

# STATE and NATIONAL

## Community colleges to ask for more state funding

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Struggling to secure funding to permit increased admissions and upgrade faculty, staff and campuses, community college officials will seek an additional \$135 million from the General Assembly when it convenes in January.

This request comes despite the General Assembly's July decision to cut N.C. state agencies' budgets to compensate for a \$336 million shortfall in state revenue.

"There is a lot of feeling in the General

Assembly and the business community as a whole that the community colleges have been underfunded," said Mark Van Sciver, director of public affairs for the N.C. Department of Community Colleges. "We don't want to stretch out our request... We want to get in there before everyone has their hands out."

Originally, college officials had planned to spread out their request over the six fiscal years from 1990-1996.

The recommendation for the additional \$135 million was proposed in February 1989 by the Commission on

the Future of North Carolina's Community Colleges. That money would add to the \$336 million the college system should receive from its annual allocations, Van Sciver said.

N.C. community colleges rank ninth in teacher salaries out of 15 southeastern states, according to Southern Regional Education Board criteria. The average teacher salary for a nine- to 10-month contract is \$26,803, Van Sciver said.

Due to money troubles, Guilford Technical Community College has been forced to turn away students wanting to transfer to the school, said Martha Hickey, the school's dean of student development.

"The increased funding would help Guilford very dramatically," Hickey said.

The large number of part-time students at Guilford also puts a financial strain on the college because the state allocates fewer funds to hire staff to

serve those students who are not full-time, Hickey said.

"There are still warm bodies here that need services provided," Hickey said. "The funding formula doesn't recognize this need."

All money collected on tuition at the community colleges is automatically thrown into the state's General Fund, said Jerry McDaniel, public information officer at Durham Technical Community College.

Each school then receives individual funding from the state based on a full-time equivalency (FTE) formula comprised of enrollment numbers and the type of curriculum each student follows, Van Sciver said.

The FTE formula equates each part-time student as a fraction of a full-time student. Approximately \$2,900 is designated from state funds for each FTE-equivalent student (one full-time student or several part-time students) each year. County funds represent an additional

\$400 per FTE-equivalent student.

Courses that count toward particular degrees or diploma programs are general curriculum courses and receive the highest financial consideration.

Occupational extension courses, geared to stress one particular occupation such as becoming a notary public or electrician, do not usually count toward a degree or diploma and receive the least financial consideration.

During the last legislative session, only the prison system received fewer cuts than community colleges, Van Sciver said.

Whether the General Assembly will approve the \$135 million request will depend on the November state elections, Van Sciver said.

Community college officials probably will not have a good feel about their request until May or June 1991, after the General Assembly returns in January, he said.

## Statewide hike in tuition OK'd

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Effective fall 1990, the General Assembly approved an across-the-board tuition increase for the N.C. Community College System.

Tuition for full-time in-state students rose from \$90 to \$105 per quarter. The equivalent increase for out-of-state students was from \$840 to \$981.

There are four quarters in an academic year within the Community College System.

Students taking less than 12 hours per quarter are considered part-time, and their tuition is determined by the number of credit hours they take.

Part-time tuition rose from \$7.50 to \$8.75 per credit hour for in-state students. Out-of-state students, usually those who have recently moved to the area and not established state residency, must now pay \$81.75 per credit hour compared to the previous \$70.

Connie Becholdt, student body president at Wake Technical Community College, said she was not surprised by the tuition increase and was just glad it was not any worse.

"The whole thing that worries me is that a lot of companies moved here because of educational benefits. If businesses feel like they are getting a caliber of graduating students handicapped because of educational funding, they will leave."

## Campus Calendar

WEDNESDAY

2 p.m.: Career Planning and Placement Services will hold Job Hunt 101: Basic information on how to use the UCPS Office for seniors and graduate students in 210 Hanes.

3 p.m.: The Study Abroad Office will have a re-entry orientation for study abroad returnees until 5 p.m. in rooms 205-206 Union. We will discuss part-time jobs in the Study Abroad Office for returnees of UNC programs and working with the Study Abroad Fair in October.

5 p.m.: AIESEC experienced/old members will meet in the Union for reorientation and to discuss recruitment.

5:30 p.m.: The Graduate and Professional Student Federation will hold its first meeting of the year in 226 Union. All grad students are invited!

The Asian Students Association will have its first meeting of the year in 206 Union. All interested students are warmly invited to attend.

7 p.m.: The Wesley Foundation will be having a Porch Party with volleyball and ice cream for all new Methodist students.

The UNC-CH Pre-Law Club will hold its first meeting in 206 Union. The meeting will feature Pre-Law advisers. All are welcome!

The Astronomy Club is now forming. Come to the organizational meeting in 277 Phillips. All majors welcome, no astronomy experience or equipment necessary. Any questions? Call 929-1753.

The Unisquad Committee of the Campus Y meets in Upendo Lounge (Chase) for an orientation/information session.

The Student Environmental Action Coalition will be having a fun-filled first meeting in Gerard. Come party and save the planet with the biggest student environmental group in the world. Benefit concert at Cat's Cradle to follow.

UCPS will hold Job Hunt 101: Basic information on how to use the UCPS Office for seniors and graduate students in 210 Hanes.

