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Tuition hikes likely to pass BOG

BY ERIC JOHNSON
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The UNC system will not make a final decision about tuition increases until February, but approval for UNC-Chapel Hill's proposed hikes is all but assured.

Student Body President Eve Carson said she is not planning any protest or appeal to the system's Board of Governors, which has

the final say on tuition rates at the state's 16 universities.

Board members already have suggested they will look favorably on the University's request.

"We would like for them to be lower," Carson said, referring to the proposed hikes for graduate students and nonresident undergraduates.

"But it's likely that the Board of Governors will agree with the

increases."

Campus trustees are seeking to raise nonresident undergraduate tuition by \$1,250 — the same amount it was upped last year. They also are asking for a \$400 hike for resident graduate students and an \$800 hike for nonresident graduates.

When the BOG met to consider last year's increase, then-Student

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He called \$1,250 an excessive and arbitrary amount, asking the board to settle on a lower figure.

Body President James Allred delivered a lengthy speech protesting the burden on out-of-state undergraduates.

While board was respectful of Allred's concerns, only one member of the 32-person board voted against the increase.

For the rest, a combination of campus needs and a market-based mentality toward nonresident tuition made a \$1,250 hike palatable.

"I think most of the concern around North Carolina and in the newspapers and on campus is

about in-state tuition," said BOG Chairman Jim Phillips, speaking in February after the board voted to approve the last increase.

"Our constitutional obligation lies to the citizens of North Carolina."

The only limit board members have placed on out-of-state tuition is that it remain below the top quar-

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Permit adds 51 Habitat homes

Concerns raised of high density

BY MAX ROSE
STAFF WRITER

Bright-leaved trees line the narrow and quiet Purefoy Drive.

But in the coming years, the street in the historic Rogers Road community might be getting louder.

The Chapel Hill Town Council approved a special use permit that will add 51 Habitat for Humanity homes to Purefoy Drive and dramatically change the last black neighborhood in Chapel Hill.

While community members say that they support affordable housing, they worry about the effects of the increased density on traffic and storm water management.

Karen Reid and her husband raised two children on Sandberg Lane, a gravel road off Purefoy.

"We moved out here because it was a nice, quiet place," she said. "I'm glad to see they got affordable housing, but it's really changing the dynamics of this neighborhood."

On Reid's land are nine chickens and an additional house, which still is being constructed after 12 years.

"When we built the house, we had no idea that the neighborhood would just explode," Reid said.

The Habitat development on 19.3 acres of land will be available only for families who make less than 50 percent of the median income.

Habitat of Orange Executive Director Susan Levy said interest already has been expressed in the proposed housing, though applications are not yet being accepted.

"It's a desirable community to live in," she said. "We want to get going because the need is great."

There are already several Habitat homes on Purefoy Drive. Barbara Hopkins lives with four family

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SERVING SWEET GESTURES



DTH/ KATE NAPIER

Joy MacVane stands in her kitchen, next to the oven where she bakes batches of cookies for students who pass her home on Henderson Street. MacVane set out two dozen cookies last fall, and the response she got from students led her to set out fresh-baked cookies. "People's thanks was way bigger than just a cookie," she said.

Joy MacVane says she realizes that food has a greater purpose than just nutrition.

BY NATE HEWITT
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About once a week, Chapel Hill resident Joy MacVane leaves out cookies, brownies or other goodies for students who walk by her yellow house on the northern part of Henderson Street on their way to class.

"It all began last fall with two dozen Toll House cookies," MacVane said. "I woke up on a Monday morning and felt really depressed. So I found a little old round metal table and set them out by the road."

Though her roadside goodie stand started out as a one-time thing, the suc-

cess of the table kept her going.

"Students started leaving notes that said things like, 'I really needed this' or 'You made my day,'" she said. "It seemed that people's thanks was way bigger than just a cookie."

The table will take a festive bent Thursday, when MacVane said she is planning to serve desserts to any students who are sticking around instead of going home for Thanksgiving.

