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Trustees move up tuition vote



Student Body Vice President Mike Tarrant said tuition talks are flawed.

Rates to be recommended at next week's meeting

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As part of an accelerated tuition process, the UNC Board of Trustees is scheduled to decide next week how much graduate and nonresident tuition will rise.

The Thursday vote will come just 10 days after the campus tuition and fee advisory task force issued its recommendations, and student leaders have complained about the stepped-up timetable. In years past, trustees have voted on tuition

proposals in January.

"If we just made the recommendation a few days ago, I think it's way too early for the trustees to be making a decision," said Student Body Vice President Mike Tarrant, who serves on the advisory task force. "It's just a broken process all around."

Tarrant and Student Body President Eve Carson said that the early tuition vote was not well-publicized and that it leaves little time to organize protests.

But Chancellor James Moeser said the new

tuition schedule was well known. He rejected the notion that student officials had been kept out of the loop.

"I think they weren't paying attention," he said. Tarrant said student leaders are up to speed. "It's just not true," he said. "We've been there. We know what's going on."

Moeser said he has yet to decide which tuition proposal he will recommend to trustees next week.

"I haven't formed any judgment yet," he said. "I will be soon."

Advisory task force members suggested a range of potential increases — between \$800 and \$1,500

for all graduate students, and between \$1,000 and \$1,500 for nonresident undergraduates.

But under the terms of the tuition process, Moeser can recommend any level of increase he wants, and trustees can decide on any level of increase they want.

Roger Perry, chairman of the Board of Trustees, said the accelerated timetable should not present a problem.

He called 10 days "plenty of time," noting that trustees have been following the tuition debate all along.

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ANALYSIS

BOG weighs tuition forecast

Predictability looming issue for nonresidents

BY ERIC JOHNSON
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Everyone agrees that tuition should be predictable.

From university administrators to student officials, there is an almost unbroken consensus that if tuition is going to keep rising, families should at least be able to plan for it.

"I just think families need to know what they can expect to pay," said Craig Souza, vice chairman of the UNC-system Board of Governors. "I don't think that's unreasonable."

But reasonable as it may be, Souza and others are quickly discovering the reality of tuition predictability.

Despite all the recent efforts of university officials, the cost of a four-year education remains, for lack of a better term, unpredictable.

At Thursday's meeting of the BOG, Souza suggested that all tuition bills should include a note informing parents and students about future tuition increases.

The UNC system recently adopted a policy that limits in-state undergraduates to maximum tuition hikes of 6.5 percent each year, and Souza suggested that the policy be explained on billing statements.

That ignited a heated debate. "We can't make promises," said UNC-Chapel Hill Chancellor James Moeser. "No one can say with certainty what the fiscal state of the University will be three or four years down the road."

And if the fiscal state of the University is particularly dire, the 6.5 percent policy allows for exceptions. Campuses can venture outside the limit if they can prove a "significant unfunded need."

"We have to leave room for those changes," Moeser said.

On the other side of things, if the fiscal state of the university is particularly good — as it is this year, following generous funding from the N.C. General Assembly — tuition hikes will probably be lower than 6.5 percent. This year, for instance, UNC-CH isn't raising tuition for resident undergraduates at all.

Because of that, some board members said that publicizing the 6.5 percent cap could cause people to overreact.

"If you tell parents you're going to raise tuition 6.5 percent every year, you're going to incite a riot," said board member Peaches Blank.

So, because of how complicated the predictability policy is and how many exceptions it includes, board members aren't sure if they want to say anything about it on tuition bills.

At the campus level, UNC-CH's tuition

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GLOBE'S CORNERS BECKON

Study Abroad Office struggles with demands

BY KELLEN MOORE STAFF WRITER

The UNC Study Abroad Office is experiencing growing pains.

UNC has an extensive study abroad program, placing 1,350 students in 311 programs in more than 70 countries last school year.

The program has seen rapid growth in the past eight years. In the 1999-2000 school year, only 650 students studied abroad in 63 programs.

"If you take the measure of student participation in the program, I guess we've been very successful," said Bob Miles, associate dean for study abroad and international exchange pro-

