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Tuition hike affects financial aid, angers students

Scholarship office says it has no money to cover increase

By Birch DeVault
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Student despair is just one of the problems facing the Office of Scholarships and Student Aid after the recent tuition increase, Director Eleanor Morris said.

"The office has no money left," she said.

Morris said she had no idea how many students would be affected.

Loans are the only remaining source of aid, she said, though many students are reluctant to take that path. "Most students who need aid now already have one or even two loans, which they must pay off after leaving school."

Another woe brought on by the tuition increase is the backlog of financial-aid applications which haven't been reviewed yet, Morris said.

"Hopefully, we will be able to clear this up by next semester, though fund raising may take years," she said.

This year the office will ask the students whether they will be willing to take out a loan, Morris said.

One of the drawbacks of taking out a loan is that the paperwork alone takes at

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least four weeks, too late for many students who need money now, she said.

In past years, the office would simply recommend a loan if the student did not qualify for an award or scholarship, Morris said.

"The circumstances are different now, and we are aware of the students' anxiety," she said.

The circumstances changed when the N.C. General Assembly passed a tuition increase in July after tuition bills had been sent to UNC students, Morris said.

The legislature raised tuition 20 percent for in-state students and 25 percent for out-of-state students.

University Cashier Sam Barnard said some parents and students did not understand what they were paying for

when the second bill arrived.

"We had a few pretty frantic calls coming in," Barnard said.

Notices regarding the new legislation accompanied each bill, but many students seemed to disregard them, Barnard said. "We tried to make our students as aware as possible, using the means at our disposal."

The cashier's office has been receiving checks for the amount of the increase, he said. "Only one or two people have actually asked for a refund, so we assume most students are finding a way to pay their bills."

Morris said in-state students would find it only slightly easier to meet costs than their out-of-state counterparts.

The General Assembly appropriated \$3.9 million in financial aid for in-state students in the UNC system, she said.

The money will be allotted to each school based on the number of students receiving federal grants and can only be used by in-state students, she said.

Morris said two new factors complicate the pursuit of aid.

"Caroline and the state of the national economy are two things which make life a little more hectic," she said.

Students say second bill unexpected, saved class sections worth the burden

By Birch DeVault
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As tuition rises at UNC, many students have reacted with disbelief and anger.

"There are a lot of outrageous costs on the University already, but because of the budget crisis, I think something had to be done," said Jennifer Dorrity, a sophomore from Asheville.

Walt Bost, a sophomore from Winston-Salem, said he was disturbed by the two bills and was unhappy about the way the increase was handled.

"I was frustrated over the cutting of class sections," Bost added. "One class that I was really looking forward to was cut completely from the schedule."

"The most appealing thing about this university is its diversity, and that too is slowly going to pieces," he said. "They just keep raising (costs), and I don't know when it will stop."

Bost said he hadn't been expecting another bill and was worried that this would become a common university

practice.

Amy Sekits, also a Winston-Salem sophomore, said she had divided opinions about the increase.

"I think the tuition raise is good because it ensures that I will get the classes I need for my major," Sekits said.

Rebecca White, an Athens, Ga., junior, is having difficulties meeting costs at UNC.

"I receive money from the UNC-Perkins Loan, the Georgia Student Loan, work study and a scholarship, and I am still falling short of the new increase," she said.

White said she hadn't received a statement from the financial aid office, so she didn't know how much she owed. She will not receive all her aid for a week, she said.

"They shouldn't have waited until the last minute to bill us for the increase," White said.

David Leander Crowe, a Cary sophomore, said: "I don't see why everyone is complaining. Tuition here is darn cheaper than at private schools."

UNIVERSITY BRIEFS

Student falls through window while sleeping

A UNC junior, who was injured Thursday morning when he fell from a second-story window of the Kappa Sigma fraternity house while sleeping, was recovering Sunday at Student Health Services.

Kemp Marcus Leonard, a Kappa Sigma member, fell from his bedroom window about 6 a.m. Leonard and his roommate were sleeping in a loft that was built next to one of the house's large windows. He fell onto the fraternity house's basketball court next to a Granville Towers parking lot.

An SHS nurse said the health clinic had been asked not to release Leonard's condition.

Former chancellor, law professor retires

N. Ferebee Taylor, former UNC chancellor and a professor of law, retired this month after 21 years of service.

He is keeping an office at the law school and will teach a corporate law seminar during spring semester 1992.

