

TUITION

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schools consistently show UNC to be on the low end of tuition for both in- and out-of-state, and for both undergraduate and graduate programs. That is an accomplishment that we should all be proud of as we strive to uphold our constitutional mandate to provide accessible higher education.

However, running a first-rate university takes money, and money lost from budget cuts and reductions in grants and gifts must be made up from another source. Unfortunately for us, this often takes the form of tuition hikes.

The necessity of an increase in tuition is undeniable.

UNC is not competitive with our peer institutions in paying teaching assistant stipends and we are losing faculty to competing universities that offer higher salaries. Increasing TA stipends and faculty salaries, along with reducing the faculty-to-student ratio in the classroom, are our highest priorities. More than that, they are essential as a matter of maintaining our excellence.

We cannot continue to lose our educators — they are truly the University's best asset.

There are many competing philosophies among members of the task force, the Trustees and the UNC-system Board of Governors as to whether the burden of tuition increases should fall more to in- or out-of-state students.

These competing perspectives are seen in arguing whether increases should be closer between in- and out-of-state students as a percentage or a raw number. It is a hotly debated topic every year, and every year the result is slightly different.

Establishing a predictable standard for increases is one of my goals for this year's tuition talks, so that every student and every family can have a better idea of the bills they should expect.

As for the numbers, the current breakdown of potential tuition increases ranges from \$150 to \$500 for in-state students and \$150 to \$1,000 for out-of-state students.

But together we can and will impact the increase that is ultimately chosen.

I will do everything in my power to keep this tuition increase at the

minimum level that will cover our needs.

And while this process plays out during the next few months, I need you to do something for me: Make your opinions, ideas and suggestions heard. Take a few minutes to review the data provided on the Student Government web page, www.unc.edu/studgov, and decide what you think.

Write to the legislature, the Chancellor and me. Come by the Student Government Office, in Union Suite 2501, and talk to me.

And come to the final task force meeting, which will be held Oct. 10, at 4 p.m. in 120 Vance Hall. The decisions made at that meeting will shape the task force's recommendation to the chancellor, who will then make his pitch to the Trustees on Nov. 16 and Nov. 17.

We as students have the power to shape the way this decision is made, but that can't be done without your active involvement.

The Daily Tar Heel will run guest columns each Wednesday for the rest of the semester. Dearmin's column will run the first of each month.

RENAMINGS

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and Nash halls, both slated for demolition.

There are no plans to rebuild on the site of Nash Hall, set to be torn down in 2007. The hall — named after Frederick Nash, a UNC trustee from 1807 to 1857 — is being demolished as part of a utilities project.

Bruce Runberg, associate vice chancellor for facilities planning and construction, said the building's name likely will be transferred to another location.

Abernethy Hall is being torn down as part of the Arts Common Master Plan. The demolition date

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PAUL KAPP, CAMPUS HISTORIAN

has not been determined.

The building will remain at its current location until funding is secured for the second half of the new music building.

Abernethy Hall is named in honor of Eric Abernethy, a University physician and veteran of World War I.

Despite the changes, Runberg maintains that the names always receive the highest respect.

"There is always consideration given to the name of a building

which is demolished and great attempts are made to ensure that the name is used in other places," he said.

Kapp expressed the historical importance of naming and stressed the need not to lose the names of buildings with their demolition.

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COMMON

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"It was actually an idea that one of the committee members had to bring him over the summer, not for homecoming, just in general," she said.

"The selection process was about up-and-coming artists and we thought Common would be great and could draw a large audience."

CAA President Justin Johnson said the goal was to find an artist with broad appeal.

"I wanted to bring in someone that's affordable with the budget that we have and appeals to a lot of people," he said. "Common fit that mold."

CAA Vice President Rachel High said they were looking for an

up-and-coming artist to perform.

"He's been around in the shadows for a while and we saw the potential for him to be a star on his own and to catch that before the rest of the nation does."

Tickets for the performance initially will be available only to students with a One Card and will cost \$15.

"The price has fluctuated depending on the artist that was booked and we wanted to keep prices as low as possible," Benson said. "We think that it's a fair price."

High said the purpose of the Homecoming concert is to make it available to students first.

"If tickets don't sell out to the students they go on sale to the public on the 24th," High said.

Benson said he hopes a name

"The perfect word would be that we are ecstatic that he is coming."

JONATHON BENSON, CUAB DIRECTOR

like Common will draw more attention toward Homecoming week and create excitement on campus.