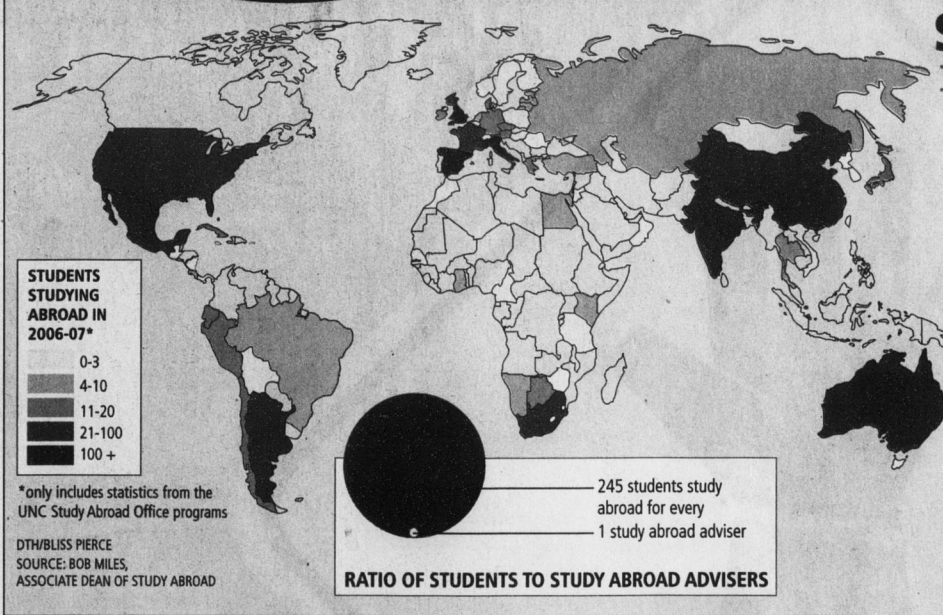
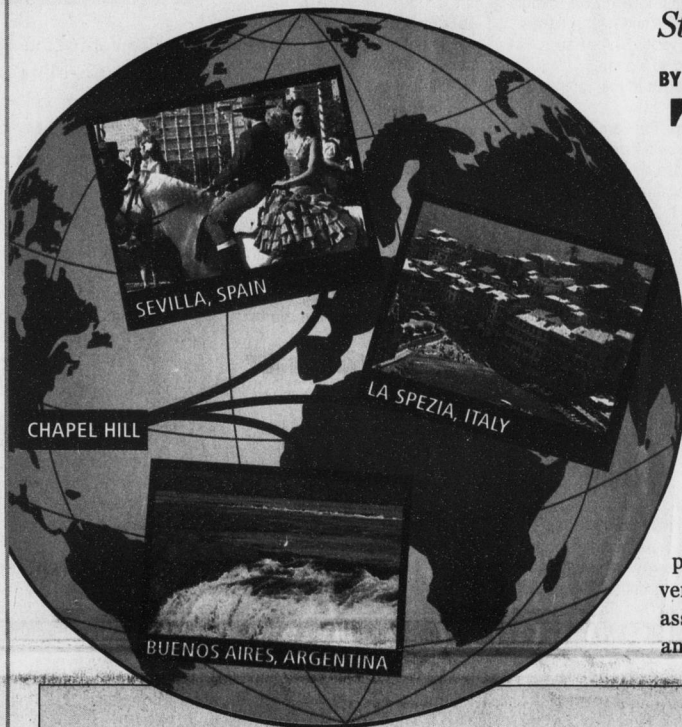
grams.

But recent delays in credit transfers and a shortage of advisers has left some students questioning the strength of UNC's program.

"I feel like, considering there are so many people that study abroad, they knew that there were going to be hundreds of people coming back in the spring," said senior Alison Siegel, who studied in Spain last semester. "They are unprepared. They had forewarning."

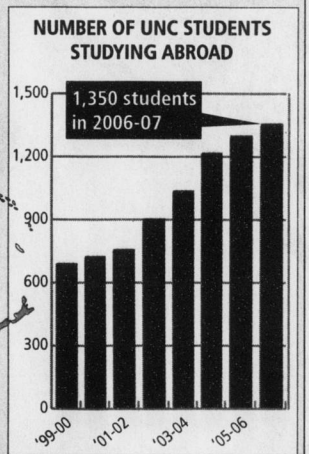
Those student complaints have not fallen on deaf ears. With the recent success in greater participation to build upon and setbacks to learn from, University officials say change is on the horizon for the

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UNC Study Abroad

A look at the numbers



RATIO OF STUDENTS TO STUDY ABROAD ADVISERS

245 students study abroad for every 1 study abroad adviser

External appointments a growing trend

Recent chancellors hail from other schools

BY KATIE HOFFMANN
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The past three UNC chancellors came from other universities, following a national trend of schools to go beyond their campus boundaries to find leaders.

But as the University moves to replace Chancellor James Moeser, some have advocated hiring a candidate who knows UNC's characteristics before taking office.

A fresh face

John DiBiaggio, a senior consultant

for the Academic Search, one of the firms that vied to lead UNC's chancellor search, said the "vast, vast majority" of searches he has led in the past five years resulted in candidates external to the searching university.

"More often than not, universities go outside for a chancellor or president because they strongly feel that it's time for new vision, to start fresh," DiBiaggio said.

"I have a hard time thinking of any that didn't go externally for a president," he said.

R. William Funk & Associates, the research firm hired by the chancellor search committee, listed 11 of its past chancellor or president searches on its bid for the job.

Eight of those searches resulted in chancellors or presidents who came from outside the searching university.

Nelson Schwab, chairman of the search committee, said he did not want Funk to comment for fear of possibly affecting the process.

There recently has been a "vanity fac-

tor" that goes with picking an external candidate, which can be exaggerated by the use of a search firm, said John Sanders, professor emeritus in the School of Government.

"If they find that the best person is down the hall, it looks like that they haven't done much of anything," said Sanders, who has worked with six chancellors. "The committee could say, 'We could have found him or her without you.'"

External candidates also have the advantage of starting with a clean slate, Sanders said.

"There's a certain charm that goes with

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LETTER OF THE LAW

Following a 1940s Supreme Court decision, Duke University has waived its right to enforce regulations in Duke Forest deeds that prohibit property purchases by blacks.

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HYDRATING HOCKEY

The Department of Athletics is shipping in water to help hydrate Henry Stadium's turf before the field hockey team begins NCAA tournament play at home Saturday.



basketball preview

SPECIAL SECTION

Read a preview of the men's and women's basketball teams in an insert today. Also catch up on the ACC foes that the men will face this season.

this day in history

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The College of Arts and Sciences announces a policy that would make it so students who don't go to the first two days of classes will lose their registered spot.

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