Before joining the School of Law faculty in 1980 to teach corporate law and finance, Taylor was chancellor for eight years. University libraries were a major priority during his administration. Substantial one-time resources were committed to the construction of Davis Library. Resources also were earmarked for an addition to the Health Sciences Library and a major renovation of Wilson Library.

Performing Arts Series season schedule set

Broadway musicals, modern and American Indian dance and concerts by the Munich Chamber Orchestra and the Chamber Music Society of New York's Lincoln Center are among the performances planned for the Carolina Union 1991-92 Performing Arts Series.

Season tickets for the seven-show series are \$93 for the general public, \$87.50 for senior citizens and Union Privilege Card holders and \$55 for UNC students.

The season will open with "Side by Side by Sondheim" Oct. 18. Tickets are \$15. Other shows include "Gypsy" Dec. 2, "Meet Me in St. Louis" Feb. 2, the Cleo Parker Robinson Dance Ensemble Feb. 18, the Munich Chamber Orchestra Feb. 25, the American Indian Dance Theater March 18, and the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center March 29.

Adventures in Ideas seminar series planned

Cowboys, Southern religion, 20th-century photography, Charles Dickens and the 50th anniversary of Pearl Harbor are some of the topics to be explored during the fall 1991 Adventures in Ideas weekend seminar series at UNC.

The series, sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences' Program in the Human Values, in conjunction with the UNC General Alumni Association, examines cultural, moral and social topics from the perspective of the humanities.

The seminars are open to the public. Tuition is \$65, \$70 or \$75, and does not include lodging, meals or tickets to special performances.

The series opens Sept. 20-21 with "Cowboys and the American West." To register or for more information, call the Program in the Humanities and Human Values at 962-1544.

Botanical Garden plans open house Sept. 2

An exhibit of live N.C. native snakes, a children's treasure hunt, a watermelon seed-spitting contest and performances by blues artist Buddy Boy Vaughn will highlight the N.C. Botanical Garden Labor Day Open House Sept. 2.

The annual event, which is free to the public, runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the garden, located off the 15-501 Bypass.

Events will include Plant Theater performances featuring live interactive performances with the audience depicting the lives of plants. Agricultural agents from Chatham, Durham and Orange counties will be available throughout the day to answer questions about gardening in the Piedmont. The open house will feature numerous exhibits, including fall wildflowers, wildflower seeds and information on and samples of herbal cosmetics.

Fall environmental workshops slated

UNC faculty and alumni and environmental experts will lead three weekend workshops in September and October on environmental issues.

The workshops will include experts from the University's Institute for Environmental Studies, the Environmental Management and Policy Program, the N.C. Botanical Garden and the Marine Sciences Program. All are open to the public.

September programs will explore wildflowers and the global environment. October programs will examine the state's changing coastline.



Skating away

Jim Mahoney, 14, a ninth grader at Chapel Hill High School, goes airborne as he does an "ollie" on the steps next to Greenlaw Hall Friday afternoon.

Resident assistants provide friendship, advice as well as discipline

By Beth Tatum
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He approaches the door and knocks, hearing feet scurrying and bottles clinking. The smell of alcohol is strong as a sophomore allows him into the room. Underage drinking is forbidden in the dorm, and he is the rule enforcer.

He's the RA.

Most floors in every dorm on campus have a resident assistant. But who are they, and what do they do?

Craig Reigel, a senior economics major and RA from Warren, N.J., said he thought the RA role was threefold.

"They serve an administrative function, checking people in and out," Reigel said.

"Secondly, they are a resource, to guide students ... And along with that they solve conflicts to keep residents from infringing on others' rights so they don't get trampled on."

Mary Crotty, the University's assis-

tant director for students and staff development, said RAs work to keep the residence halls livable. That means being community builders, educators and policy enforcers, she said.

But it's that last role for which RAs are most well-known.

Robert Von Hagen, third-floor RA at Graham Residence Hall, agreed that the disciplinary role loomed the largest in people's minds when they heard the word "RA."

"But we have lots of different roles," he said.

Many times RAs are counselors, dealing with roommate conflicts, and they're a resource, pointing people to organizations, Von Hagen said.

"You're also a role model," he said. "You live in a fish bowl, and you have to abide by policy. And then you are a friend to residents ... or I'd like to think so."

