

The Daily Tar Heel

Tuition action prompts outcry

OUT-OF-STATE GROUP VOWS TO BRING CONCERNS BEFORE BOG NEXT MONTH

BY KATE SULLIVAN
STAFF WRITER

Facing a possible \$1,100 tuition hike, some of UNC's nonresident students have expressed frustration about the increases that were approved Wednesday by the Board of Trustees.

And the topic of increases is not unfamiliar among those undergraduates. If the hikes gain approval from the UNC-system Board of Governors, it will mark the fourth time in five years that tuition has increased considerably

for out-of-state students.

Trustees voted to raise resident undergraduate tuition by \$250. The Out-of-State Student Association has been trying to ensure that tuition increases remain what it sees as fair. Last semester the group introduced a fair tuition petition, drafted by OSSA political chairman Mike Winters, supporting predictable tuition increases that would give students and their families time to plan for these influxes.

Although trustees adopted a

resolution requiring nonbinding multiyear tuition proposals, OSSA still has concerns about the future potential raises.

"I would have liked to have seen more specifics," said OSSA President Joy Kasaaian. "Time will tell what they do with this."

Group leaders said the petition, still circulating, intends to express nonresidents' frustration with the recent trend of tuition hikes.

"It's hard to plan to pay for tuition when it gets raised \$1,500-\$2,000 each year," said Matt Field,

OSSA co-vice president. "We'd like to have a fixed tuition rate, knowing how much it'll go up ... even for in-state students, that's nice."

As of Thursday evening the petition had almost 650 signatures.

Kasaaian said the group plans to send the petition to the BOG before the board hands down its decision on the proposed hikes at its February meeting.

"I think the petition is our best bet because it shows the number of students who are affected by this," Kasaaian said.

For many out-of-state students, part of UNC's appeal is its relatively low tuition by out-of-state standards, especially when compared to private institutions, Field said.

Jasmine Hemmings, a freshman from South Brunswick, N.J., said cost was definitely a factor in her college decision.

"College is already so expensive," she said. "(UNC is) a public school; it shouldn't end up costing as much as a private one."

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Traffic deaths shock town

High frequency has area on edge

BY ERIC MARTIN
STAFF WRITER

Chapel Hill has experienced an unusual number of motor vehicle accidents this week, resulting in the deaths of three area residents.

Five accidents involving pedestrians or cyclists have occurred in only three days.

"So far, no driver this year has been at fault. It's always been the pedestrian, and all accidents have happened at night," said Jane Cousins, spokeswoman for the Chapel Hill Police Department.

At 6:39 p.m. Monday, an unidentified man was hit while crossing the 400 block of Franklin Street. Twenty minutes later, 54-year-old Arthur McClean lost his life while walking across U.S. 15-501.

Tuesday brought a second fatality, when Harry Weldon Alston, who was riding his bike, collided with a bus carrying the Boston College men's basketball team on N.C. 54.

And Wednesday's incidents might hit even closer to home for many University students.

Rita Lauria, a law student at UNC, was struck by a vehicle while crossing Ridge Road within a marked crosswalk. According to the University police report, the vehicle hit Lauria at 6:24 p.m. while attempting to make a left-hand turn.

At 8:20 p.m. UNC psychology professor David Galinsky was hit and killed while walking across Fordham Boulevard on his way to the Smith Center.

Cousins said all the accidents still are under investigation. In 2005 there were only two motor vehicle-related fatalities, she said, neither one involving a pedestrian.

"This was very unusual," she added.

Ron Hsu, secretary of the

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Artist brings talents to hall

Tickets available for performance

BY JIM WALSH
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Carl Hancock Rux, a multidisciplinary artist being featured tonight at Memorial Hall as part of the Carolina Performing Arts Series, is many things.

Concise, when it comes to his body of work, is not one of them.

The New York native has written novels, poems and essays. He has released two albums and has worked with the likes of The Dust Brothers and DJ Spooky — another eclectic artist, who graced the Memorial Hall stage in September.

Tonight, he will present a performance narrative titled "Mycenaean." The choreographed multimedia presentation combines spoken word, movement, poetry and music in a grandiose display that blurs the lines between dreams and reality.

The Memorial Hall box office is running a special discount with the performance. Students and the general public can receive two tickets for the price of one.

Themed around the ancient Greek city of Mycenae, a powerful stronghold that mysteriously collapsed, "Mycenaean" takes a critical look at the tendency of history to repeat itself.

"What unites these characters is the experience of dreams, this transference that's taking place, this notion that something is about to happen because something has already happened, and the fear and the fascination that follows," Rux said Monday.

Describing the narrative, which he said draws on traditional forms such as operatic cantatas and Greek choruses, Rux said audiences could expect language, music and an array of dense but interesting imagery.

