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Proposal may alter funding



Scholarships, athletics would get boosts

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Chairwoman of the Faculty Judith Wegner has proposed shifts in athletic funding.

In the eleventh hour before the University's governing board finalizes recommendations for tuition and student fee increases, a two-part proposal to bolster funds for merit scholarships and athletic programs has surfaced.

Judith Wegner, chairwoman of the faculty, is calling for the chancellor and members of the Board of Trustees to reassess the allocation of funds gar-

nered through trademark logo revenue. She also wants officials to increase the student athletic fee by \$150.

"It is a policy call that maybe we need to realign, rethink and change," she said. "I believe in fiscal responsibility. If you've got a chronic issue here, how do you weigh these demands?"

This proposal, which will debut during a special meeting of the Chancellor's Committee on Student Fees today, comes at the peak of tuition

discussions, when members of student government have just begun to solicit input and mobilize the student voice.

Student government is hosting a forum about tuition at 7 p.m. today in 116 Murphey Hall.

Trustees will vote on student fees and campus-based tuition increases during their meeting this week. In addition to a proposed \$64.50 fee increase, three tuition-hike proposals are on the table: \$350 for in-state students and \$800 for out-of-state students; \$300 in-state and \$1,000 out-of-state; and \$250 for residents and \$1,200 for nonresidents.

The revenues generated through the tuition increases would fund need-based aid, teaching assistant salaries and faculty salaries as well as increase the size of the faculty — the priorities recommended by the Tuition Task Force.

But Wegner said other University needs — such as merit scholarships and a stable source of funding for athletics — must be addressed before it is too late.

"If it is a true need, we need to look at it in the eye and say it is a true need."

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Rocca agrees to give speech

TV personality to speak May 13

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Mo Rocca has summed up the essence of the '70s, '80s and '90s, but now he's setting his sights on crafting a fitting tribute for the class of 2005.

The former "The Daily Show" correspondent and personality from VH1's decade-themed variety series accepted a \$19,500 offer Friday to deliver UNC's first Senior Class Address.

Rocca will receive \$18,000 in speaker fees, along with \$1,500 to cover travel expenses for the May 13 event, which will take place on the steps of South Building.

Bringing Rocca to campus was a three-month collaborative effort waged by senior class officers, the executive branch of student government and the Student Advisory Committee to the Chancellor.

The groups' work came to fruition with monetary aid through student fees, the Office of the Provost, the Division of Student Affairs and the Campus Y.

"It's such a wonderful demonstration of how this campus can work together to make things happen for students," said Senior Class Vice President Becca Frucht.

"I think the whole experience really kind of renewed my faith in the way these things can work out."

Members of SACC, a group spearheaded by Student Body Vice President Alexa Kleysteuber, set the wheels in motion at their first meeting, noting that several seniors had expressed discontent about the Commencement speaker process.

The body created three plans to quell these concerns, each of which was received favorably by UNC administrators:

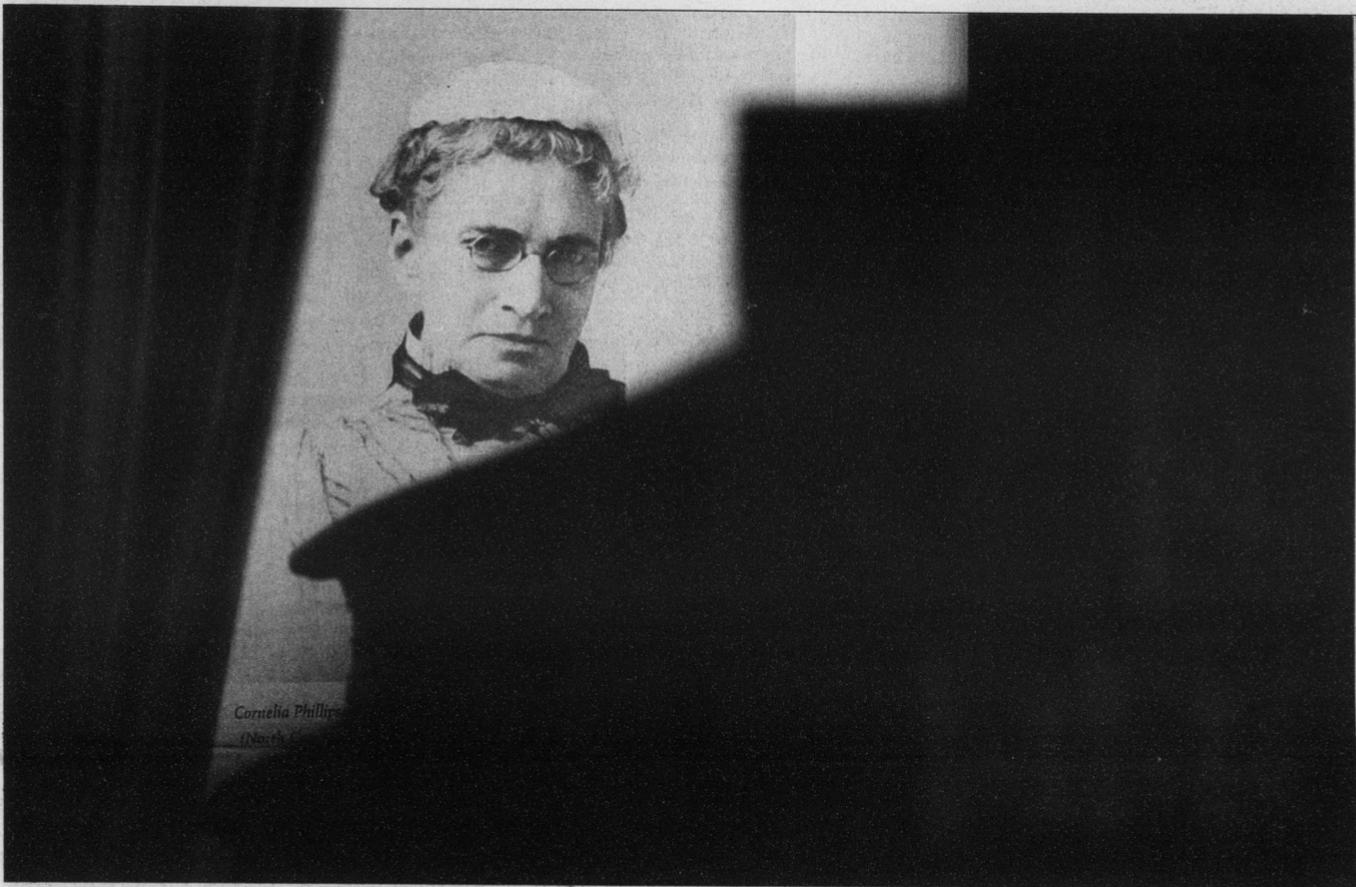
- The addition of a student to the Commencement speaker committee;