"The show should be really high quality and high energy," High said.

"We're trying to do something that is different from last year. His music really appeals to a wide audience."

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AHEC

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partnerships for the Northwest AHEC.

Many health care specialties require practitioners to take current classes in order to remain certified. Bringing those courses out into different regions relieves much of the burden for local health workers, particularly those in deep rural areas of the state.

"I think there would be far fewer practitioners out there, if not for the AHEC system," said Stephen Willis, executive director of the eastern region office. "That holds true in any relatively underserved area of the state."

From hospitals and urgent care clinics to nursing homes and preschools, health workers can contact an AHEC office to arrange a formal workshop or a community visit by a faculty expert.

Having that service available encourages health professionals to take on jobs in more remote areas, Willis said.

"I believe that it makes it much easier for them to both take (those jobs) and keep them," he said. "To feel like both living and practicing in a rural area is viable."

A priority is placed on bringing experts into individual communities, and not just to the regional centers where AHEC offices are based.

Often UNC faculty members can take advantage of the Medical Air Operations program, based at the Horace Williams airport in Chapel Hill, to take flights directly to the town or county hosting a program.

Plans to close down Horace

Williams and move MedAir operations to Raleigh-Durham International Airport — in order to make way for construction on UNC-CH's satellite campus Carolina North — have met with strong criticism from many AHEC officials.

Critics say it would cut down on regional officials' ability to recruit busy faculty members.

Andrea Novak, administrator of nursing and interdisciplinary continuing education for the Southern AHEC, said her region's goal is to have at least half of all training programs conducted outside the Fayetteville office.

"Our mission is to bring the education to the health care professionals in their rural setting," she said.

The Southern region office conducts about 500 hours of continuing education courses each year to serve nine counties, Novak said, drawing on medical professionals from across the country.

"We look for experts in the field, wherever they may be."

Giving and receiving

While six of the nine regional AHEC offices are affiliated primarily with UNC-CH, the Southern region is partnered most closely with Duke University Medical Center.

Other regions utilize Eastern Carolina University and Wake Forest University to fulfill most of their needs, though UNC Hospitals remains a key resource.

Beyond offering training and on-site consultation, Perry said UNC faculty members also staff

a number of specialty clinics in more remote regions of the state. Practitioners from Chapel Hill set up temporary sites to dispense specialized care not typically available.

"In some cases, these are specialties that are difficult to recruit people to in the more rural and underpopulated areas," he said, citing dermatology and pediatrics as examples. "There just isn't enough patient volume to be able to sustain a practice in some of these disciplines."

Perry called the clinics and education programs a kind of service to communities throughout the state, but made clear that UNC receives much in return.

The University's medical school relies on AHEC to provide students with a truly comprehensive education.

"On any given day, roughly half to two-thirds of the students are somewhere other than Chapel Hill," Perry said.

Experience gained through AHEC postings can give students an idea of how a real world, day-to-day medical practice functions, he said.

Besides, Perry added, without the ability to send medical students throughout the state, there simply wouldn't be room for them all.

"We couldn't operate our MD degree program here without having something like AHEC to work with," he said. "We don't have enough capacity here in Chapel Hill to do the training that would be required."

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BOBCATS

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All Anderson could do was shake his head and laugh before firing a sharp chest pass back to his former college nemesis.

Unfortunately for Anderson, May isn't the only player whose taunting he has to endure.

"Yeah, when we got our championship rings (two weeks ago), we threw them in Alan's face a couple times," Felton said. "But we try not to talk about it too much because this is a different stage."

It's amazing how much has changed for Felton and May in the span of six months and 150 miles.

Gone are the historic Carolina blue threads they donned for the past three seasons in Chapel Hill. Present are the black and orange Bobcat uniforms, symbolic of a second-year expansion franchise with no tradition of success behind it.

Gone are the comfy yet rowdy confines of a Smith Center packed with diehard Tar Heel fans. In its place, a new arena populated by a dwindling fan base that would be hard-pressed to fill May and Felton's former playing ground.

And gone — with the exception of Anderson — is the mystique of the

pair's title run to national glory.

Remaining are the incredibly high expectations this duo was burdened with when they, along with new Minnesota Timberwolves guard Rashad McCants, enrolled at UNC in 2002.

Fans now are calling for Felton and May to apply the same saving grace that helped resurrect the once-diminishing Tar Heel basketball program to the inexperienced Bobcats.