Rux had the beginnings of the narrative put to paper about two years ago, a time he described as politically and socially complicated. After writing a loose block of text with a list of characters, Rux said, he started to weave together different elements to reflect the complexity of modern life.

He said he was inspired by the "drone, the dull drone of the radio in the background or that drone of

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ATTEND THE SHOW

Time: 8 p.m.
Date: Today
Location: Memorial Hall
Info: www.unc.edu/performingarts



DTH/JULIA BARKER

Jenny Chan, co-owner of Jade Palace in Carrboro, takes out a decorative lion costume in preparation for this weekend's Chinese New Year celebrations. Many Orange County restaurants and venues are readying for festivities that help remind Chinese-Americans of home.

NEW YEAR, OLD TRICKS

BY ADAM RODMAN ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

New Year's celebrations in both China and America have similar trappings — fireworks, family dinners and friendly gatherings.

But there's a difference: Only the Chinese variety is designed to scare away a child-eating monster.

According to an old children's tale, Nian — the Chinese word for year — was a horrible monster who could slip silently into houses, said Robin Visser, professor in the University's Asian studies department.

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Chinese New Year celebrations

FRIDAY

Lion dance
Penang Restaurant
7:30 p.m.

Lion dance
Jade Palace restaurant
Friday and Saturday,
6:30 p.m., 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

New Year festival
Colonial Baptist Church
6051 Tryon Road in Cary
10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

CCTV Spring
Festival Gala
Union Cabaret
6 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

SUNDAY

New Year Celebration Memorial Hall 2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Rivalry game to crown nation's top team

No. 3 UNC to face No. 2 Duke

BY JACOB KARABELL
SENIOR WRITER

Third-ranked North Carolina finds itself with an opportunity this weekend that almost every women's basketball program would envy.

With wins tonight and Sunday, the Tar Heels would emerge as the lone team remaining undefeated — assuring an undisputed No. 1 national ranking.

The trouble is that the latter of those two games is at No. 2 Duke, a team bursting with confidence after dominating No. 1 Tennessee 75-53 at Cameron Indoor Stadium on Monday.

UNC will take on those undefeated Blue Devils on Sunday at 7 p.m., and the game will be televised on ESPN2.

Unlike recent years, however, the Tar Heels will enter the rival-

ry with a legitimate reason to be equally confident. Duke had won 12 games in a row against its local foe entering last season, when UNC prevailed in all three games.

But last year's Blue Devil squad did not have Lindsey Harding in uniform. The junior point guard, who averaged 11 points and four assists per game before Thursday's contest with Clemson, spent last season in street clothes due to a suspension for unspecified reasons.

"(Duke seems) a lot different," said UNC forward Camille Little. "They're more confident, they have a steady point guard now who has experience. I think that's one thing they have this year."

Little said she casually watched the Duke-Tennessee tilt Monday, and UNC point guard Ivory

"We're not going to change anything. We're not going to do anything any different."

SYLVIA HATCHELL, UNC COACH

Latta added that she watched it no differently than any other game on TV. But even watching periodically it was hard to miss Harding's stellar performance — she tallied 15 points and eight steals in the blowout.

And point guard play proved crucial last year at Cameron Indoor when UNC escaped with a 77-68 win. The Tar Heels forced 25 turnovers, a feat that likely will prove more difficult with

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GAME BREAKDOWN

Time - 7 p.m.
Location - Cameron Indoor Stadium
TV broadcast - ESPN2

KEY PLAYERS

 #3 North Carolina (18-0, 5-0 in the ACC)	 #10 Lindsey Harding
VS.	 #12 Ivory Latta

- UNC and Duke are the only two undefeated teams left in the in country.
- UNC defeated Duke three times last season, including in the ACC championship game, 88-67.
- Duke destroyed No. 1 Tennessee on Monday, 75-53.

CORRECTION

Due to a reporting error, the photo accompanying the Monday front-page article, "Behind the scenes, board gets to work," misidentifies the subject.

The picture is of Beth Coleman.

The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the error.

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SHUFFLEBOARD County schools tackle reassignment plans for new school

WHO'S READING? UNC-W becomes next to start USA Today readership program

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ALONG ROLL WE
"Merrily we roll along," a classic musical comedy, comes to the Carrboro ArtsCenter. The play's action transpires entirely in reverse.

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TURN THE PAGE
The Chapel Hill Public Library looks to engage residents in reading by sponsoring events all month for the book, "Ghost ship of Diamond Shoals."

today in history

JAN. 27, 1835 ...
Joseph Caldwell, UNC's first president, dies. Initially buried in the village cemetery, he will be laid to rest in McCorkle Place north of Davie Poplar.

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