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## Utilities rate hike to affect dorm rent

By BILL TAGGART  
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Higher utility rates for the University and a new power plant will cause rent increases next year for students who live in residence halls, perhaps by as much as 18 percent.

"Because of added costs for utilities, we'll have to have larger than normal rent increases for next year," said Wayne Kuncel, director of University housing.

Utility rates across the campus, not just for the residence halls, were raised by 18 percent for electricity and 19 percent for steam, Kuncel said. The increases are part of the funding for the

new power plant at the UNC Physical Plant.

The housing department annually puts together its budget and rate structure in January, after making cost projections based on the previous six months, Kuncel said. After the budget and rates are approved, they apply for the whole fiscal year, July 1 to June 30.

This year, University housing raised room rates about 5 percent, he said. The department then found out about the utility increases.

"We found out later, after rates were already established, that the utilities were going to go up. It was too late to go

back to the students and make another increase."

The room rents next year will have to make up for the higher utility rates because they were not counted on, Kuncel said.

"We'll have to go into catch-up mode. We're likely to have larger than normal increases because of the catch-up and the normal (utility) rate increase associated with the power plant."

Kuncel predicted a 12 percent increase in room rent for next year, with 8 percent for the utilities alone. Larger-than-normal increases could continue for the following two years as well, he said.

Rent increases, usually geared to match the general inflation rate, have been between 3 percent and 5 percent the last few years, but increases have been as large as 18 percent since he has been at the University, Kuncel said. Kuncel has been at UNC since 1983.

University housing has started working with the Residence Hall Association (RHA) on energy-saving measures, he said.

"The goal is to put in some sort of conservation measures and find a way to reduce energy consumption.

"I've put a challenge out to RHA, and I'd like to see what we can do about

reducing electrical use by 10 percent."

If University housing can reduce usage by 10 percent, it can break even for the year, said Liz Jackson, RHA president.

Regardless of any decrease in energy use, room rent will probably still go up 10 to 12 percent next year, she said. But cutting down on consumption could avoid any increase over that.

"We really encourage everyone to do all they can to decrease their energy usage," Jackson said. "Because in the long run it cost us less money."

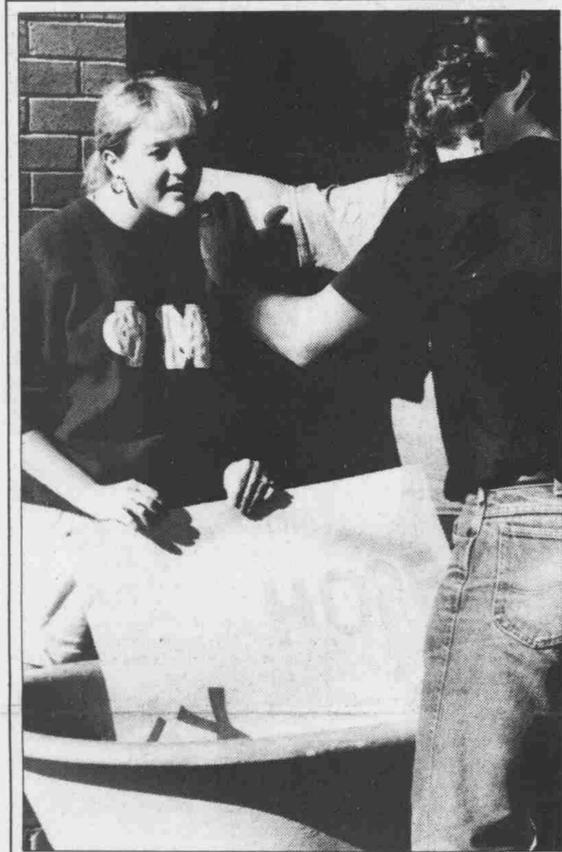
Kuncel attended an RHA board meeting where he asked area governors to

encourage conservation in their areas, she said.

Michael Schmier, Olde Campus area governor, said the area government was working with the area director's office on the conservation program.

Schmier said he told residence hall governments in his area that unless energy usage was decreased dramatically, room rent would go up 18 percent next year. The governments were instructed to notify residents of the situation.

"My job is to get word to all students as fast as I can and back it up with more specifics later," Schmier said.



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### Hoping for donations

Phi Mu member Kristen Griffin drums up support for Hope Children's Fund Wednesday afternoon on Franklin Street.

## Perspectives may be separated

By WILL SPEARS  
Assistant University Editor

An administrative committee is considering ways to separate the General College math and foreign language requirements, administrators said Wednesday.

Students are now required to take either one math class and a foreign language through the fourth level or two math classes and a foreign language through the third level.

"It's possible that we may separate these requirements," said Gillian Cell, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

The committee, composed of Dean of General Education Darryl Gless, Associate Dean of General College Donald Jicha and four representatives from the Department of Romance Languages, will draft a proposal and present it to the Administrative Boards of the College of Arts and Sciences and

the General College, Gless said. He said the Faculty Council would make a final decision.

"We will engage in discussions of revised math and foreign language requirements. We will discuss a way of separating the requirements. Many administrators feel the linkage is artificial."

Gless said he didn't know if changes would also occur in the number of math and foreign language classes students

are required to take. "It's possible, but our aim is not to intensify or reduce any requirements. The effort started and remains to improve mathematics."

Hannelore Jarausch, a lecturer in the Department of Romance Languages, said she was taking an informal poll in fourth level foreign language classes to determine how many of the students are taking level four to avoid taking a

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## Low funds cause serial cancellation

By BETH MECKLEY  
Staff Writer

The University libraries have had to cancel \$60,000 worth of serial subscriptions in the past year because of a minimal increase in state funding.

