

School lunch prices on the rise

25-cent increase set for Orange County

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Orange County Schools raised the price of school meals by 25 cents for the 2008-09 school year.

Officials said the increased cost is necessary because of the overall rising costs of everything from gas to food.

"We have to raise the prices, because the cost of everything is going up," Valerie Green, director of child nutrition for Orange County Schools, said. "Gas prices, food costs, supply costs, everything."

The price increase will affect breakfast and lunch prices, potentially causing a financial burden for parents with multiple children.

Breakfast for students in first through fifth grades will increase from \$1 to \$1.25. Lunch for elementary students will change from \$1.50 to \$1.75.

Students in grades 6-12 will now pay \$1.25 for breakfast and \$2.25 for lunch.

If a family has two students in the system who eat both meals a day at the school, the family would incur an extra \$1 a day.

With roughly 180 days in a regular school year, a family would be forced to spend an extra \$180 per year on school lunches, which could be a significant amount for some families in the area.

But Green said the change is necessary, and the school system

still has free and reduced lunch programs.

"We always recommend for parents to file for free and reduced lunch if they think they'll qualify," she said.

Green said another factor that is driving prices up is the efforts of schools to reach nutritional standards that have been increased in recent years.

"The nutritional standards for the elementary schools went in effect a couple of years ago and we are trying to reach those standards, as well," Green said.

But not every school district in the area has decided to raise food prices yet.

Wake County Schools, for example, will not raise prices for the 2008-09 school year.

Marilyn Moody, senior director of child nutrition for Wake

County Schools, said the school board hasn't decided yet what it will do with meal prices beyond that.

"It is not the time of year for us to look at doing that," she said. "We will be taking bids over the next few months and making a presentation to the board in November."

Moody did say that she expects that school meal prices will likely rise when the board makes its decision.

"Based on market conditions, you think that they would rise," she said.

"Where other school districts are making those decisions now, we won't make ours until late autumn or early winter."

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Program sends graduates back to high school

Aims to distribute college information

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After a successful first year, the Carolina College Advising Corps is sending 19 recent UNC-Chapel Hill graduates back to high school this fall.

The program, mirrored after the University of Virginia's College Guide Program, aims to help low-income, minority and first-generation students apply and enroll in college.

The Carolina Corps belongs to the National College Advising Corps, a partnership of 12 colleges and universities funded in part by a \$10 million grant from the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation.

While each school administers its program differently, all schools follow the same core model: using recent college graduates to advise high school students about their options after graduation.

The advisers often come from the same background as the students, which helps them speak to and identify with the concerns of the students, said Wendy Jebens, project coordinator of the Carolina Corps and assistant director of admissions.

Nicole Hurd, executive director of the UVA program, agreed.

"You can empower students by having recent graduates give their own stories," Hurd said. "It tells them, 'If I could afford to go to Carolina, then you can, too,' or 'I was a first-generation student, you can be one, too.'"

Last year, four advisers served in eight North Carolina high schools. Jebens said those schools reported seeing more students go on to college and more scholarships than ever.

Created last year with a \$1 million grant from the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation, the Carolina Corps was able to expand to 19 advisers in 38 schools across the state this year with additional funding from the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, the

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Carolina Corps advisers would have graduated from UNC in the past two years. After serving for a school year, they can return for a second year.

Tyra Johnson, who will be the adviser for Northampton County High School-West and Weldon High School in northeastern North Carolina in the fall, viewed her job as an opportunity to give back.

When she was in high school, Johnson said she saw many peers who were intimidated by college because they didn't think they had the talent or the grades to succeed.

"Now I can help students in the same position," Johnson said. "Let them know about the resources available and help them use them."

Dexter Robinson, who will return to Graham Central and Hugh M. Cummings high schools in the fall, stressed that not every student necessarily wants to go to college.

"We help each individual student pursue his dream, college or not," Robinson said. "My goal is to have every student have a plan when they leave high school."

Robinson handed out candy at one of his school's first home football game last year to let students know about him. Later in the year, he invited representatives from local businesses to go into classes and talk to students about how they got started in their fields.

"The program is really about helping the people of North Carolina fulfill their own dreams," Hurd said. "We're just lucky to be part of that process."

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Transplant patients gather to say thanks

More than 200 attended program

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More than 60 liver transplant recipients gathered with their families and friends at the UNC Hospitals Hedrick Building on Saturday to celebrate their lives and honor their organ donors' families.

The eighth annual reunion was organized by the UNC Comprehensive Transplant Center, with liver transplant coordinator Emily Dolleschel leading the festivities.

As more than 200 attendees ate lunch and watched a photo slide show of fellow survivors, transplant recipients recalled their experiences.

Gail Clark, of Pelham, had a double transplant in 1994 because her body rejected the first liver. Clark was diagnosed with hepatitis when she was 26.

Even with her 66th birthday approaching, she's able to do more than ever before.

Deborah Stewart, a resident of Durham who worked at the UNC dental school, waited more than four years for a liver. Stewart's experience has been extensive. She went into a coma, from which she spent months rehabilitating, faced rejection of the liver by her body and recently learned she needed a new kidney.

But she remains positive.

"I wanted to be here to celebrate my life, and celebrate everyone else, whatever kind of transplant

they have," Stewart said.

