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Students at a vigil to honor U.S. troops in Iraq have a moment of reflection among more than 1,500 flags — each representing a U.S. casualty of war.

Vigil remembers the fallen

Groups join together to honor troops

BY STACEY CARLESS
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Silence fell over Polk Place on Monday evening as students gathered around the flag pole to pay respect to U.S. soldiers who lost their lives during the war in Iraq. Students bowed their heads, some silently cried, and others looked up toward the flag as they participated in a vigil to commemorate the two-year anniversary of the beginning of the war.

The event garnered bipartisan support and was sponsored by UNC's Young Democrats, College Republicans and the Campus Y. "We wanted to make a statement on the anniversary of the war," said Blakely Whilden, co-president of Young Democrats. "We have to have a unified voice. Our message is to support our troops." Whilden stressed that the vigil was intended to show support

for the soldiers in Iraq and not to advocate for or show opposition to the war. "We don't want this to turn into a demonstration," she said. "Support for our troops crosses party lines." A crowd of about 50 students gathered in the Pit when the vigil began with remarks from members of all the organizations that co-sponsored the event. Jordan Selleck, chairman of College Republicans, told students to ask themselves questions to recognize the brave work of the troops.

"Who has died? Who has been away from their children and wives for months?" Selleck asked. After the remarks, students paid their tributes with a brief moment of silence followed by a silent walk to Polk Place. As students walked along the brick paths that lead to Polk Place, they acknowledged flags that were placed along the walkways. In total, 1,521 lined the path, one for each American soldier who has died in Iraq.

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Campus position unclear

Tuition hikes' effects are still up in the air

BY JENNY RUBY
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Top University officials said Monday that it's too early to say if recently approved tuition hikes will meet campus needs, even though it appears the increases will bring in almost \$3 million less than UNC-Chapel Hill wanted.



BOT Chairman "Stick" Williams said faculty retention will prove hard.

The UNC-system Board of Governors approved a \$700 increase in the University's nonresident undergraduate tuition Friday and passed hikes for graduate and professional students.

All told, the increases will generate \$4,681,100.

Of that total, 40 percent will be reserved for need-based student aid. The remainder will be

funneled into faculty salaries and teaching assistant stipends.

Richard "Stick" Williams, chairman of the UNC Board of Trustees, said he is disappointed with the governing board's final decision — particularly the freeze on in-state tuition.

"I think it will make a nice contribution," he said. "But I think that total package that we put together ... was much better for the University."

Trustees had requested a \$950 hike in out-of-state tuition and a \$200 increase for N.C. residents, but BOG Chairman Brad Wilson

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Budget gap forces quick decisions

BY INDIA AUTRY
STAFF WRITER

UNC-system campuses are struggling to meet a Wednesday deadline to submit suggestions for budget cuts to the N.C. General Assembly.

BY THE NUMBERS

7 Senators on education funding committee

78 In millions, university enrollment growth cost

245 In millions, projected shortfalls

Legislators have not made a final decision on university spending, but the Senate Appropriations Committee on Education has called for the universities to assemble potential cuts totaling 4 percent of their budgets.

Campus officials, still coping with funding reductions during the past few years, are hopeful that the state will not go through with the drastic cut.

"If we were to get a 4 percent cut, it

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OUT OF THE FRYING PAN



Jacob McLean and Elizabeth Peacock wait for stir fry in the dining hall at the new Rams Head Center, which opened for business Monday to large crowds and long lines as students gathered to christen the new campus eatery and mixed-use building. The mid-campus facility's grand-opening festivities will continue through Wednesday.

UNC GETS CHANGE OF TASTE

BY KELLI BORBERT
STAFF WRITER

Months of anticipation ended Monday when the Rams Head Center officially opened its doors for business.

Grand opening festivities will continue through Wednesday to highlight different aspects of the multi-use center, which originally was slated for completion last January.

"Everyone is ecstatic about the new center," said Ira Simon, director of food and vending services, noting that the dining facility, upon opening, exceeded his expectations.

