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Fee referendum passes

Students get more say on increases

BY DANIELLE KUCERA
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Students voted overwhelmingly Tuesday to allow themselves to have more say in student fee increases. There were 1,927 votes cast, with 1,585 students, or about 82 percent, voting to support an amendment to the Student Constitution. The amendment requires a majority of students to approve increases for four fees: student activity, Student Legal Services,

Undergraduate Teaching Award and APPLS fees. Students could not vote previously on these fees. "I think that, for one, it shows that the student body is ready and willing to take on more responsibility," Congress Speaker Tyler Younts said. "I think students realize that it's going to be a good way to hold the officials accountable." The amendment also struck the Student Recreation Center fee from the constitution because the

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TYLER YOUNTS, STUDENT CONGRESS SPEAKER

fee no longer exists. Students now must vote on fee increases for eight fees. At least 2.5 percent of the student body needed to vote on the referendum, and about 7 percent cast their votes on the issue. Officials from UNC's Board of Elections said this year's voting turnout was lower than last year's election.

Some students who voted said they thought the issue was worthy of student votes. "I feel like in the U.S. government a lot of people don't get represented," freshman Laura Hartley said. "On an issue that is as important to the student body as fees, I think people from all backgrounds

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Sophomores Shaddi Hasan (left) and Elinor Benami vote on a student fee amendment to the Student Constitution. The measure passed. DTH/DANIEL VAN NIEKERK

RALEIGH AIMS TO RIVAL FRANKLIN

BY DEVIN ROONEY
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The first Haunted Hillsborough Hike in Raleigh has made Hillsborough Street many students' destination for Halloween, but the students and bar owners responsible for the event are hoping it will do more.

They said this event could help make the street — N.C. State University's version of Franklin Street — more commercially vibrant.

Matt Potter, chairman of the N.C. State Student Senate's campus community committee, said he started planning the event a month ago because he was tired of seeing his fellow students desert their city for Halloween, many heading for Franklin Street in Chapel Hill.



N.C. State seniors Jon Brune (left) and Hunter Gillespie shop for Spartan warrior costumes at Halloween & More, a costume shop on Hillsborough Street in Raleigh. Local bars are trying to get students to stay on Hillsborough Street. "I'll be there," Gillespie said. DTH/JULIE TURKEWITZ

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Rules for partying on Franklin Street:

1. Alcohol is prohibited inside the premises of the celebration. All normal state and local laws concerning alcohol will be in effect. "We get lots of drunk and disorderly charges," said Lt. Kevin Gunter of the Chapel Hill Police Department. Case in point: DO NOT bring alcohol to Franklin Street.
2. Flammable substances, as well as explosives and fireworks, are strictly prohibited from the party. "Obviously, we don't usually have an issue with bonfires during Halloween," Gunter said.
3. Animals will not be allowed on the premises. Keep Spot at home, even if he is part of your brilliant dog-walker outfit.
4. Glass bottles, paint and coolers are not permitted.
5. Weapons are strictly prohibited from the party, and anything resembling a weapon or that can be used as a weapon will be confiscated. Items made of wood, metal, cardboard or hard plastic are included in this list, even if they are part of a costume.

Chapel Hill prepares for Halloween festivities

BY SCOTT FREEDENBERG
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With masses of witches, vampires and masked murderers poised to invade Franklin Street tonight, the Chapel Hill Police Department is ready to section off areas of downtown to prepare for the festivities.

Here is what revelers can expect with street closures and parking, according to a Chapel Hill Police Department press release about Halloween.

Street Closures:

- Starting at 9 p.m., the following streets will be closed to automobiles:
 - Franklin Street will be closed from Raleigh to Roberson streets.
 - Columbia Street will be closed from Rosemary Street to Cameron Avenue.
 - Raleigh Street will be closed from East Franklin Street to Cameron Avenue.
 - Henderson Street will be closed from East

Parking:

- Starting at 6 p.m., vehicles parked on the premises of the celebration will be towed. Illegally parked vehicles will have a recovery cost of \$103. Media vehicles will also not be allowed within the party site.

- There will be parking in the town's lots for \$20 per vehicle. That includes the Rosemary Street Deck.
- Shuttles will run from 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. from the park and ride lots at the Friday Center, University Mall, Jones Ferry and Southern Village. The cost is \$5 per person. The town has asked visitors to use the shuttle services to get to the downtown celebrations.

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Date set in Orange High shooting trial

BY TRACEY THERET
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HILLSBOROUGH — Orange County Superior Court Judge Michael Morgan set a trial date of May 5, 2008, for the man accused of firing shots at Orange County High School in 2006 after he killed his father.

Alvaro Rafael Castillo, an Orange High graduate, made a brief appearance in court Tuesday in a black suit and tie. After Morgan agreed to the date, Castillo smiled and tossed a slight wave over his shoulders to the courtroom before being led out of the back of the building to a sheriff's car.

Castillo has several charges stemming from the August incidents, including first-degree murder and two counts of possession of a weapon of mass destruction. He was 19 years old at the time of the incidents.

He is accused of driving a van through

the guard house of the Orange High student parking lot about 1 p.m. Aug. 30 and opening fire on students eating lunch. Two students were injured, and Castillo immediately was taken into custody.

Castillo then told authorities he killed his father, Rafael Huezco Castillo, earlier that morning. Rafael Castillo's body was found with gunshot wounds at his Hillsborough home.

Castillo has said he's "obsessed" with the 1999 Columbine High School shooting in which two students killed 13 people before killing themselves. The Columbine High principal reportedly received an e-mail from Castillo hours before the incident that says he had planned a shooting at an N.C. school.

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Alvaro Castillo, who has several charges stemming from incidents in 2006, will be tried in May 2008. DTH/ELISSA SHARP

Localizing efforts to process illegals

N.C. officers will partner with feds

BY ELIZABETH DEORNELLAS
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As states across the nation scramble to provide local law enforcement with the tools to combat illegal immigration, all eyes are on North Carolina, the first in the nation to craft a formal partnership with federal immigration authorities.

The state has become a test case for controversial programs like 287g, in which local officers are trained by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to help process undocumented immigrants who have committed crimes.



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It's still too early to determine the ultimate impact of the program, although the broad scope of powers granted to local officers could dramatically change the dynamic between law enforcement and the state's Hispanic population, among the fastest-growing in the nation.

North Carolina generated more interest in 287g than any other

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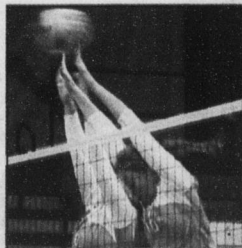
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Days left until one-stop voting ends.

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CORRECTION

Due to a reporting error Oct. 25, a police log item was incorrect. David Louis Woods of Durham was not the subject of a police investigation and arrest as stated. The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the error.



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ON A ROLL

The women's volleyball team cruised to victory Tuesday against N.C. State. The team entered the game with an 18-game win streak against their rival.

this day in history

OCT. 31, 1968 ...

After 75 percent of UNC females sign a petition for more campus surveillance. Officials announce they will hire security guards for all women's residence halls.

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