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Spangler might lift moratorium on spring fees

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Two UNC-CH student fee increases passed last spring may be reinstated next semester despite a systemwide moratorium on fee increases.

UNC-system President C.D. Spangler decided to allow schools to submit requests for spring student fee increases that are essential.

Wayne Jones, UNC-CH associate vice chancellor for finance, said University officials requested approval to charge students for the a.p.p.l.e.s. program and the cost-of-living inflationary increase. Both new student fees were approved in a February student referendum.

"We evaluated the situation and determined that only those fees already approved by student referendum should be requested," he said.

Spangler issued the freeze on student fees in June, citing the 20 to 25 percent tuition increase as the reason for the moratorium. He could not be reached for comment Tuesday.

The moratorium followed news that University administrators were considering a \$200 technology fee increase.

Student Body President Matt Heyd said he hoped the fee increases for a.p.p.l.e.s. and the cost of living would be approved.

"I think it's a positive move in the right direction," he said. "Now it's im-

portant that a.p.p.l.e.s. is funded."

Allowing People to Plan Learning Experiences in Service is a program designed to allow students to combine community service with classroom experiences.

Denise Beal, full-time program coordinator, was to have been paid with the 90-cent fee increase for a.p.p.l.e.s. She started work three days before the moratorium was issued.

A.p.p.l.e.s. student coordinators and members of student government are working to find other money to pay her salary.

"We owe it to her because the students, not the University, brought her here," Heyd said.

"The cost of living (increase) — we wouldn't mind seeing that funded, but a.p.p.l.e.s. is far and away our top priority."

Legislators have asked what UNC students give back to the state, Heyd said. "A.p.p.l.e.s. is a demonstrative way of how the students, when they are still students, give back to the state."

Betty McCain, a member of the UNC Board of Governors, said the board's Budget and Finance Committee had discussed lifting the fee moratorium.

"We're very hopeful that we won't have to do that," she said.

Students already have been hit hard by the tuition increase and do not need to pay additional fees, she said.



DTH/Brian Jones

Music mayhem

School Kids Records in Raleigh opened at 12:01 a.m. Tuesday to sell Guns N' Roses' latest release, "Use Your Illusion I and II." The line wrapped around the building and

forced employees to sell one set of two CDs, tapes or albums per customer. While waiting in line, participants were able to enjoy pizza provided by local restaurants.

Housing rate hikes make apartments appealing to students

By Bryan Strickland
Staff Writer

Students may soon find it cheaper to live in an apartment than in the University's residence halls, said Scott Peeler, Residence Hall Association co-president.

Residence hall rental rates are projected to increase 5 percent in each of the next five years.

"If the rates are raised too much, the housing department will be shooting itself in the foot," Peeler said.

But although the trend toward higher rent in University housing is "disturbing," residence halls are still a superior value, he said.

The actual rate recommendation for next year will not be decided until December or later. Rental rates for this year increased an average of 8 percent from last year.

Peeler said that despite his position with the RHA, he might consider moving to an apartment if the increases are too high.

Wayne Kuncel, housing director, said

the projected 5-percent rate increase was based on the estimated cost of refinancing Carmichael Residence Hall and renovating Old East and Old West. The University is also selling over \$9.8 million in bonds to cover the expenses.

"We are sensitive to the danger involved in increasing student rent," he said. "I have to maintain rates at a level where students can afford to come to Carolina."

Apartments pose a threat to residence halls, but they aren't immune to rent increases, Kuncel said. "If our prices go

too high, we could push ourselves out of the market. But you have to ask yourself what's going to happen to the rates in town over the next five years."

In a survey of six area apartment complexes, five said their rates for one-bedroom apartments increased in the past year. The sixth reported a decrease.

Kuncel said two basic rental levels existed for UNC residence halls. Rates for Ehringhaus, Hinton James, Morrison, Graham and Aycock are \$1,696 for the 1991-92 year. All other residence halls, except Craige, are

\$1,870. The rent for Craige is \$1,848.

Kuncel said dorm government received \$9.25 from every student's rent each semester.

The average rent for one-bedroom apartments at six area complexes was \$3,652.47 for a nine-month period. If the apartment were occupied by two students, each would pay about \$1,826.

But unlike students living on campus, apartment dwellers must pay for utilities. Officials at the six complexes said the average monthly electric bill is about \$50.

Kuncel said transportation expenses and deposits to utility companies often make apartment living more expensive than it might first appear.

Area utility companies require a returnable deposit of \$130 to \$150, and an all-routes bus pass from Chapel Hill Transit is \$162 for one year.

"When you start adding up all those extra costs, most students would honestly have to say it costs more to live off campus," Kuncel said.

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Commemorative plates could help budget woes, motorists' response low

By Jennifer Mueller
Staff Writer

Students and alumni have a chance to help the University handle its budget crisis by buying special UNC commemorative license plates, but they don't seem to be interested in the idea.

Officials in the N.C. Department of Motor Vehicles said Tuesday that response to the plan has been minimal.

