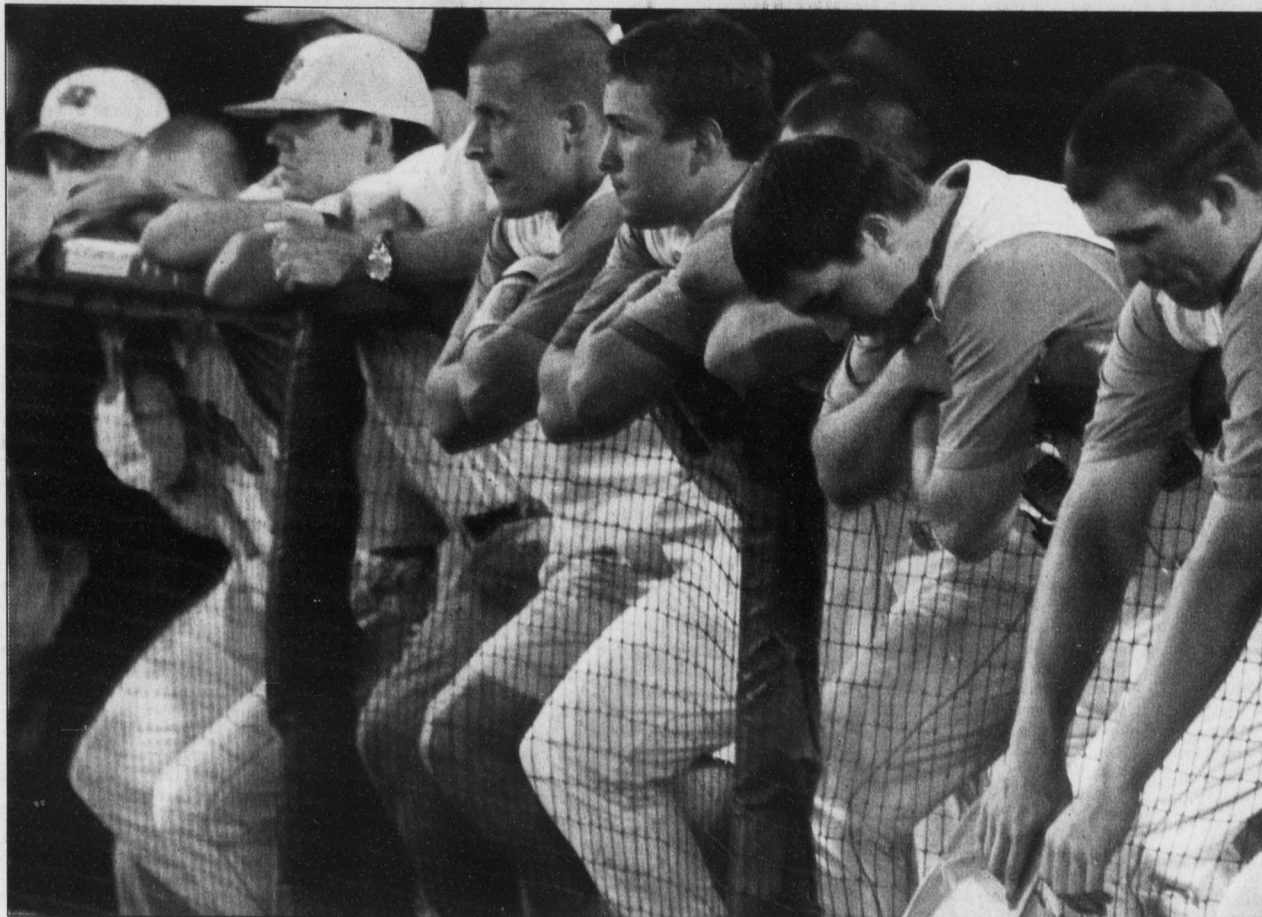


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The North Carolina baseball team looks on as Oregon State celebrates its second consecutive national championship on the infield of Rosenblatt Stadium in Omaha, Neb. After rallying throughout the postseason, the Tar Heels were not able to come back from early deficits to beat the Beavers on Saturday or Sunday.

