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Task force weighs range of hikes

Nonresident tuition may rise \$800 to \$1,500

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Campus officials laid out a range of potential tuition increases Monday but will wait two weeks before making a formal recommendation to the chancellor.

When the campus tuition and fee advisory task force convenes again Nov. 5, members will consider increases between \$300 and \$1,000 for all graduate students, and somewhere between \$800 and \$1,500 for

nonresident undergraduates.

In keeping with a directive from UNC-system president Erskine Bowles, no increases for resident undergraduates were considered.

Task force members have no specific target for the amount of money they would like to raise. The proposals put forward Monday could yield anywhere from about \$4.9 million to almost \$13 million.

Provost Bernadette Gray-Little, co-chair-

woman of the group, said the University can use whatever extra revenue is available to improve instructional quality.

"Any increase we're going to have is not going to meet the needs we have," she said. "But we have to decide where we're going to be and how much of that revenue is going to go toward each priority."

Faculty salaries remain at the top of that priority list.

The state legislature provided millions in extra funding this year for faculty salaries, on top of an overall 4 percent salary increase. Faculty retention stands at its highest level

in years.

But UNC salaries still lag behind those of comparable schools, and task force members said the University risks losing ground without additional dollars from tuition.

Evelyne Huber, chairwoman of the Department of Political Science, said tuition revenue has been vital in improving the University's competitiveness in recent years.

"In terms of faculty morale and propensity to look elsewhere, it's like night and

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Voters start to cast ballots

New voting poll sees first results

BY SARA HARRIS
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The One-Stop No Excuse Voting attracted voters to the polls Monday — the first day of early voting in Chapel Hill — with a new location at the Franklin Street Post Office.

Although turnout for the first day was comparable to past municipal elections, many voters said the new location, which was open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., encouraged them to vote.

The early-voting system allows voters who missed the registration deadline or who will not be able to get out to the polls on Election Day to cast their votes.

Orange County Board of Elections director Barry Garner said the day went smoothly with no technological difficulties.

Thirty-two Chapel Hill residents, out of the 80 who voted in Orange County on Monday, cast their ballots at the post office.

"It was a very good day," Garner said.

Garner said 64 of Orange County's Monday voters were in the 45 and above age group. Only two college-age people, defined as between 18 and 22 years old, cast early ballots.

In the 2005 municipal election, 28 residents voted on the first day of early voting at the Morehead Planetarium and Science Center.

The polling station was moved to the post office this year after the planetarium on UNC's campus became unavailable.

The new location was praised by voters Richard Lee Dodgin and Bill Massengale who cast ballots early Monday.

