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GLAZING OVER TUITION

PROPOSALS REVIEWED, TABLED UNTIL JAN.

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UNC's Board of Trustees discussed Thursday four tuition increase proposals, but focus was given to the details behind the hikes rather than the numbers themselves.

Students lobbied the board for predictability in tuition decisions

and for more attention to graduate students' interests.

Student Body Vice President Adrian Johnston, who served on the campus's tuition advisory task force, lobbied the board for a more consistent tuition policy.

The notion of predictability, which appeared in the task force's report to the board, was backed

by Johnston and Student Body President Seth Dearmin, an ex-officio trustee.

Planning out tuition in advance will give students and families the chance to prepare, he said.

After Johnston's comments board members did not discuss further the idea of predictability. Several trustees have expressed

concern that predictability might limit the board's ability to act on tuition in the future.

"I think we want to do everything we can to promote predictability," said board Chairman Nelson Schwab, adding his concern that too much predictability might affect the board's flexibility in raising tuition. "It's a dynamic tension."

Trustees also heard from

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Tuition increase proposals

The tuition advisory task force presented the Board of Trustees with four proposals Thursday. Trustees reviewed the plans and likely will make a final choice in January.

	OPTION A	OPTION B	OPTION C	OPTION D
Undergraduate residents	\$300	\$250	\$300	\$200
Undergraduate nonresidents	\$800	\$900	\$600	\$750
Graduate residents	\$300	\$500	\$500	\$500
Graduate nonresidents	\$800	\$600	\$500	\$600
Net increase after 40 percent goes to student aid	\$5,193,000	\$5,298,990	\$5,080,320	\$4,659,150

SOURCE: TUITION ADVISORY TASK FORCE
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Area cloaked in Potter magic

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Freshman Sarah Heying of Kansas City, Kansas, donned wizard robes last night, ready to delve into a world of magical tournaments, dragons and spells.

No, she's not crazy, nor was she recently accepted to Hogwarts — she's just a fan of the Harry Potter movies.

The fourth Harry Potter movie, "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire" opened Friday at midnight, and fans were ready to rush into area theaters as the clock struck 12.

"I expect it to be pandemonium," says Heying, who planned to attend the movie at Brier Creek in Raleigh.

"There's gonna be everybody. There's gonna be 12-year-olds there, there's gonna be 60-year-olds there, so it'll be interesting to see."

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Students such as seniors Erika Petty (left) and Hana Crume attended the premiere of "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire" at the Streets of Southpoint at midnight dressed in cloaks and scarves similar to those worn by characters in the movie.

State draws lottery veteran

Director snatched from New Mexico

BY ERIC JOHNSON
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RALEIGH — The N.C. lottery commission tapped Tom Shaheen on Thursday to serve as the game's executive director, looking to a longtime industry professional with experience in building state lotteries from the ground up.

Shaheen has worked with state lotteries for 18 years and helped to develop games in Texas, Florida and Georgia.

"He is someone I think you will find very compelling in the way he presents himself and his knowledge of the industry," said Charles Sanders, chairman of the commission. "We felt very fortunate in being able to attract an individual who has had lottery start-up experience."

Shaheen served the last five years as the chief executive of the New Mexico state lottery, where he has been credited with helping to turn around that game's declining fortunes. New Mexico has seen rising lottery revenues every year he has been on the job.

In announcing the commission's choice, Sanders said the group had selected a candidate with high ethical standards.

North Carolina's lottery effort already has been clouded by the resignation of a prominent commissioner with industry ties and an investigation into the lobbying practices of Scientific Games, a major vendor.

Asked why he would agree to leave a successful post to take on North Carolina's lottery, Shaheen said he was feeling restless.

"The challenge of another startup, and the challenge of getting back to a good-sized lottery, is very intriguing," he said.

Commissioners stressed that their work, and that of the new lottery director, will remain above the ongoing fray about legislative lobbying and irregularities in how the lottery bill was crafted.

"There has not been a single decision made by this commission that has been affected by that," Commissioner Jim Woodward said.

In discussing how he will repair

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Avoid increasing gas and power bills with this

ENERGY GUIDE

The current year-round residential rate is \$1.74 a therm, up from \$1.12 a therm a year ago.

