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# Broad to recommend no tuition increase to BOG

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UNC system President Molly C. Broad will go to the Board of Governors (BOG) tomorrow and recommend a zero percent board-based tuition increase for the 2005-06 academic year.

Vice President for Finance Jeffrey R. Davies said Broad's recommendation stems from a decision reached by a committee composed of students and staff members from across the UNC system.

At first, the group wasn't sure what course to take. "This year the committee was split," Davies said. "But at the end of the day ... the president decided to recommend zero."

If the BOG accepts the proposal, it doesn't rule out the possibility of more tuition increases, Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs Jane P. Helm said.

There are other types of increases, including campus-based tuition raises, in which each campus submits their own proposal for increases or to have none at all.

The North Carolina General Assembly also can raise education costs should they decide it's necessary.

Davies said if the BOG approves a board-based increase, the addition would be included into the board's budget, also to be discussed at tomorrow's meeting.

"I think the board will be supportive of the president, but I can't speak for the board," Davies said.

Appalachian State University also has committees looking into tuition and fees.

Associate Vice Chancellor for Administration Gregory M. Lovins is chair over the fees committee.

He said his committee met three times for more than two hours each meeting to discuss fees and reach a recommendation for Chancellor Kenneth E. Peacock.

Their proposal to the chancellor was to raise student fees by \$135, or 2.33 percent.

The biggest proposed increase was a \$100 raise for education and technology, Lovins said. Other fee increases include but are not limited to a \$13 raise for athletics, \$50 for housing and \$5 for the Renewable Energy Initiative (REI).

The total fees paid equals \$178, but \$43 was deducted from the proposal for past fees being paid off, Lovins said.

"I've spoken to him and he's very supportive," Lovins said of Peacock.

Peacock will present the recommendation to the university Board of Trustees (BOT) on Dec. 3.

Lovins said the tuition committee's work is stalled because they don't know if the BOG will vote for board-

based increases or allow campus-based increases.

Former Interim Chancellor Harvey R. Durham formed committees to gauge campus thought on the subject of possibly raising education costs, Lovins said.

"Chancellor Peacock elected to do the same this year, to have that composition, to have more students than administrators because we're talking about student fees, and student input is obviously of most importance," Lovins said.

Last year saw the largest collaborative effort yet by the Association of Student Governments (ASG) as approximately 200 students all over the UNC system protested tuition and fee increases during a BOG meeting in March.

ASG also compiled hundreds of personal stories from students struggling to make ends meet due to high costs for education. The book, "The Personal Stories Project: Faces, Not Numbers," was distributed to every BOG member and to Governor Mike F. Easley.

Tuition and fee increases were approved.

Proponents of raising tuition costs have argued more money will help bring about quality education.

Those who oppose increases say the burden should be put on the state, not on students.



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Lovill Residence Hall is located in the Eastridge community on the east side of campus.

## No male bathing in Lovill

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A community policy in Appalachian State University's Lovill Residence Hall was quickly changed after a male was found taking a shower in the all-girls dorm.

Now any males in the building are required to use the bathroom on the ground floor lobby of the residence hall, although there are no showers available.

"I think it's kind of harsh to make guys go downstairs to use the bathroom when it was one person's fault," sophomore business management major Shawn M. Dowdee said.

A complaint was made by

one of the residents when she found a man in the bathroom. Appalachian State University's Housing and Residence Life immediately looked into this concern.

For the past two years Lovill Hall has had its residents vote on a policy to allow males to use the bathrooms on each floor as long as they have an escort with them.

"Some people are courteous enough to escort their male guests to restrooms and I don't think those of us that do should be inconvenienced because of someone not following the clearly stated rules," sophomore elementary education major Catherine E. Holt said.

The problem is that al-

though the residence agreed on the policy it goes against the Housing and Residence rules.

"We allow students in our buildings to set up community policies but allowing men to use the women's bathroom even when they have an escort is contrary to our policy," Director of Housing and Residence Life Richard L. Geis said.

The resident who had escorted the man to the bathroom came forward and apologized for the trouble caused by her actions.

Geis said that he is unaware of any referrals written for anyone involved and

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## REI enters next 'phase' of approval; next stop BOT

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The Renewable Energy Initiative (REI) heads into Phase IV of bureaucratic procedure after approval from the Appalachian State University Fee Committee Nov. 2.

In March, students voted to approve the REI referendum by 81 percent. The Fee Committee approved the \$5 increase in fees, which Appalachian's Board of Trustees will consider at their December meeting.

"The students wanted it," Fee Committee Chair Greg M. Lovins said. "The proposal that was presented was a sound proposal with good ideas."

Money from the REI fee will fund the installation of renewable energy technologies on campus.

"After the fee is voted on by the Board of Trustees, we hope to see the approval of the REI by the [University of North Carolina] Board of Governors this spring," Student Government Association (SGA) President Miriam N. Makhayoun said.