- an annual meeting between Provost Robert Shelton and candidates for senior class president and vice president to explain the Commencement speaker selection process;

- and the creation of the Senior Class Address.

Kleysteuber then consulted Senior Class President Jovian Irvin and Frucht, who drew

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A portrait of Cornelia Phillips Spencer hangs in Wilson Library. Last month, Chancellor James Moeser retired the Bell Award, given to significant female contributors to the University in honor of Spencer. This weekend, Moeser announced the formation of a committee that will examine whether UNC ought to bestow such an exclusive honor.

Award panel will look inward

BY JENNY RUBY
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A positive solution to the controversy about the naming of a University award for women could be in sight now that Chancellor James Moeser has established a committee to examine the issue.

Moeser retired the Cornelia Phillips Spencer Bell Award, named after a University figure of the Reconstruction era, after questions arose regarding Spencer's role as a white supremacist. The decision has drawn much criticism from Spencer's descendants and members of the University community.

Now he is looking at a variety of options, including naming the award after Spencer's descendants.

"If the committee decides that we do need an award for women, I will ask them to consider the creation of an award to honor the outstanding service given to the University by a succession of members of the Phillips, Spencer and Love families," Moeser states in a letter sent to Spencer's family Thursday.

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"The last thing we wanted ... was to condemn Cornelia Phillips Spencer or to erase her from our past."

JAMES MOESER,
CHANCELLOR

Spencer left UNC a legacy that's difficult to define

BY JULIA FURLONG
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Those familiar with University lore know Cornelia Phillips Spencer best as the woman who rang the bell.

Spencer long has been renowned for grabbing the rope of the campus belfry on March 20, 1875, upon receiving a long-awaited telegram from Raleigh informing her that UNC was to reopen after running out of funds and students in 1871.

Generations after her death, heated debate continues on how she should be remembered.

Last month, Chancellor James Moeser decided to retire the 11-year-old Bell Award that had been given in Spencer's honor to women who had significantly contributed to the University.

This action followed a two-year campaign, led by history graduate student Yonni Chapman, which sought to publicize Spencer's support of white supremacy. Some of her writings supported the Ku Klux Klan and railed against those who did not harbor racial prejudice.

"No matter what she did, she set back black

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Students have a ball at presidential bash

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — While most were content to sip their Korbel champagne one glass at a time, the younger crowd that gathered to celebrate the 55th presidential inauguration Thursday preferred to hit up makeshift bars for entire bottles.

"You only get one chance at this life thing, and I'm going to make the most of it," said Taylor Rankin, a 2003 UNC graduate, before he poured himself a cup from a bottle emblazoned with the inaugural seal.

The bubbly stuff was flowing like water Thursday night at the Washington Convention Center's Democracy Ball, one of the nine inaugural black-tie affairs, and the many college students in attendance were enjoying every drop of it.

"This is just so exciting because we're

college students and at such a historic event," said UNC senior Audra Noble. "In college, you can be so far removed from everything, and that makes this really special."

Ellen Cochran, a third-year law student at the University of Kentucky, echoed the sentiment. "I'm just so thrilled and honored to be at such a huge event," she said.

Upon entering the Democracy Ball — which hosted visitors from such states as North Carolina, Kentucky and California — holders of the \$2,500 tickets were treated to live music, dancing and a small feast of tortellini in addition to liquid refreshment provided by several bars scattered throughout the facility. Mingling with like-minded guests seemed to be a highlight for most of the students, though.

"It's really great being here with so

many Bush supporters," said Melanie Stephens, a sophomore at the University of Virginia. "It's really good company."

Nothing brought more enthusiasm to the crowd than the appearance of the guests of honor. Although the party got started at 7 p.m., it was not until 8:30 that the orchestra began to play the quintessential Washington tune as Vice President Dick Cheney and his wife, Lynne, came onstage.

"When they played 'Hail to the Chief,' the hairs on the back of my neck stood up," said Hunter Rankin, a senior journalism major at UNC and Taylor's younger brother.

This brief visit only increased the level of anticipation in the room — the president was expected to appear shortly after 10 p.m. Instead, he and Laura

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President George W. Bush enjoys a brief dance with his wife, Laura, Thursday evening at the Washington Convention Center. UNC students joined others in one of the nine inaugural balls.

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