There was a sense of community among the transplant recipients, and noticeable signs of support from others in attendance.

Alexandra Terry, a 17-year-old from Henderson, was accompanied by her parents, four sisters and three friends. Terry was only 11 when her liver began to fail from a rare genetic illness, but she completed the entire transplant process in only 13 days.

Liver failure can stem from a number of illnesses, both genetic or from infection. The liver performs many tasks, including breaking down, creating, altering, storing and regulating various bodily substances.

Anthony Mason, who received a new liver in 2000, spoke at the event about his experiences from the past eight years. Mason frequently speaks to audiences about his transplant and how his life has been altered. Next month he will travel to Pittsburgh, Pa., to compete in the U.S. Transplant Games, an Olympic-style event where transplant recipients can compete in various sports.

As a finale of the meeting, transplant recipients wrote letters to their liver donors and attached them to balloons that they released outside. UNC Hospitals has performed about 15 liver transplants this year and about 70 last year, Dolleschel said. The Transplant Center holds annual reunions for all types of organ transplant patients.

"It's important for the patients to see that everyone is well," Dolleschel said.

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Plans in the works for online course evaluations

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Student government, along with a committee of administrators and faculty, is renewing a 10-year-old effort to get student class evaluations administered and posted online.

Though the University of Virginia and Stanford University have successfully launched online systems for course evaluations, UNC is the largest school to attempt such a program, Student Body Vice President Todd Dalrymple said.

"A lot of schools are doing this, and we are long overdue," Dalrymple said. "We talked out a lot of the issues, and I'm optimistic that we will have a solution."

The committee's proposal, consisting of two parts, aims first to administer course evaluations online instead of on paper and to make those results available to students in an online forum. The result would be similar to third-party course evaluation Web sites such as www.pickaprof.com or www.ratemyprofessors.com.

With this new system, Dalrymple contends that, while saving paper, the deans could evaluate faculty more efficiently and that student responses would likely be heard.

"Questions pertaining specifically to the instructor's teaching style are supposed to be seen by students," he said. "Right now, they are basically disappearing into thin air. The system is far too cumbersome."

But Dalrymple said that since professors' jobs could be directly affected by the evaluations, many are wary of having the answers posted publicly.

Others are concerned that mak-

ing evaluation responses public could encourage professors to give higher grades in order to preempt negative feedback.

"I'm personally concerned about the more there is an emphasis on student evaluations, the more there will be more pressure to inflate grades," said political science professor George Rabinowitz. "But, if the choice is this or Pick-A-Prof, I'd take this without thinking."

While hard-copy evaluations administered in class have an 80 percent response rate, online rating systems such as Pick-A-Prof typically see 30 percent participation, Dalrymple said.

Though the online evaluation system is making strides toward completion, it probably will not be ready in time for October registration.

"The goals of providing information to students and providing feedback to faculty are relatively easy to establish," said Joe Templeton, chair of the faculty council and a member of the course evaluation committee.

"But the appropriate role of such evaluations in promotion and tenure decisions for faculty is more challenging."

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incompatible with the larger project, it just makes it harder to put it into context."

Evans said he acknowledges that an official wants to know the full plans of the project before he reviews it.

But Evans added, "We have thought carefully about how the Innovation Center is going to be an integrated part of Carolina North."

Trustees said they also feel strongly that the Innovation Center be evaluated critically because it is vital to the project as a whole.

"We feel that it is important to take our time because the building is going to sit in the entry way of Carolina North and be the focal point of the project," trustee Bob Winston said.

"From what I've seen, I don't have a major problem with the design, and I think they have some very nice elements in the plan," he added.

Trustees seemed less worried about the incompletion of the transit and fiscal impact reports.

"I don't think there is any outstanding knowledge that we need to know," Winston said. "We need to start the Innovation Center project because we know the timing is very important."

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PIGS

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grams to cover and contain lagoons, with more than 200 farmers already volunteering to try them, without the push of legislation.

But, Baldwin said that he and the other protesters would not be silenced until legislation is passed to eliminate all open lagoons.

Baldwin gestured to a picket sign depicting a crying pig and said, "This is Gov. Easley's legacy. We hope it won't be the next governor's legacy, too."

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SLUMP

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economic slump hasn't even bottomed out yet.

"We probably haven't peaked in terms of the downturn, and we're already struggling," Scheppach said.

The report also listed the two most pressing health care issues for North Carolina as reforming the mental health care system and funding health care for the state's uninsured.

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DEAN

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dents to develop leadership skills outside the classroom by working in teams to run projects for a client.

"It's sort of like getting what you get in the first years of working at a really great company, but you get it here in a supportive, encouraging environment," Jones said.

The program was started under Jones' leadership, and during Dean's first years in his new position, the program will be expanded to include undergraduate business students.

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Tech savvy
Check out the DTH's analysis of the iPhone and its new competition. See pg. 4 for graphic.

Coming home
UNC hired alum Joe Breschi as the men's lacrosse program's 12th head coach. See pg. 5 for story.

Head honcho
Jim Dean recently was named the new dean of the business school. See pg. 3 for story.

Making the grade
Course evaluations could go online for students to see when registering. Look up for story.

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