Student leaders to tap into reserves

ASG hopes to justify fee with increased spending

BY ERIC JOHNSON
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After years of building up a hefty budget surplus, UNC-system student leaders are planning to tap into reserve funding for the first time.

The preliminary budget for the UNC-system Association of Student Governments calls for the organization to spend nearly \$37,000 of its reserve as part of the largest spending plan the group has ever put forward.

"We cannot be afraid to invest and allocate our money," said incoming ASG President Cole Jones, who will assume office July 1. "We feel we have a legitimate need to use this money for the current needs of the association."

As an umbrella group of student governments across the UNC-system, the ASG takes in \$1 each year from every full-time student enrolled in the system's 16 public universities.

As enrollment has grown, so has the association's budget. Student officials expect to bring in about \$190,000 during the 2007-08 academic year.

Since the fee was initiated in 2002, the association's leaders have ended budget cycles with a sizable surplus. By the time incoming president Cole Jones takes office July 1, the reserve is expected to near \$80,000.

"There has been a consistent pattern of dollars left over each year," Jones said. "I think it's time for us to try something different."

While there remains fierce debate within the association about the wisdom of costly new initiatives, there is also a growing recognition that the burgeoning reserve could present a political problem.

"If you can't spend all the money you're given in a year, then you're not really showing need," said Lee Hyde, the association's departing vice president for finance. "At what point is someone going to look at it and say, 'Y'all don't really need the fee?'"

Within the last year, Hyde and others have actively sought a conversation about how to spend the surplus. But arriving at any agreement among the system's 16 student body presidents has been difficult.

Heated discussions are likely to break out again this year when it comes time to decide how exactly money will be allocated, since only a broad outline has been agreed.

Under Jones' plan, which was given preliminary approval by the association's Council of Student Body Presidents, \$10,000 would be earmarked to expand the group's public relations efforts, and another \$7,000 would be devoted to outreach programs aimed at high-school and middle-school students throughout the state.

"We would like to explore opportunities to use the media more," Jones said, suggesting the group might consider purchasing newspaper or television

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DOUBLE DEFEAT

OREGON STATE TAKES TWO FROM THE TAR HEELS TO REPEAT AS NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

BY DAVID ELY
SPORTS EDITOR

OMAHA, Neb. — It seemed so familiar and yet so different.

For the second consecutive year, North Carolina's baseball season came to a disappointing conclusion as Oregon State swept the Tar Heels 11-4 and 9-3 at Rosenblatt Stadium to repeat as national champions — the first team to do so since Louisiana State in 1996-97.

"I've got to congratulate Oregon State," UNC head coach Mike Fox said. "What an unbelievable accomplishment that is to win back-to-back national championships. Can't ever say never, but I'm not sure that's gonna be done here at this level too many times."

Unlike last year, when OSU won a tight three-game battle for the NCAA crown, this time around Oregon State (49-18) was clearly the better team in its two weekend victories.

In their two wins, the Beavers utilized timely hit-

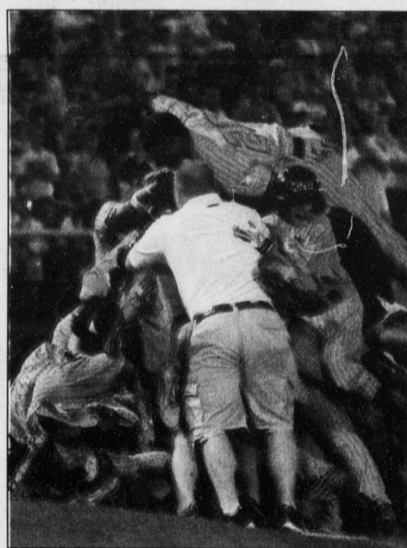
ting and steady starting pitching — the most surefire recipe for postseason success — to put the Tar Heels (57-16) in early deficits that they couldn't overcome.

