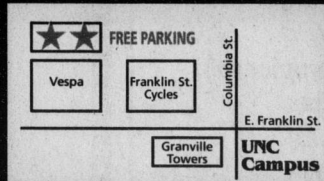
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