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## A 'ROOM WITH A BOO'

**Employees say the ghost of Dr. William Jacocks plays tricks at the Inn.**

By Tyler Clay  
Staff Writer

Guests at The Carolina Inn may be surprised to learn why they cannot unlock the doors to their rooms.

Dr. William Jacocks, the most famous of The Carolina Inn's many ghosts, has been said to haunt the Inn and lock guests out of their rooms for more than 50 years.

Jacocks began his 17-year stay at the Inn in 1948, living out of Room 256 until his death in 1965.

Unlike most guests, employees say he never checked out, becoming a permanent resident at the Inn.

General Manager Jack Schmidt said the legend of Dr. Jacocks draws interest from employees and guests throughout the year.

But Jacocks is not the only ghost taking up residence at the historic Carolina Inn — which was built at the corner of Cameron Avenue and Pittsboro Street in 1924.

There have been nearly 20 reports of ghosts roaming its halls, earning it a spot in America's Top 10 Haunted Hotels on about.com.

Evidence of Jacocks' presence includes guests hearing rattling



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Dr. William Jacocks, a deceased UNC alumnus, is said to haunt the second floor of the Carolina Inn. After a 17-year residency in the hotel, he died in room 256.

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### GHOST STORY: UNDERGROUND PRINTING'S ELUSIVE ULYSSES

When Underground Printing opened its Franklin Street store in September, employees met an unusual visitor. There is a rumor that a man named Ulysses worked in the building when it opened in 1923. He unloaded coal in the basement and allegedly worked until the time of his death.

There have been a series of spooky events, including one where a box in the basement mysteriously moved upstairs. But most employees think he's a friendly ghost.

"Once you walk down there, you automatically can sense the cold vibe as if someone is watching you," said store manager Elizabeth Flake. "It seems that Ulysses means no harm, but does not want his room tampered with."



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### GHOST STORY: OLD CHAPEL HILL CEMETERY'S FALLEN CIVIL WAR SOLDIER

Just steps from South Road lies the body of Civil War soldier Col. Edward Mallett.

The UNC graduate who met his death at the battle of Bentonville in 1865 now lies in the Old Chapel Hill Cemetery.

Mallett was a member of the 61st North Carolina Regiment during the Civil War. He enlisted in the Confederate Army and fought for three years before dying in battle toward the end of the war at age 38.

His body was wrapped in a blood-stained uniform and placed in a wooden box which now rests in the cemetery.



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## Tuition hikes proposed for next year

**Undergraduates from out of state may pay 6.1 percent more in tuition.**

By Jessica New  
Staff Writer

Despite hefty tuition increases last year, tuition will likely rise once again in the face of a continued lack of state funds and University-wide budget constraints.

The UNC committee charged with proposing the next round of tuition increases unanimously approved a 6.5 percent increase next year for in-state graduate students at a meeting Tuesday.

But for out-of-state undergraduate and graduate students, tuition increases of 6.1 percent and 6.8 percent, respectively, were approved by the tuition and fee advisory task force.

A \$600 increase for in-state undergraduates has already been approved for the 2013-14 year.

The task force opted to increase tuition for both undergraduate and graduate out-of-state students by the same amount — \$1,630.

That amount is an approximate average of the previously proposed 6.5 percent increases — the UNC system's self-imposed cap — of \$1,727 for out-of-state undergraduates and \$1,555 for out-of-state graduate students.

With the approved increases, the total amount of revenue from tuition increases will remain the same,

### BY THE NUMBERS

**\$1,630**

increase for all out-of-state tuition

**\$509**

increase for in-state graduate tuition

**\$600**

set tuition increase for in-state undergraduates

Carney said.

Student Body President Will Leimenstoll expressed concern about a 6.5 percent increase for out-of-state undergraduates after a presentation by Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost Bruce Carney showed their tuition is higher than out-of-state graduate students' tuition.

Out-of-state undergraduates currently pay \$26,575 in tuition, and out-of-state graduates pay \$23,924.

Student leaders said they were uncomfortable with asking out-of-state undergraduates, who already pay the highest tuition, to shoulder the highest tuition increase.

Leimenstoll said the committee's decision to rethink charging a 6.5 percent increase across the board showed how the task force has listened to students' concerns.

"It shows we're trying to think critically about the increases, not just do them to keep up, not just use

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### SHANNON INVESTIGATION

## Shannon 911 calls lend detail to investigation

**Carrboro police released two 911 calls to The Daily Tar Heel.**

By Chelsey Dulaney  
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After not hearing from him all day, friends of freshman David Shannon went looking for him Saturday night, tracking the location of his cellphone.

At 10:34 p.m., they found him unresponsive and not breathing at the Ready Mixed Concrete Plant on Guthrie Avenue in Carrboro.

The discovery touched off a frantic, desperate scene documented by two 911 calls released to The Daily Tar Heel on Tuesday.

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SOURCE: GOOGLE MAPS

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## Revelers not deterred by rain

**Students say they still plan to visit Franklin Street on Halloween.**

By Jenny Surane  
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Franklin Street might see a different kind of flooding tonight as costume-adorned students flock to the popular Halloween spot.

Despite the recent cold weather, students say they still plan to head to Franklin Street for people-watching.

"Usually a lot of people come out

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and if the weather is bad, maybe people will only go out for a minute to see what's going on," said sophomore Robert Register.

But local officials are once again hoping to curb the celebration — which peaked at a crowd of 80,000 in 2007 — through the fifth Homegrown Halloween initiative.

Freshman Hannah Goulding, who is going as Katniss Everdeen from The Hunger Games, said she is excited for her first Halloween in Chapel Hill.

"We are just adapting to the weather," she said. "We are all just planning to dress warmer."

And town officials have readied themselves for the influx of crowds on Franklin Street.

At a press conference last week, Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt said the town's Homegrown Halloween event will once again help curb crowds and keep students safe.

"It's smaller, more fun, more festive, but most importantly it's more safe," said Kleinschmidt.

Roughly 300 law enforcement officers from the Triangle area will

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“ The ghosts you chase you never catch. ”

JOHN MALKOVICH