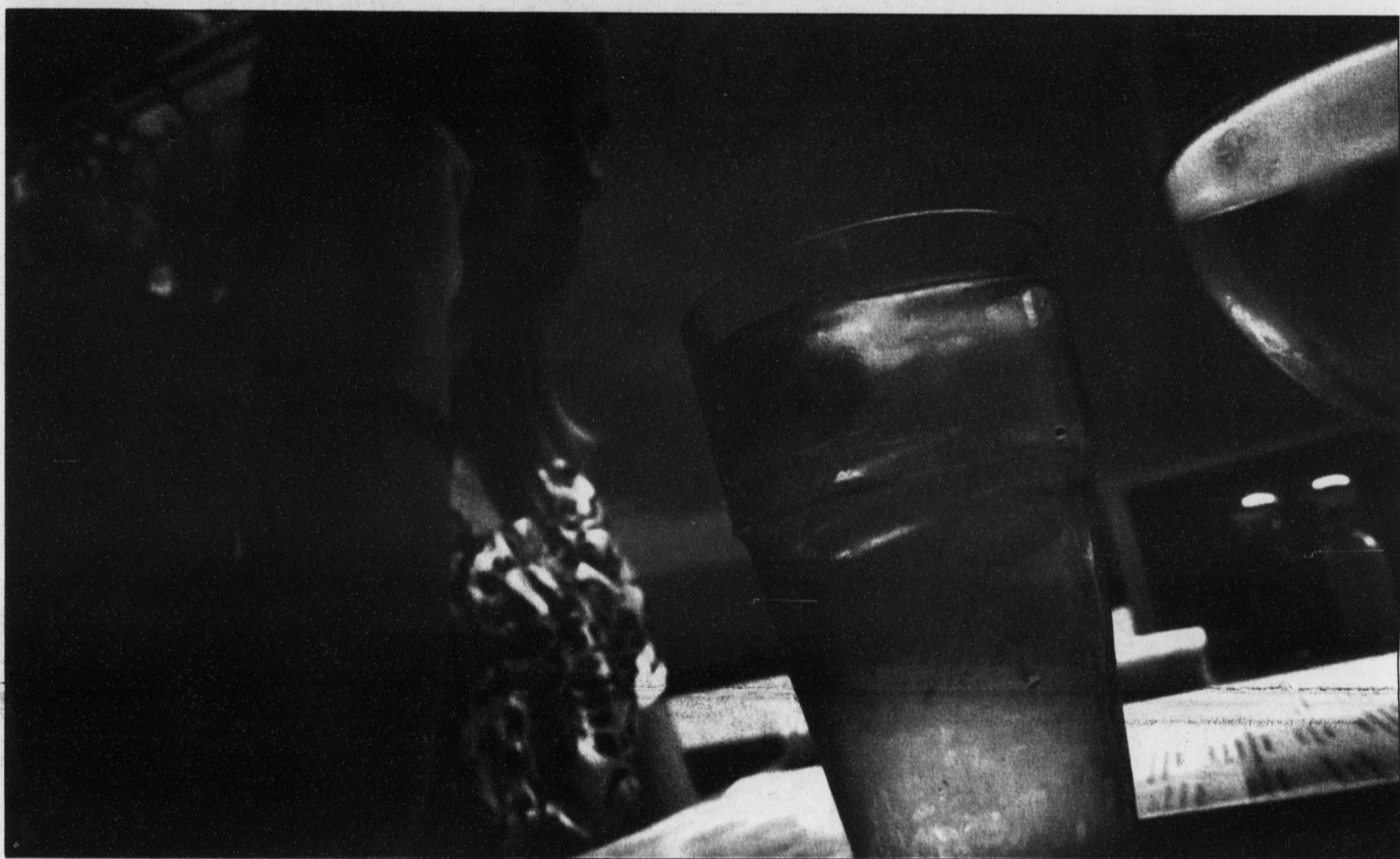
"I think that the post office location is great," he said.

It was the location that caused Dodgin and Massengale to participate in early voting.

Massengale, an attorney in the Chapel Hill area, said he voted after coming out of court, which

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WATER LIMITS TIGHTEN



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Senior Morgan Hargrove sits at a table at Top of the Hill. New drought restrictions recommend that restaurants wait to serve water until customers request it. "We're more strict on that now," said Top of the Hill manager Steve Torchio. Stage two water shortage restrictions have been put into place throughout Chapel Hill and Carrboro to conserve water.

BY ALEX KOWALSKI
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As area reservoirs approach less than 50 percent capacity, the Orange Water and Sewer Authority has declared new water-use restrictions in Chapel Hill and Carrboro.

The restrictions, effective Friday, were implemented under a newly designated stage two water shortage and are intended to reduce the current water demand in the area by at least 15 percent — a difference of 1.3 million gallons per day.

Residents and businesses in the community are subject to regulations that restrict activities requir-

ing water and limit water consumption levels.

"I would have rather seen it earlier," said Cliff Bailin, a Chapel Hill resident. "The drought is quite severe." His family has been taking shorter showers to limit their water use.

Ed Kerwin, executive director of OWASA, said the restrictions mostly will affect people who water their lawns with home irrigation systems.

If the police or OWASA receive a report of someone in violation of any of the restrictions, OWASA will issue a fine.

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Orange Water and Sewer Authority

Stage two water shortage restrictions

Goal: To reduce the community's current water demand by 15 percent.

