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UNC Chinese students lead memorial, rally

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About 300 UNC students, faculty and administrators observed a memorial service in the pit for the student protesters in China that the Chinese Friendship Association and Student Congress sponsored Tuesday.

"We are here to deeply mourn our fellow citizens," said Qihong He, a chemistry student from Changchun. "Today China is left bleeding and our hearts are crying and burning."

Wearing black arm bands, the Chinese students presented a wreath to honor the victims of Sunday's massacre, observed a moment of silence, and marched through downtown Chapel Hill.

Chancellor Paul Hardin, Dean Boulton, speaker of Student Congress Gene Davis and Student Body Presi-

dent Brien Lewis spoke to the crowd. "We reach out with you to your fellow countrymen in sympathy and shock," Hardin said.

"The bird of freedom has flown through China," Hardin said, "and China will never be the same."

Lewis proposed that the University declare Thursday, June 8, a day of mourning, during which the flags would fly at half-mast and a moment of silence would be observed before each class. The proposal was later approved by Chancellor Hardin and Student Congress.

Davis presented a resolution supporting the student protesters in China which Student Congress passed at their May 30 meeting.

Representatives from Hong Kong

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UNC Chinese students lead Tuesday's campus march in support of the democratic movement in China

Student leaders lobby against tuition hike

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UNC-CH and N.C. State student leaders will be in Raleigh Thursday in a joint lobbying effort against the 20 percent increase in in-state tuition and the 15 percent increase in out-of-state tuition recommended by a House subcommittee.

This week the full House Appropriations committee will discuss the recommendations for UNC-system tuition increases.

Student Body President Brien Lewis and Gene Davis, speaker of student congress, will try to promote the UNC Board of Governors recommendation for an 8.5 percent increase in out-of-state tuition for each of the following two years.

Brian Nixon, student body president at N.C. State, and Brooks Raiford, president of the student senate, will also lobby state legislators.

Lewis and Davis plan to voice concern that revenue from a tuition

increase is not guaranteed to return to the University system.

Lewis said he will remind legislators that \$1,000 tuition vouchers are given to N.C. private universities for every N.C. student enrolled. Meanwhile budget cuts are made at state-supported schools and their students must pay more, he said.

UNC-CH student leaders will present individually-written letters to each member of the subcommittee. They will also present newsclippings and

a press statement from a student government-organized protest rally held in the pit on June 2.

A bill created by UNC-CH student government to promote the BOG proposal will also be presented to subcommittee members.

After attending a meeting of the appropriations committee, Lewis and Davis plan to talk with state legislators individually.

"Our goal is to present a unified student voice in opposition to drastic

and unprecedented tuition increases," Davis said.

It will be necessary for students from all 16 of the UNC-system schools to participate in this effort, Davis said.

"We hope to get some supporting statements from other schools in the system," Lewis said.

Individual students and their parents can show opposition to the House

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Computer sales OK at Student Stores

By DAVE GLENN
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UNC's Student Stores will be allowed to continue the sale of computers and T-shirts, according to Orange County District Attorney Carl Fox.

"I've decided that computers are educational materials or supplies," Fox said. "The University, under the current law, is permitted to sell them to ensure their availability."

"Before very long computers will be a required part of the curriculum at most major universities in the country."

Some retailers complained about unfair competition in conjunction with the computer companies' education discounts to Student Stores, but Fox

said that was an entirely different issue.

"That's a problem between the retailer and the manufacturer," Fox said.

In regard to the T-shirts, Fox pointed to the Umstead Act, which allows UNC-system campus stores to sell educational supplies, gift items and personal-use items.

"UNC is allowed to sell T-shirts because they fit under the statute as gift items," Fox said.

But some Chapel Hill merchants pointed to the same act in an argument against the sale of T-shirts by Student Stores.

Chuck Helpingstine, owner of Johnny T-Shirt, a Chapel Hill store that specializes in UNC clothing, said

it all comes down to an interpretation of the law.

"The best thing that supports our case is the law itself," Helpingstine said. "But the law has been reinterpreted by the state Attorney General's Office and the media. If people would just read the law, I'd rest my case right there."

Helpingstine cited one particular passage in the Umstead Act that he said clearly supports the claims of local businessmen.

It reads: "It is the intent of this subdivision that campus stores be established and operated for the purpose of assuring the availability of merchandise described in this article, for sale to persons enumerated herein,

and not for the purpose of competing with stores operating in the community surrounding the campuses of the University of North Carolina."

Led by Helpingstine, 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.

More than two months later, Fox, in negotiations with the state Attorney General's Office (which represents the University), brought about a stop in the sale of many of the items in question.