Carol Howard, DMV assistant director of registration, said the department will begin to produce special tags for UNC-system schools once it has received at least 300 applications for the plates.

"At this time, there is no school near the 300 mark," she said.

The General Assembly approved the distribution of commemorative school license plates beginning in July.

The official plates will cost \$45 a year, \$25 more than regular license plates. For each tag sold, \$15 will be given to the school that it represents.

No UNC-CH officials have contacted the DMV about receiving the needed 300 applications, Howard said. "We are working with various colleges and universities on plate designs, but the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is not one of the ones that has contacted us," she said.

Steven Tepper, associate director of the Bicentennial Campaign, said, "The whole idea started as a proposal



for a (UNC) bicentennial plate, then it was picked up by other schools."

Tepper said he expects the plates to increase income for the University.

"I think a fairly conservative estimate would be about \$200,000 in the first year," he said. Florida State University now makes almost \$1 million annually in license plate sales.

The recommended design for UNC-CH hasn't been approved yet by the Alumni Association and the DMV, but applications should be available in November, Tepper said.

"We hope the plate will reflect something about (UNC) being the first state school," he said.

Proceeds from the bicentennial plates would be used for Bicentennial Observance programs.

After the bicentennial celebration is over, another University plate would be designed. Officials are not sure how funds raised from sales of the second plate would be used.

Student Congress Speaker Tim Moore, who lobbied for the bill, said the bill was a way to raise revenue without raising taxes.

Former SBP to run for governor in 1992

By Laura Laxton
Staff Writer

Former UNC Student Body President Marcus Williams will join the Democratic primary race for N.C. governor, emphasizing that his clean political slate and lack of special interest backing will give him the edge over his competition.

Williams, 37, must beat former Governor Jim Hunt and state Attorney General Lacy Thornburg for the Democratic nomination. Other candidates may still announce their bids for the office.

"Not being as well-known as Hunt and Thornburg may be a help instead of a problem," Williams said. "Even if I don't have a marquee name, I have a winner's heart."

Lack of bureaucratic and special interest support will allow him to be more objective and impartial, he said.

"My supporters will be grassroots advocates, progressives and those who are concerned about the future of North Carolina and the condition of its children," he said. "What's great for North Carolina is what's great for the poorest child in North Carolina."

Williams has served since 1987 as the executive director of Legal Services of Lower Cape Fear, a federally funded legal agency for low-income residents in seven counties.

Before he took that position, Williams served in the same capacity with a similar agency based in Ahsokie that served 11 counties. Although he has not held a state political office, Williams said he would implement specific policy changes if elected.

In the first 90 days of office, Williams would like to make cost assessments of each state government agency and call for the voluntary resignation of

the heads of those agencies that are not performing their jobs. Bringing in new talent is another way to enact change by example, he said.

The new talent would help put the state government more in touch with the working people, Williams said.

His dissatisfaction with the current candidates and his general desire for fresh leadership prompted his decision to run, he said, adding that his UNC connections should serve him well.

In addition to serving as UNC student body president, Williams was active in dorm government, serving as treasurer for the Morehead Residence Council and working as a resident assistant. Williams also served on the N.C. Inmate Grievance Committee and helped implement the current student governing council during the '74-'75

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Williams

Students experience hassles with UNC One card

By Matthew Mielke
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The UNC One Card was designed to make a student's life easier, but some have found that it only creates more problems than solutions.

Carey Johnson, who works at the Undergraduate Library's circulation desk, said students can no longer check out periodicals and other materials with their student identification cards.

"Because of the UNC One Card, we can no longer hold onto the I.D. cards for liability reasons," he said. "But a student can still use their driver's license or their semester registration card."

A few students have complained about the change, Johnson said. "The students who complain are the ones who bring their I.D. up to the desk and realize that they have forgotten to bring their license or registration card."

Rutledge Tufts, director of auxiliary services, said: "We tried to anticipate what the problem areas were. We did not think of the particular problem with the magazines."

Tufts said the library is working to fix the problem.

Mike Wilson, a junior from Charlotte, said money from his expense account is sometimes taken off his meal account, he said.

"It makes it difficult when you are

trying to live off a budget," Wilson said. "Some of the stores I found would take money off my meal account, but the Circus Room wouldn't."

Tufts said stores in South Campus residence halls use the meal plan account, but other campus stores are a part of Student Stores and use the expense account.

William Braun, a junior from Hickory, said promotions for the UNC One Card were misleading. "I should be able to use it for everything, like I was told," he said. "At the beginning of the year, I wasn't able to use my card to check out something from my dorm."

Desk staffers in several residence halls said they still take identification

cards when students want to check out items from the desk, though the cards have money on them.

Anja Thomas, who works in Carmichael Residence Hall, said: "We have to take some sort of I.D. when students want to check out something and the picture I.D. is included. But, if they need to, they can leave a driver's license or a key."

Tufts said the UNC One Card had solved more problems than it had created.

"I know there have been problems," he said. "I think that is going to happen when you issue 10,000 to 12,000. But by and large, there are a lot fewer problems this year than last year."

When angry, count to four; when very angry, swear. — Mark Twain