Senior Amy McCall, who has lived in Town House Apartments for two years, said it's now nothing unusual to pass the home and see a blanket draped over a

table, concealing a batch of freshly baked cookies.

The table is always publicized by a sign that says "Go Tar Heels" or "Don't worry. No one's watching," McCall said. She, like many students who live in nearby apartment complexes, uses a shortcut by MacVane's house to get to campus.

MacVane stocks the table in the morning, and the treats are gone by the afternoon. She said the success of her table has also inspired her to start a nonprofit organization called Table.

"I just realized that food has a greater purpose than just nutrition," she said.

"The mission is to bring college students together to feed hungry children in Chapel Hill and Carrboro."

MacVane has already leased a space at 405 W. Weaver St. in Carrboro and plans to open the center in January.

The idea for the nonprofit came on a day in September when she put out a sign with her usual baked goods that asked students to come over and help bake desserts for the local homeless shelter.

"All they really serve for dessert at the shelter are broken cookies and stale cake,"

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UNC law group may be acting illegally

Not keeping track of records, requests

BY KELLEN MOORE
STAFF WRITER

The lawyers-in-training that make up the Student Bar Association aren't sure if their own organization is operating legally.

SBA has been asking students to leave its meetings for private discussions, admittedly keeping "shoddy minutes" that don't include member voting records and refusing to provide copies of funding requests.

SBA President Luis Lluberas-Oliver said that the association has never forced students to leave meetings but that it has asked them to

leave to allow the members to converse without fear of being singled out. The organization also doesn't record how each member votes.

And as for funding request copies, Lluberas-Oliver said the SBA typically throws them away.

Now, third-year law student Michael Roessler is demanding more openness in the association.

"This is a public university; this is a law school," he said. "We just have a right to know what our student government is doing and why."

The problems began after the association's fall budget allocation

meeting Sept. 26 when the SBA distributed about \$7,000 among law student organizations. Because of limited funds, none of the organizations received the full requested amount, Lluberas-Oliver said.

The American Constitution Society, of which Roessler is co-president, received \$75 of \$400 requested.

Several weeks later, Roessler said he requested copies of the funding proposals each organization submitted to get a better idea of how the SBA made its decisions.

"I thought it was a very unremarkable request to make," he said. "It turned out to be a bit bigger of a deal than I anticipated."

Because the documents contained information about private funding that the student organizations receive, SBA wasn't sure if it should release the papers, Lluberas-Oliver said.

Nevertheless, he said SBA took Roessler's concerns seriously.

"We've never dealt with this issue in 15 years of SBA," Lluberas-Oliver said. "Like typical lawyers, we have to think it through because this has serious implications."

The SBA contacted Associate University Counsel Mary Sechrist, whose preliminary opinion was that SBA was not legally required to have

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Starbucks opening delayed till March

Rams Head space remains empty

BY ANTHONY MCPEEK
STAFF WRITER

The Starbucks set to open in Rams Head Center has been delayed yet again, and the space it will occupy will remain empty until at least March.

Since the End Zone Sports Cafe closed about six months ago, 30 percent of the space in the \$22 million Rams Head dining facility

has been almost entirely unused. After the most recent delay, construction on the Starbucks has not even started, mostly because of a review of the design plan by the N.C. Department of Insurance.

And Scott Myers, director of food and vending, said that when officials submit the plan to the DOI, its review process can take up to six weeks.

"They go at their own speed," he said.

When construction actually

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CORRECTION

Due to a reporting error, Monday's front-page article "Special elections now not possible" incorrectly named the date of the general election. It will be held Feb. 12. The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the error.

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WOMEN ROLL AGAIN
Rashanda McCants continues her strong play from this weekend and leads the No. 5 Tar Heels past Georgia State with 18 points and eight assists.

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The Student Aid Program fund reaches more than \$1 million for scholarships and on-campus jobs through state-appropriated money and Student Stores profits.

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