Restrictions:

- ▶ No spray irrigation.
- ▶ Individually metered water use is limited to an average of 800

gallons per day.

▶ No car washing except in certain commercial establishments.

▶ No cleaning of exterior building surfaces.

▶ Restaurants can serve water to customers only upon request.

▶ Clothes- and dishwashers can only be operated at full capacity.

RTP growth spills into area

BY ANDREW DUNN
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It wasn't long ago that Apex had just a Hardee's and a Scott's Galaxy Foods to its name and Cary was a tiny railroad and tobacco town.

Many of the formerly rural communities surrounding Raleigh have seen triple-digit population growth during the past few decades and commercial expansions to match.

A reaction to that growth was evident in this month's Wake County municipal elections, as several incumbents, including Cary's mayor, were booted out of office in favor of candidates taking a tougher stance toward growth.

Chapel Hill and Carrboro have also experienced a high level of

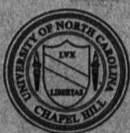
growth with controversies to match, including Carolina North, the Chapel Hill Greenbridge development and Carrboro's Alberta condominiums.

But professors and politicians say differences between Wake and Orange counties will likely prevent such a sea change from occurring in the Nov. 6 municipal elections.

"The electorate in Chapel Hill moved here because of special characteristics," said Ferrel Guillory, director of the UNC Program on Public Life. "Chapel Hill's self-image is of a university town, a village."

He said because of that perception, both Chapel Hill and Carrboro

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OCTOBER REPORT:

Annual student government document to be released today

BY COLIN CAMPBELL
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The word "midterm" has a different meaning for Student Body President Eve Carson and her administration this week.

While most students are concerned about mid-semester exams, Carson has reached the middle of her term and will release the October Report today, touting her administration's progress.

While many of the initiatives described in the report traditionally are part of the student body president's campaign platform, the administrations usually include other issues that arise after the election.

"I think some of the biggest things that we've achieved this year have been ones we hadn't anticipated in the platform," Carson said.

And there are many platform

planks that will need more work before Carson's term ends in April.

"I want all of my committees to take the rest of the semester to really focus on what in the platform needs to be accomplished," Chief of Staff Katie Sue Zellner said.

✓ **Chancellor search:** The administration is finding 10 members to serve on the students' chancellor search advisory committee, which will convey student opinion to the official chancellor search committee.

The search process will have a goal of identifying values that are important to the University, Carson said.

"I think our discussions on the Carolina way are going to be very fruitful for the campus," she said.

□ **Tuition:** While Chancellor James

Mooser has recommended no increase for in-state tuition, Carson said she is concerned out-of-state tuition will increase as a result. "That's foremost on my mind right now," she said.

The tuition and fee advisory task force has suggested an out-of-state undergraduate hike of between \$800 and \$1,500. Carson's platform proposes the Board of Trustees give an "expense report" of how tuition is spent.

□ **Big Ideas:** In her platform, Carson proposed three major initiatives: an annual music festival, a junior scholarship for achievement and an endowment for a big-name speaker series.

While committees have been established to research the programs, no major progress has been reported.

✓ **New programs:** The Carson

administration has organized two events that took place this semester.

Sophomore Reorientation provided students access to University programs and resources. Mix-it-up Day gave students a chance to eat dinner with people outside their social circles.

✓ **Student input on smoking ban:** The student advisory committee to the chancellor gathered students' opinions about the ban on smoking within 100 feet of campus buildings.

"I think they had a huge influence," Zellner said. "The biggest input definitely came from the blogs that were set up."

Mooser announced Monday the smoking ban will begin Jan. 1.

Contact the University Editor at udesk@unc.edu.

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Days left until one-stop voting ends.

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IN THE ARMY NOW

Women increasingly are enrolling in the military academy at West Point, a trend that also seems to be happening at UNC.



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A PIECE OF HISTORY

A new exhibit featuring artifacts and the history of Sir Walter Raleigh has opened in Wilson Library. A reception was held Monday.

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Student Body President Bob Young encourages student participation in United Nations Day — a President Eisenhower initiative to make people more aware of the U.N.

weather



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