The libraries only received a 1.2 percent increase in state funding for this fiscal year, according to a report prepared by James Govan, University librarian. These allocations fall far short of the increased costs of needed materials, Govan said. Costs of books have increased by 6 percent, standing orders have increased by 6 percent, and serials have increased by 9 percent.

"This is the fourth year we've gone without a significant increase (in state funding)," Govan said.

The outlook for future funding is grim, he added. "Higher education just doesn't seem to be a very big priority on the General Assembly's list."

John Shipman, University bibliographer, also said he didn't expect the situation to change in the near future. "We're hoping that next year the legislature will address these issues."

Because of the lack of sufficient funding, next semester's students may

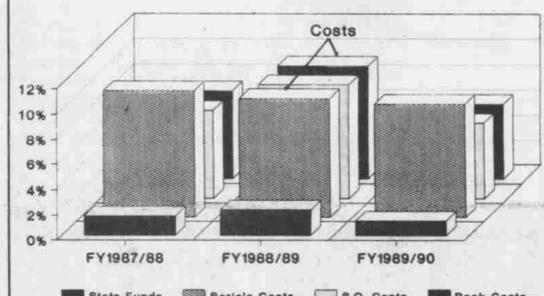
find that some of the materials they want from the libraries will not be there, Shipman said. "The quality of the publications for students is diminishing."

Despite the financial setbacks, the library is going to try to at least maintain the same number of books and serial titles that it had last year, Shipman said. "The goal of the library is to provide the resources and materials that students need, and we're doing everything we can to ensure that this is done."

The Friends of the Library group is trying to ease the library system's financial strains. The organization is a support group that tries to raise awareness of the needs of the library, said Michele Fletcher, a member of Friends of the Library and a director of the development center for the library.

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### Increases in Funding/Costs Academic Affairs Library



## Dance bar calls off dress code after claims of discrimination

By TOM PARKS  
Business Editor

On the Hill, a downtown dance bar, is no longer enforcing a dress code some of the bar's regulars and a former employee called discriminatory.

Michael Fischer, a former bouncer at On the Hill, said Tuesday that the purpose of the dress code, which was instituted only last week, was to exclude homosexuals and people wearing "alternative" styles of clothing.

Sheila Brown, On the Hill's manager, said Tuesday the intent of the code was to keep out people who were hurting the bar's business, and the code was not meant to keep homosexuals out of On the Hill.

On Sept. 26, Brown said she told the bar's bouncers that the bar had a new dress code. She said that she did not recall the exact words she used to explain the code, but that the intent of the

code was to keep out people who, by their dress would offend the bar's target crowd, typical students.

Brown said she told On the Hill's bouncers, "Oh, by the way, we want more of a college crowd." The bouncers collect the cover charge from patrons and check identification at the bar's door.

Tuesday night the dress code was not in effect. Brown said another such dress code may go into effect in the future, but only after she has put the policy in writing. "As of right now, I don't have the dress code in writing. The door people and floor people (bouncers) are on hold."

Fischer of 605 Jones Ferry Road worked as a bouncer at On the Hill until last Tuesday night. He quit because of difficulties he had with the bar's new policy.

Fischer said Brown told him and one other bouncer last Monday that they should turn away people who violated the bar's new dress code. Fischer said the code forbid men who wore more than one earring or "too much black."

"What she meant was not earrings in just one ear but in both ears," he said.

Fischer said he decided to quit before coming to work the next day because he had many friends who would be excluded from the bar because of the way they dressed.

"I walked into the bar with a scowl on my face and just sat there and got angrier and angrier." Fischer said he worked the door that night and did not enforce the code, because he felt it would be hypocritical.

Although Tuesday night of this week was a "ladies' night" and women were to be admitted free of charge, Wendy Russ of N.C. Highway 54 Bypass said she was charged \$3 to get in. She was wearing a black dress and scarf.

Brown said she did not give the bouncers at the door specific instruc-

tions to turn any customers away on account of their dress or to charge different covers based on a customer's dress.

But some of the bar's customers did come to Brown and say they had been overcharged for no apparent reason, she said. The bar does have different cover rates for those over and under 21, and for the past two weeks women have been admitted free. The complaints could have arisen over confusion about the rates, Brown said.

"I wasn't at the door. I'm sure I don't know the damage that was done."

Brown said that since last Tuesday many people had come to her to complain about the bar's new policy. They told her they would protest to the Chapel Hill Town Council and local newspapers and post fliers on campus, she said.

Fliers reading "Boycott on the Hill" have appeared in campus buildings.

Town council member Joe Herzberg said Monday he had heard rumors about the bar's dress code, but could not comment further until he knew more about the situation.

Brown said she did not mean for the dress code to be taken as it has been.

"I do apologize for people having been offended. I never meant for that to happen."

"I knew people were offended, but we can't be tagged as a weirdo bar. One person can run away a lot of people even though that person is trying to express himself."

When the bar opened this summer, the management wanted the bar to have a progressive format, like Barry's II in Raleigh, and gave the disc jockeys freedom to play whatever music they wished, Brown said.

She said the decision to change the bar's musical format and institute a dress code was implemented, in part,

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### And the winner is ...

Tar Heel Allan Higgins defends the UNC goal from a Coastal Carolina attacker Wednesday afternoon at Finley Field. For complete game coverage, see page 7.

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