He said students, faculty members and community members ought to take time out to tour the center. Tours are available through Wednesday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

One stop on the tour is the new Rams Head market, a full-service grocery store.

The market is almost overwhelming because of everything it features, Simon said — it is the second largest college market in the country.

Predicting that students who sample Rams Head's fare will come back for more, Simon said the new center will

change the taste of dining on campus. The End Zone — a two-story sports cafe located inside the new building — will host a series of competitions during opening festivities Tuesday.

These will include a racing game and a basketball shoot-out event. Officials are giving away a custom-made bicycle

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Rezoning of UNC land received warmly

Hearing places focus on future of satellite camp

BY DAN SCHWIND
SENIOR WRITER

By the time University officials finish drawing up new plans for Carolina North, the Chapel Hill Town Council might have significantly more say over what they have in mind.

Town residents and several members of the council expressed overwhelming support for a resolution that would rezone large portions of the Horace Williams tract — the site off Estes Drive where the proposed satellite campus would be located — in a public hearing Monday night.

Currently, 286 acres of the tract are zoned Office/Institutional-3 and an additional 168 acres are zoned Residential-2, both zones that have special standards related to building heights and density. But under a proposal before the council, those 454 acres would be zoned Office/Institutional-2, a more restrictive zone.

Michael Collins, speaking on behalf of Neighborhoods for Responsible Growth, said his group favors rezoning the area zoned OI-3 to OI-2 while retaining the R-2 zoning district.

He said that because neighborhoods were built around the tract since its initial zoning, the group believes the land should be rezoned to reflect that change.

"(The Horace Williams property) is no lon-

ger on the outskirts of town," Collins said. "It is almost entirely surrounded by neighborhoods."

But he said the main reason the group favored the rezoning was to ensure council involvement in all aspects of planning for the property.

Development applications for land zoned as OI-2 require council approval, while those zoned as OI-3 only need the town planning board's approval.

"Rezoning helps preserve neighborhoods," Collins said. "It is imperative that residents have a voice in the development process."

Dan Coleman, a resident who lives adjacent to the Horace Williams property, said he also wanted to be sure the council and residents have a say in all development plans.

"It's hard for (the University) to understand the needs of the townspeople," he said. "We need to be sure the council can say, 'Stop.'"

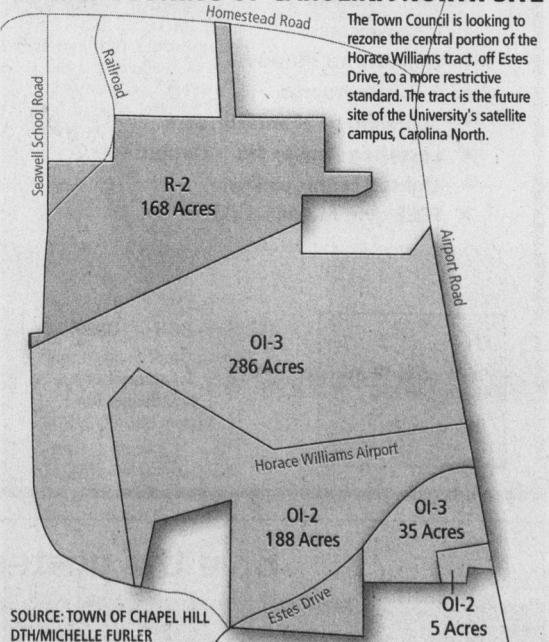
Anna Wu, director of facilities planning for UNC, was the sole speaker at the meeting to speak in complete opposition to rezoning, calling it unnecessary.

"The professed intent of the rezonings are to establish a dialogue with the University," Wu said. "But the proposed rezonings are completely unnecessary to achieve this goal. Discussions with the town and University can be initiated without rezoning the property."

Wu said University officials agree with the council that the entire property should fall

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CURRENT ZONING OF CAROLINA NORTH SITE



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