"I don't feel any pressure at all," May says. "The only thing me and Ray put on ourselves is to go out and perform everyday to the best of our abilities. I don't think it's any pressure to play up to or exceed our own expectations."

"Some people's expectations may not be realistic, but we know as long as we get better every day and give the fans what they want, which is playing quality basketball night in and night out, then we'll be fine."

In the NBA summer league at the Rocky Mountain Revue in Utah, the chemistry that Felton and May have built together was on full display.

While Felton directed the offensive traffic with 13.2 points and 5.2 assists in five games, May dominated in the paint. The six-foot-nine forward averaged 17.3 points and 9.2 rebounds, including three

double-doubles on his way to being named the league's MVP and sharing Revue all-tournament team honors with Felton.

But May is quick to put his showing into perspective, as he has yet to taste the total NBA experience.

"Things are moving fairly quickly and well so far, but I don't want to get too overconfident with my summer league performance because I wasn't playing against everyday NBA competition," May says. "But the transition so far has been pretty much an even keel."

Felton agrees with his teammate and quickly has seen the advantages of playing alongside May again. "It feels good to have Sean here," Felton says. "It's good for me because I'm the point guard and I have a guy on the court where if I pass him the ball, I know he can score."

And May isn't the only player who is familiar with Felton. Former UNC forward Jason Capel recently signed with the Bobcats in hopes of finally making an NBA roster after graduating in 2002.

"I know how they play and they know how I play," Capel says. "The fact that we all played at Carolina, it does a lot. They're going to bring more fans out to the arena and be more recognized in the community. The biggest thing is people know us and we know each other and it makes for a better working environment."

But while Capel is fairly familiar with the NBA atmosphere, May and Felton remain wet behind the ears. And they've got a coach in Bernie Bickerstaff who is not afraid to tell them just that, as he showed when discussing Felton's performance at camp Tuesday.

"He was okay, but he was one of those bricklayers that we had out there also," Bickerstaff said. "But in terms of basketball intelligence, he's very good."

With every player possessing an accomplished college basketball background and the subsequent ability to step into a major role, it is essential for a player to have a high learning curve if he wants to make a name for himself in the league.

"The thing with the NBA, they teach you and they let you play," May says. "With college, it's all about teaching, and it can get dragged on. With the NBA, you have more freedom, so practice goes a little smoother, but you've got to pick up things real quickly."

The learning curves of the UNC twosome will be tested early. May is recovering from arthroscopic surgery to remove damaged cartilage from his right knee and slowly is working his way into full practice.

Meanwhile, Felton, who most likely will serve as backup for incumbent point guard Brevin Knight, quickly must grasp a new offense with the start of the regular season looming less than a month away.

Add to this the hoopla already surrounding the second arrival of these local players and it might appear that Felton and May are being set up for failure.

But heeding the simple advice of a highly touted player who knows all about the microscope created by an NCAA championship and being highly drafted just might be the simple recipe for success.

"I just ignored all the distractions and hype," says Bobcat forward Okafor, a former star and national champion at Connecticut. "They both are good players who have a lot of potential for success in this league, so I'm not worried about them and neither should anybody else."

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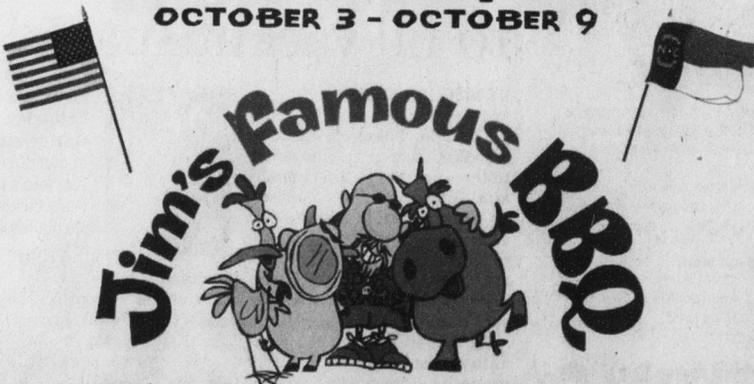
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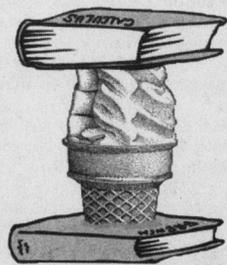


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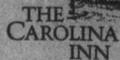
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