7:30 p.m.: The UNC College Republicans will hold an organizational meeting in 209 Manning. All interested are welcome.

7:45 p.m.: UCPS will hold Job Hunt 102: Resume writing workshop for seniors and graduate students in 210 Hanes.

11 p.m.: WXYC FM 89.3 will play the new album from The Pixies, *Bossanova*, in its entirety with no interruptions.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

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overawarding students who receive financial aid.

■ The University should improve its collection procedures for the repayment of federal educational loans.

■ The University's Board of Trustees should become more involved in the University's financial affairs by forming an audit committee which would receive reports from both internal and external auditors.

Renfrow said he thought BOT members had an obligation to know about the University's financial practices.

"I think every (BOT member) has a responsibility to be cognizant, to share in the operation and policies of the University, including the finances of the institution," Renfrow said.

BOT Chairman Phil Phillips said, "I don't think we (the BOT) need to be overseeing the day-to-day financial affairs of the University."

Acting as watchdog over UNC's financial affairs has never been the job of BOT members, said Bob Eubanks, former BOT chairman.

"It's been traditional that the trustees have had nothing to do with the University's finances," he said. "I think this enterprise is so immense it would be very, very difficult for someone who comes in only occasionally to do that."

Jones said the University's lack of funds from past budget cuts complicated solving the problems the audit found. For example, the University could not afford to make the necessary long-distance calls to collect federal student aid, which the audit reported needed improvement, Jones said. This year the student aid office will do its best to cover the costs, he said.

"But by and large, the budget cuts are not affecting those kinds of things," he said.


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## Community college rosters shrink due to student soldier deployment

From Associated Press reports

Enrollment at community colleges near the state's military bases is down as student soldiers are deployed to the Persian Gulf, according to officials.

At Fayetteville Technical Community College, enrollment in continuing education courses offered at Fort Bragg is down about 50 percent from the usual 1,200, college president Craig Allen said in an interview at the (Raleigh) News and Observer.

In addition, only 200 soldiers have signed up for on-base courses that lead to a two-year degree or diploma, although the courses can accommodate 800.

The drop in enrollment is particularly troubling to college presidents because their annual state budget allocations for 1991-92 will be figured largely according to the number of students who sign up for classes this year.

"There's a potential for significant reduction in our budget," Allen said. "It depends on how long this thing is going to last. If they're there six months, they'll miss two courses. If they're there for a

year, they'll miss four classes."

The enrollment decline could get worse if Army post commanders exercise their prerogative to cut funds set aside for college tuition and use the money instead to meet the rising operating costs of Operation Desert Shield.

Officials at Fort Bragg said they wouldn't know until sometime this week whether tuition money would be needed for other purposes.

"The education budget is the commander's responsibility," said Col. Eldridge Starling. "If he deems that the funds need to be used in another manner, he can do it."

Fort Bragg spends about \$1.5 million each year to help its soldiers take classes offered by eight colleges and universities, on base and off.

The Marine Corps Air Station at Cherry Point spent roughly \$600,000 on tuition help last year. But because of the troop deployment, not as much will be needed this year, said Col. Jerry Marvel, director of training and education at the base.

Coastal Carolina Community College

## Rise in worker productivity 1st since 1988

From Associated Press reports

WASHINGTON — The productivity of American workers improved for the first time in more than a year, climbing in the second quarter at an annual rate of 1.5 percent, the government said Tuesday.

However, analysts said the rebound was still well below the level needed to significantly boost Americans' living standard.

In addition, figures showing steep labor cost increases heightened analysts' concerns that the nation's inflation problems are worsening, especially in light of the Middle East oil crisis that

threatens to push inflation higher.

"It exacerbates the situation, no question about it," said Elliott Platt of Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette Securities Corp.

"Even before the Iraqi situation, the U.S. economy was facing an entrenched, underlying labor cost inflation of between 4 and 5 percent. That doesn't allow for any profits," added Allen Sinai, chief economist at the Boston Co.

The 1.5 percent rise in non-farm productivity — defined as output per hour of work — was the first increase since productivity climbed 0.5 percent in the final three months of 1988, the Labor Department said.

The rebound was a departure from productivity's poor performance in re-

cent months. Productivity declined 0.3 percent last year, the worst showing since output fell 0.9 percent during the 1981-82 recession. It had plunged 1.9 percent during the first quarter of this year, the government said.

During the April-June period this year, there was no increase in the number of hours worked. Sinai called that a sign that employers weren't hiring new workers or letting employees work more hours.

"The productivity increase is being eked out by squeezing down on labor," Sinai said. "It still shows an anemic performance for U.S. productivity growth. What businesses are doing in light of ... an anticipated recession is to cut back on jobs and hours worked."

Officials at Wayne Community College in Goldsboro, home of Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, are braced for a 50 percent drop in the enrollment of military personnel. Last year, roughly 10 percent of the 3,100 students on campus came from military ranks.

"We expect that obviously some military personnel will now not be going to school," said Herman Porter, president of Wayne Community College. "It's really hard to call until classes start in the fall, but I have heard substantial numbers of personnel have left Seymour."

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