"The fee will then be ready for implementation by fall 2005," Makhayoun said.

On Monday, Phi Kappa Phi, a national honor society, will sponsor "The Greening of ASU" from 6-9 p.m. in the Table Rock room of Plemmons Student Union.

The workshop will feature speakers, pizza and focus group discussions to generate ideas for the REI and other "green" possibilities at Appalachian.

Dr. John Wear, director of Catawba College's Center for the Environment, will talk about the college's "Green Building," and make suggestions for a similar structure at Appalachian.

"Phi Kappa Phi looks to

support this project and has provided students the can't-miss opportunity to participate in the design phase [of the REI]," Makhayoun said.

Makhayoun said the university REI committee, which will generate ideas for and implement the REI, has been partially formed.

Current members include: Patrick A. Beville, representing Appalachian's department of Design and Construction, Ben G. Winebarger, from the Physical Plant, and Chuck Smith and Dr. Dennis M. Scanlin, faculty members.

Representatives from the Sustainable Energy Society and SGA have yet to be appointed, Makhayoun said.

In the spring, applications will be available for three students (who will be enrolled during the 2005-2006 school year) interested in being a part of the design phase, she said.

Last year the idea for the REI originated in Appalachian's Sustainable Energy Society, then known as the Solar Energy Club. Brent J. Summerville is the club's current president.

Clean energy is the fastest growing industry in the energy sector, Summerville said.

"We're able to be a big shining example of what to do in a little town like this," he said. "We'll be making our own energy for a change instead of just being a huge [source of] consumption in this area."

By doing so, Summerville said, Appalachian will improve its relationship with the community.

Summerville said the Sustainable Energy Society is looking at what other schools have done with similar projects. Duke University and the UNC Chapel Hill have passed similar initiatives.



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"When we drive by people who are standing on the street corner with a sign indicating they are homeless it will make [people] think twice before they pass by these individuals," Dr. Harry Williams, Associate Vice Chancellor for Diversity, said.

## Hunger, homeless awareness on campus

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Out of sight, out of mind is perhaps the usual policy for many of the social issues plaguing America.

However Appalachian State University is bringing awareness of hunger and homelessness to our campus this week.

Sponsored by the Appalachian & the Community Together (ACT) office and the Multicultural Student Development center, this week has entailed daily awareness events.

The Cup of Karma: People at the Crossroads, an open mic discussion on the issue takes place today from 7 to 10 p.m. at Crossroads Coffee House.

A canned food sculpture contest will be tomorrow from 12-2 p.m. in the Multicultural Center of Plemmons Student Union.

Sophomore social work major Faith M. Newsom, a member of ACT, said hunger and homelessness are real issues that many people want to ignore.

"Hunger and homelessness are real issues for our country and the rest of the world. People need to be aware and understand what these issues are all about and who they affect. There are a lot of stereotypes and generalizations out there. This week is designed to educate and motivate the Appalachian student body," Newsom said.

Director of Multicultural Student Development Tracey L. Wright said there are many things everyone in Boone can do to help during and beyond this awareness week.

Several agencies such as the ACT office, the Hospitality House and Shelter Rock are places for students to help connect and give back to the community.

"Just by participating in this week's events can help you become more educated about the issues. Some of the week's events are designed to get people talking and interacting with those already facing hunger and homelessness issues. Also some of the events give donations of money as well as canned food," Newsom said.

Dr. Harry L. Williams, associate vice chancellor for diversity, said this awareness is to make people put themselves in other people's shoes, realizing not everyone in the world is living as comfortably as they are.

"I think this week will bring attention to it and allow people to think about it differently. When we drive by people who are standing on the street corner with a sign indicating they are homeless it will make [people] think twice before they pass by these individuals; instead of

looking through them and not seeing them," Williams said. "I think that is what happens a lot of the time. Those [homeless] individuals become invisible and we have a tendency of ignoring these people. They are human beings just like everyone else."

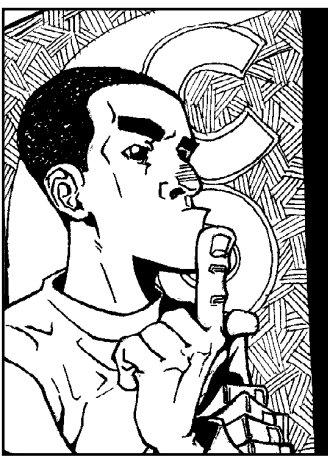
"Hunger and homelessness is a social issue. A lot of times we think of these issues during particular seasons or weeks of awareness," Newsom said. "When next Monday comes there will still be people without adequate means to access food and shelter. Social issues and problems don't go away after a week of awareness. Even if some students are particularly drawn to doing service or a project related to hunger and homelessness, I hope at least this week will get them inspired to become socially aware and take on a social issue that does get them fired up."



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