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Questions abound for Student Stores

By DAVE GLENN

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The recent controversy surrounding the UNC Student Stores left all sides with questions unanswered Wednesday.

Student Stores officials, having already surrendered the right to sell many items, are wondering which product is going to be taken away from them next.

It is still unresolved as to whether or not the sale of T-shirts and computers by the stores is in violation of

North Carolina's Umstead Act, a state statute that attempts to set a limit on the merchandise that can be sold legally by campus stores.

A group of downtown Chapel Hill merchants got things rolling in March when they signed a petition that said the University was violating the Umstead Act. They claimed that Student Stores illegally hampered their business opportunities by selling items at cheaper prices.

Student government officials wanted to know where the Univer-

sity is going to come up with \$500,000 — the amount of Student Stores profits last year that went to a university scholarship fund — now that the store's revenue-producing ability is in doubt.

Meanwhile, Chapel Hill merchants said that the latest restrictions on what the Student Stores can sell do not go far enough.

Chuck Helpingstine, owner of Johnny T-Shirt, a Chapel Hill store

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Tuition may increase in '89

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A House Subcommittee has proposed a 20 percent increase in in-state tuition and a 15 percent increase in out-of-state tuition for the University of North Carolina system in the 1989-90 academic year, and University officials are stunned.

The UNC Board of Governors recommended a 8.5 percent tuition increase for out-of-state students and no tuition increase for in-state students.

Rep. John Tart, co-chairman of the House Appropriations Education Subcommittee, said that the House plan would keep the tuition rate more in line with other state institutions.

"We want to keep the cost as low as possible," Tart said. "But we haven't had an increase in four years, and it was only five percent then."

The 20 percent increase for in-state students in the University system was designed to parallel the same increase for N.C. students in the community college system, according to Jim Newlin, fiscal analyst with the General Assembly.

University officials and student leaders said the increase is too much, too soon. They are concerned that some students will not be able to return in the fall if the increase is passed.

"To increase tuition at this time is to put a tax on students and their parents at a time when they can least afford it," said C.D. Spangler, UNC-system president.

The proposal would increase tuition for in-state students from \$504 to \$604, and from \$4,458 to \$5,127 for out-of-state students.

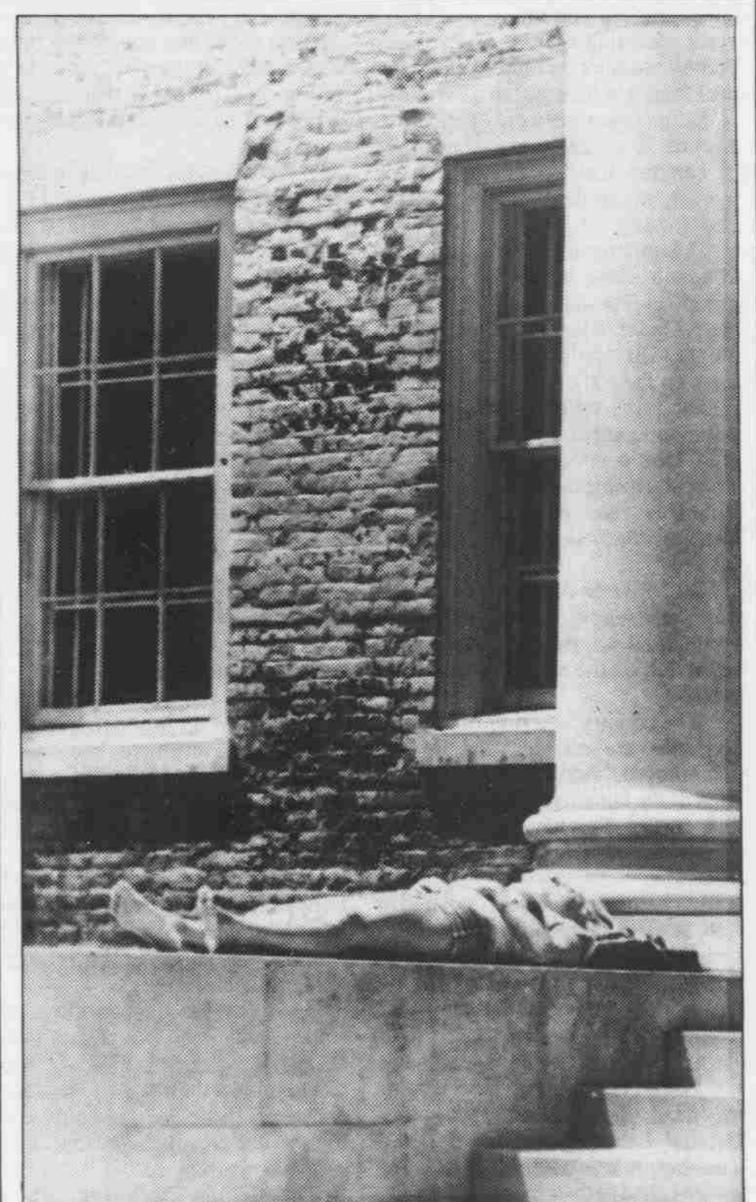
"The increase is not very much money," Tart said. "I'm inclined to believe we should raise out-of-state tuition even more."

The subcommittee recommended that \$4 million of the revenue go to financial aid. Tart said this would help those who can't afford the tuition increase.

Spangler said the increases would narrow the economic strata of students in the UNC-system. "This is certainly not conducive to a good state university," he said.

"The mission of the University of

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Graduate student Vicky Valancius-Mangel catches some rays and zzzz's outside South Building.

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No relief from budget cuts in sight Freeze on non-personnel spending remains

By SARAH CAGLE

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Although the legislature gave the University a \$1.7 million supplement in May, and University officials are hoping for an additional allotment this month of almost \$2 million, the non-personnel spending freeze has not been lifted, according to Neal Berryman, University controller and director of finance.

Wayne Jones, associate vice-chancellor for finance, said summer school should not be as affected by the cuts because it is not as dependent on state-appropriated funds.

Summer school Dean Jim Murphy disagrees. When the budget cuts took effect, the summer school still had 40 percent of its budget left to spend, and as a result, the cuts have affected

summer school more than was expected, he said.

"While it is only a five percent cut for the system, we are unable to spend 40 percent of our annual budget," Murphy said.

Individual departments are coping with the problem differently, but supplies are running low across the board. "We have only enough paper for final exams — none for syllabi or handouts," said Stanley Black, chairman of the economics department.

Instructors are being asked to provide their own paper for anything other than final exams. "They're put in a difficult position," Black said. "It's effectively a salary reduction for them."

Many department officials are anxious for the administration to lift

the spending freeze in light of the additional money the University is expecting.

"We're hoping that with the new fiscal year beginning July 1, money will be freed up, but we have not gotten any new directives," said Joseph Flora, chairman of the English department.

According to Berryman, there will be no more new spending until all outstanding bills are paid. "The highest priority is paying outstanding bills."

Unless the University receives another supplement this month, the deficit will have to be offset with next year's funds and the University will begin the fall semester in debt, Jones said.

"That will resolve itself pretty quickly, but it's not a nice way to start out," he said.

The library has been able to restore some of the services that it originally cut because of the supplemental allotments, according to Larry Alford, assistant University librarian.

When the budget cuts were announced, inter-library loan and book purchases were put on hold, but the \$340,000 outstanding in April book purchases put the library on the administration's high priority list, Alford said.

The library still owes money for other equipment that was ordered before the budget cut announcement. "We may have to dip into next year's funds," he said.