On Saturday it was first baseman Jordan Lennerton crushing a home run into the right field bleachers during the second inning to put UNC in an early 2-0 hole. Sunday it was another two-run bomb — this time off the bat of shortstop Darwin Barney — that killed any momentum North Carolina gained when it took a 1-0 first-inning lead.

But it wasn't just those two long balls OSU hit that doomed the Tar Heels, it was Oregon State's penchant for punishing North Carolina pitchers with big innings.

In the two games, OSU had six innings of two or more runs while the Tar Heels countered with only one of their own. UNC just wasn't able to string together the hits needed to prolong a rally nor were they able to pick up a big hit with runners on base.

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Oregon State is the first team since Louisiana State in 1996-97 to repeat as NCAA champions.

Colleges reject school rankings

BY ALLISON MILLER
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Though UNC is not one of the colleges that has discussed boycotting the U.S. News and World Report's national college rankings, that doesn't mean some faculty and students aren't paying attention.

At a June 19 meeting in Annapolis of private liberal arts colleges, a majority of the 80 presidents and 71 deans in attendance said they intend to stop participating in the survey.

The main source of complaint was the report's reputation survey,

Ranking factors

From U.S. News and World Report:

- reputation survey
- percent of classes with 50 or more students
- SAT/ACT scores
- acceptance rate
- alumni giving
- graduation rate

in which college faculty and administrators rank other institutions. Results of this survey account for 25 percent of the overall college

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'Bong hits' not allowed in high school

5-4 decision imposes limits on freedom of speech

BY DAVE PEARSON
STATE & NATIONAL EDITOR

The latest chapter in the saga of how far the protections of the First Amendment reach in public schools was written Monday.

The Supreme Court voted 5-4 in favor of the Juneau, Alaska, high-school principal who suspended a student in 2002 for displaying a banner which read "Bong hits 4 Jesus" at an Olympic Torch parade.

Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. cited the

danger of promoting dangerous activities such as drug use and said the school was justified in its actions.

"The First Amendment does not require schools to tolerate at school events student expression that contributes to those dangers," Roberts said.

The Supreme Court's decision in *Morse v. Frederick* drew criticism from groups such as the American Civil Liberties Union, as well as reactions from those on campus.

"To me the bottom line is that the Supreme Court has shown an increased willingness to grant schools greater power to restrict student expression in order to maintain school operations," said Ruth Walden, associate dean for graduate studies at the University's School of Journalism and Mass Communication.

"And it's not terribly surprising to see the entire society crack down on and give school administrators greater power to control students."

Walden said she sees the reference made to drug use as a cover for other motives and

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Feb. 24, 1969

Tinker v. Des Moines

Students were suspended for wearing black armbands in protest of the war in Vietnam. The court ruled in favor of the students on the grounds that protest was under the protection of the First Amendment.

July 7, 1986

Bethel School District v. Fraser

A student was suspended after making a sexually explicit speech. The court decided lewd language did not warrant the same protections as political speech, as it did not advance the goals of education.

Jan. 13, 1988

Hazelwood School Dist. v. Kuhlmeier

A principal ordered two articles in a student newspaper be withheld from publication. The court determined that the First Amendment did not require schools to support particular types of student speech.

June 25, 2007

Morse v. Frederick

A student was suspended for displaying a banner with language the school's principal deemed against school policy. The court ruled that speech which promotes drug use is not protected in public schools.

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Street gangs North Carolina is considering legislation to curb street gangs

TSOP Find out about transfer-student orientation during the summer

Baseball slide show Check out photos of Tar Heel action in Omaha

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Help for health

Proposals are passing through the General Assembly to help subsidize health care for children from low-income families.



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Soldier's Story

Check out this week's photo story about an American veteran and his life after war in Iraq, disaster and amputation of his leg.

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Fire in the hole

During recent excavation and construction in Hillsborough, an old kiln and well were discovered underground that dates back to the 18th century.

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