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## Student officials debate tuition

### ASG COUNCIL TO FOCUS ON CURBING SYSTEMWIDE HIKE

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BOONE — Tuition increases emerged as a key issue this weekend for leaders at the monthly meeting of the UNC-system Association of Student Governments.

At the second meeting of the association's Council of Student Body Presidents, leaders discussed the direction of a tuition advisory committee charged with determining what kind of systemwide tuition increase it will recommend to the UNC-system Board of Governors.

At the meeting, some of the

system's student body presidents — many of whom serve on the tuition committee with campus administrators — debated whether it would be prudent to recommend a systemwide hike.

Student representatives on the committee often are the most vocal advocates of curbing tuition growth, and many seemed optimistic about the possibility of holding off an increase.

"All of the student body presidents seem to be leaning toward a 0 percent increase," said Miriam Makhyoun, student body president

at Appalachian State University. Tony Caravano, student body president of N.C. State University, said the committee's student voice has a good chance of being heard.

"It's so different this year," Caravano said. "I see that there's more momentum toward zero than there was last year."

Caravano said schools might be willing to recommend a 0 percent systemwide hike to protect campus-based increases.

Campus-based initiatives are proposed by the boards of trustees of each system school. Universities have greater discretion in spending the revenue raised from such tuition hikes, since the burden is limited to their own students.

Support for systemwide tuition increases often is seen as a way for universities to gain funding leverage with state legislators. But many ASG leaders believe that an improved budget outlook for the state should allow the N.C. General Assembly to pick up the tab this year.

"I think we're more confident that we have the support in the legislature already, and we don't need to make concessions," said Zach Wynne, student body president of UNC-Wilmington.

But not everyone is convinced that a 0 percent increase would be best. Administrators at N.C. State University have recommended a 2.2 percent systemwide increase, and a number of other schools are

still considering support for similar recommendations.

"Speaking on ASU, some of the administrators feel that if we ask for nothing, then we will allow faculty and certain academic programs to suffer if we don't get this money," Makhyoun said. "I can see a split between the administrators and the students on many of the campuses."

A conference call is scheduled for October, after which the systemwide tuition advisory committee will make its proposal to the BOG.

Last year, the committee made dual recommendations of 2 percent and 0 percent. The BOG ulti-

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## Panel OKs hikes in fees

Questions remain regarding tech fee

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A committee on student fees concluded its Friday morning meeting with a positive outlook after tackling the six least controversial proposals for changes of student fees.

Members of the Chancellor's Committee on Student Fees said they expect to continue on schedule and to review all 21 of the proposals in time for the November meeting of the UNC Board of Trustees, which is responsible for approving the potential increases.

"We've really been doing our homework before we get here," said Student Body President Matt Calabria, co-chairman of the committee. "It allows the student representatives to be very strong advocates for the issues."

Among the increases approved by the committee, which advises Chancellor James Moeser on student fee issues, were:

- a \$1 increase in the fees for student government;
- a \$1 increase for the language proficiency exam;
- a \$2 increase to the fee for athletics — which provides funding for all varsity sports except men's basketball and football;
- a \$5 increase for orientation for first-year masters of business administration students;
- a \$5 increase for orientation for first-year graduate and professional students.

The committee also approved the proposed decrease for the UNC ONE Card, which will allow students to purchase a replacement card for \$10 instead of \$20.

Representatives of the organizations requesting fee increases backed their proposals at Friday's meeting.

Dick Baddour, director of athletics, advocated that the committee approve the athletics fee increase.

"We're really stretched with what we're doing," he said. "Our goal is to maintain the program we have."

Calabria said that he is happy

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## SPEED RACERS



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Participants in Community Adventure Race-Get Outside run at Lake Crabtree in Morrisville on Sunday morning. Teams comprised two people, both of whom had to run, bike, canoe and perform special challenges presented on race day. The event was both a physical and monetary competition, with the monetary focus on students from UNC-Chapel Hill, Duke

University and N.C. State University who were seeking to raise money for Triangle Inner City Outings. Triangle ICO gives inner-city youngsters the change to go hiking, biking, canoeing and camping, as well as the opportunity to enjoy the outdoors. Prizes were awarded to the top three finishers and fund-raising teams in the race's men's, women's and coed groups.

## Music programs may hit campus

UNC to choose from list of providers

BY STEPHANIE NEWTON  
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Student Body President Matt Calabria says that whenever he steps into the Pit, he is bombarded with questions about when music file-sharing services will come to UNC.

Now he has a response — one for students like sophomore Geoffrey Staton, who enjoys relaxing in the Student Union with an iPod in hand, and junior Alexis Ziavras, for whom portable music is addictive.

"We have begun communication with the (UNC-system) Office of the President for a potential plan to provide free music file-sharing for all students on campus for the spring semester," Calabria said.

The tentative time table for such a program stretches to next fall.

Before the end of this semester, five or six music downloading companies will collaborate with UNC to conduct a trial study to determine which program works best on campus, Calabria said.

After a company is chosen, the Office of the President will pay for all on-campus students' use of the program in the spring. Students would begin to pay at the beginning of the 2005-06 school year.

Calabria, who advocated legal music downloading during his election campaign, said he is pleased that the concerns and interests of music-loving students have been heard by the Office of the President and UNC's Information Technology Services.

Once the program kicks in, an "opt-in" system will charge a small fee to those students who chose to use the service, instead of having every on-campus student pay for the program through student fees.

"I'm sure we'd negotiate a better price than advertised," said John-Scott Smith, co-chairman of the Business and Technology Committee for Calabria's Cabinet.

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## Facilitator pick delays renaming talks

BY TANNER SLAYDEN  
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With plans still in the air for a committee facilitator, a starting date for the Special Committee to Consider Renaming Airport Road continues to be unfixed.

The Proposals for Facilitation Services applicants must complete have prevented discussion of the issue at tonight's Chapel Hill Town Council meeting and have caused some to ask for an extension.

"We can't get the committee

started until after a facilitator has been selected," Town Manager Cal Horton said Friday.

Horton was supposed to make a report about the facilitator at tonight's council meeting, council member Sally Greene said last Monday. But the report was taken off the agenda Friday.

"All I know is what is on the agenda," said Greene, who is on the committee and is working with Mayor Kevin Foy and council member Edith Wiggins to find a facilitator.

"We are charged with selecting the facilitator, and the manager will negotiate the contract with whom we select," Greene said. "I hope the committee will start up soon and stay pretty much on track with the mayor's set timeline."

The committee is responsible for deciding whether Airport Road will be renamed Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. The council decided at its Sept. 13 meeting that a facilitator was necessary to aid the town in settling what has

become a controversial issue.

But council members wanted more than one option for the facilitator, which Foy's initial proposal did not include. His proposal also listed Sept. 23 as the starting date for the committee.

Foy, Wiggins and Greene will meet Wednesday to look at proposals from potential facilitators.

"I wanted us to have a choice and some competition for the job,"

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## Employees inaugurate laptop loan program

BY SARAH SCHWARZ  
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There wasn't a snowflake or greeting card in sight, but for two University employees, the holiday season began early.

Thanks to Chancellor James Moeser's generosity, a committee's hard work and relentless assistance from campus technological support, 10 brand-new laptops will be available for UNC employees

to check out, free of charge, for six months.

"I think it's just wonderful; it's like Christmas," Iris Greene said as she waited for her laptop Friday afternoon. Greene works in the University Cashier's Office and is one of the first two employees to receive a loaned laptop through the program.

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Katherine Caudell-Graves (left) speaks with Bruce Egan (far right) and UNC employees Erin Marciniowski (middle left) and Iris Greene.

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