But, said Felts Lewis, fifth-floor RA for Carmichael Residence Hall: "(Dis-

cipline) can be hard at times when people perceive you as a friend. It makes it hard for you to put your foot down. (You have to) look at the RA position as a job. You have to put aside your friendships and act as an RA."

Dara Garner, third-floor RA at Morrison Residence Hall, said finding the balance between the two wasn't all that hard for her.

"There's usually not a problem as long as you're clear with your friends that you are a disciplinarian."

Von Hagen added: "If you're consistent and fair, you're all right. The hardest part is finding a balance."

"You have to enforce the policies, or else you won't get any respect. And sometimes you do a good job, and sometimes you don't. You make mistakes," he said.

Policy enforcement can be a little tricky at times depending on where you live.

Lewis said: "I had two residents in

my suite who constantly made a lot of noise. I didn't want to single them out. I thought that was tough — trying to find the line between enforcing the rules and not having it appear I was being too harsh as opposed to the other residents."

Crotty said it occurred to her when she saw some RAs on Franklin Street that if a resident were to see them, they would always be RAs to that resident.

"It's a real hard life for them to choose."

But the job is not without its good points, Lewis said.

"I liked it a lot — the interaction with residents and other people who are different," he said. "It's an educational thing."

Most agree that the RAs are personable and helpful.

"I feel I could go to (my RA) if I need her for something," said DeLeslie Walden, a sophomore biology major from Concord.

"I definitely see (her) as a friend. I don't think she has ever been a pain."

But as with professors, a lot can depend on who you get.

Reigel said: "My freshman and sophomore years, I saw my RAs as friends. But my senior year RA was someone to avoid, hate and stay away from as much as possible. It was his approach, style and attitude. It didn't work."

Crotty said when RAs are selected in the spring, they look for people who are interested in the well-being of others and are interested in helping and working with people.

The interviewers try to look at the whole student and to provide an atmosphere for living and learning, Crotty said.

"The RAs are the front-line people," she said.

"I remember my RA had a pretty strong impact on me," she said. "There is no question in my mind that they are important."

UNC graduate creates nightlife poster from matchbooks to help charities

By Amber Nimocks
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Area merchants and one local entrepreneur struck a match recently and produced a poster of Chapel Hill's night life to support various charities in town.

"Night Lights," a limited edition poster designed by UNC graduate Walt Boyle, features pictures of 47 matchbooks from bars and restaurants in Chapel Hill and Carrboro and a ticket stub from the Carrboro Arts Center.

"This is Chapel Hill," Boyle said. "There's no better way to get the signature of the town than to capture the personality of each night spot."

Alpha Phi Omega, a co-ed service fraternity, will sell the posters in the Pit this week for \$9 each.

Money raised from the APO sales will be donated to the Franklin Street Teen Center, the Boy Scouts of Orange County and Meals on Wheels, said John Edwards, APO Campus Chest chairman. Campus Chest is the fund-raising

arm of the organization.

Meals on Wheels is a charitable organization that brings food to elderly, handicapped and underprivileged citizens in the area.

Johnny T-Shirt, Whims, the Print Shop and Hard Back Cafe also will sell the poster and donate one-third of the revenue to Meals on Wheels.

Each of the bars and restaurants featured on the poster agreed to purchase a dry-mounted, framed copy of the poster at a cost of \$100 in exchange for having their match book included in the design, Boyle said.

The \$100 paid for framing the poster and helped offset the initial creation of the posters, which Boyle financed alone.

"There's no way I could've done it without the restaurants and the retailers," Boyle said. "They're being very generous."

"I think it is incredibly apropos that the funds raised by 'Night Lights' will be donated to Meals on Wheels," he said. "Meals on Wheels is not some ambiguous organization. It really, really contributes."

Edwards said Meals on Wheels, the Teen Center and the local Boy Scouts are now the only recipients of APO funds.

"We revamped our constitution last year in order to make more of a local impact," Edwards said.

Boyle has been working on the poster since May.

"Now I understand how to get a poster like this done," he said. "I may try it again in another college town."

One of Boyle's two companies, Hair Brained Ideas, was established to create non-profit projects like "Night Lights." The poster is the fourth project of its kind in which Boyle has been involved since he graduated from the University in 1986.



Two members of APO fraternity display nightlife poster