On average a home uses about 100 therms a month in the winter.

UNNATURALLY HIGH

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Students living in off-campus houses and apartments heated with natural gas could be in for a surprise when their next heating bill arrives.

Depending on the severity of the upcoming winter as well as individual consumer usage, household natural gas prices could rise 40 percent or more compared to last winter, according to the N.C. Utilities Commission.

"Right now if a student is on our year-round residential rate, that's \$1.74 a therm. The seasonal rate is \$1.80," said Angie Townsend, public affairs coordinator for PSNC Energy, a major gas provider for central North Carolina.

"A year ago, folks were paying \$1.12 a therm during the winter."

On average, a home uses 100 therms of natural gas per month during the winter, meaning this winter's heating bills could show a \$68 increase compared to last winter, Townsend added.

And while the price increases will be felt by every individual whose home uses natural gas heat, some locals still are unsure as to how they will affect area apartment complexes and real estate agencies.

"(No tenants) have said anything about it to me yet," said Jim Lilley, owner of Dunlap and Lilley Properties. "But once they start getting those bills, who knows what's going to happen."

He said he doubts people will stop renting gas-heated homes anytime soon.

"I don't think the gas heat's got that high yet. Once it does, I think people will ask how (the homes are) heated."

Because students living off campus tend to split up their bills, they also might take less notice of the price hikes than other types of residents, Lilley added.

Housing providers are varying in their preparations for the hikes.

Apartments that charge residents a flat rental rate that includes utilities will have no other

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Appliances using more energy cost more to operate.

Use these tips to conserve energy.

- Open shades and curtains on sunny days to help warm your house or apartment.
- Set your thermostat to 68 degrees or lower.
- Remember to turn off kitchen and bathroom fans to prevent heat from being drawn outside.
- Make sure your water heater is set at a normal or medium setting.
- Wash clothes in cold water.
- Keep inside doors open to keep air circulating and to improve heating efficiency.
- Clean the lint trap in your dryer and dry only full loads.

SOURCE: PSNC ENERGY

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Gender gap in sciences not unique to UNC

BY SHARI FELD
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UNC is not alone in its quest to close the gender gap in sciences at the university level.

Institutes of higher learning across the country are taking action and spearheading initiatives to change the status quo.

At UNC, the Women and Science Program was established in 1993 to work with the science departments on campus to attract and retain more women and minorities in science and mathematics.

Universities including the University of Michigan, North Carolina State University, Duke University and the University of Virginia have implemented programs on campus to attract and retain female students in the sciences.

As a result of these efforts and changing social views, the gender gap slowly is closing, said Laurie McNeil, chairwoman of the department of physics and astronomy.

"I think more efforts could bear even more fruits," she said.

McNeil was able to see the differences among science departments through her former role as chairwoman of the American Physical Society's committee on the status of women in physics, which was founded in 1972 to address the encouragement and career development of women physicists.

The committee sends female physicists to physics depart-

ments at universities across the country to assess gender climate and make recommendations for improvement.

"The departments with good climates tend to be departments with strong leadership that take the issue of gender climate seriously," she said.

McNeil said UNC's environment is at neither extreme — she has seen schools with more and less inviting conditions.

WISE trend

Women in Science and Engineering programs are a hot national trend to engage female students, but program specifics differ among institutions.

The WISE program at North Carolina State University aims to ensure that female students in math, science and engineering departments feel comfortable in their fields.

More than 200 WISE members live together on three floors of a residence hall usually during their first two years. Participants have access to exclusive tutors and work with peer mentors as freshmen and mentors in the professional realm as sophomores.

"Part of our job as a mentor is to keep them encouraged and

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COPS! University of Delaware students protest increased police presence at parties

MUZZLE UP Hunting season kicks into high gear despite uncharacteristic heat

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ALL THE HYPE

UNC's male a capella group the Clef Hangers sells out Memorial Hall in its first-ever scheduled performance at the renovated venue.



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SPICY PICANTE

Students gather Thursday for Salsa and ChiPs, an event that mixed Latin dancing and improv comedy, sponsored by Nourish International.

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TAIL-WHAT?

The Tar Heels tailgating scene proves to be somewhat light as compared with the SEC. Additionally, people complain of a lack of toilets.

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