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cuts or did not understand the ramifications they would have at their schools. Little effort has been made to inform students and the issue hasn't received much local press coverage, the student leaders said.

UNC-Charlotte's student body president, Mark Almond, said he learned the extent of the cuts proposed by the General Assembly last week when Cunningham contacted him about the rally. Almond said that he had received few updates from his chancellor but that he planned to meet with the vice chancellor this week to discuss increasing student fees.

Almond said UNC-C's participation in the statewide rally would be futile in the effort to influence the legislature.

"If we protest down here, there is not going to be a lot of interest. Charlotte is very different from Chapel Hill," he said. "The city hasn't been built up around the university, so we don't receive much attention."

In contrast, UNC-Wilmington's student body president, Nate Stansfield, said he planned to oppose the budget cuts actively. However, Stansfield said he had little time to organize protests against the cuts to higher education because he had just taken office last week.

"In our little corner, we seem to be the last to find these things out," he said. "Students haven't been informed, and that is [student government's] duty. We have to take responsibility for this and get the word out."

He said he would meet with UNC-W's executive board and student leaders Wednesday to "see what's the best plan of attack" and would hold a small-scale "preliminary-to-a-rally" rally. Stansfield said he also hoped to set up phones on campus for students to call their representatives

and voice their displeasure. UNC-Asheville's student body president, Denise Tomlinson, said she was also eager to participate in protest efforts. "My goal — and the reason I jumped at the chance to do this — is so that our student body can be informed and make a statement protesting the cuts," she said. "Students here don't tend to be involved, and we don't tend to find out about things which might affect us. I hope to change that."

Tomlinson said the chancellor and the vice chancellor at UNC-A planned to attend "Save Our Schools; Save Our State" on Wednesday.

Although cuts at UNC-A would not be as harsh as they would be at UNC-CH, they would still be painful, she said.

"We're a very small school, with only 3,000 students and a small faculty," Tomlinson said. "We're already running on a shoestring budget. If we lose any of our faculty, we are going to be very short handed."

"We are taking the approach that if it hurts our sister schools, it hurts us, too."

**UNC's Partner in Crime: NCSU**

N.C. State University, along with UNC-CH, might have the most to lose in the budget battle, and students at NCSU are well aware of it. The student government and other campus organizations there have been gathering student support and lobbying the legislature for several months.

Former NCSU Student Body President Bobby Johnson Jr. said concern over the budget at NCSU was high, especially among out-of-state students, who face the highest tuition increases.

The student senate president organized an effort that invited leaders from several campuses to lobby the legislature for a repeal of the tuition surcharge passed last year.

NCSU student government and Young Republicans also organized a petition drive in March protesting tuition increases. The petition drive yielded almost 2,000 signatures in 10 hours.

NCSU Student Body President John O'Quinn said he was worried about the net results of the budget cuts even if lobbying

efforts to fight tuition hikes were successful. "I wonder if we may win the fight but lose the war, with cuts in other areas," he said.

"When the General Assembly went berserk and unleashed their cuts, they left us scrambling to respond," O'Quinn said. "The problem is that the budget is always addressed when students are preparing to leave town, which prevents us from having an effective voice."

He said that this week he would meet with the new student congress to plan strategies for the summer. "You can also expect that I'll be meeting on a regular basis with area legislators that I've worked with in the past," O'Quinn added.

**The Other Victims: State Employees**

UNC-CH's local district of the State Employees' Association of North Carolina has also been trying to involve other campuses, said Kay Wijnberg, legislative action chairwoman of the UNC-CH district and former president of SEANC. Campus employees are urging University staff statewide to join in student efforts to fight the budget cuts, Wijnberg said.

She said she was encouraged by the students' efforts to make Wednesday's rally a statewide protest. "If student leaders at UNC-Chapel Hill and other schools are able to get their campuses organized, maybe we'll see a new level of activism among state employees," Wijnberg said. "It's ironic how difficult it is to get employees at other campuses fired up to get busy and start protesting."

In general, state employees are concerned about the General Assembly's approach to downsizing government, including the "meager 2 percent salary increase" for University employees, Wijnberg said.

She said she hoped the timing of the rally would help the UNC system gain support in the Democratic-led Senate when negotiating the final budget package with the Republican-led House. "I would hope that if concern is expressed strongly statewide, legislators will reconsider the budget and make them less receptive to cuts," Wijnberg said. "A lot of this is based on politics, rather than on what's good for education — and that's really a shame."

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off floodplain. One possibility that has been raised is moving all or part of the Finley Golf Course — some of which occupies potentially developable land — either to the Horace Williams site or to Mason Farm's floodplain, giving the University more space for possible expansion of the Friday Center.

After much debate, the future of the golf course is still uncertain. "That needs more review and discussion," JJ&R representative Dick Rigerink said.

The Faculty Advisory Committee, chaired by Thomas Clegg, consulted other universities to learn from their experiences with development. Members of the committee talked to people from Duke University, which has two separate campuses, and from N.C. State University, which set up a campus dedicated largely to research.

The committee was advised against a split campus, Clegg said. "That has caused great transportation problems for Duke," he said. "They have to allow 30 minutes between classes."

Faculty advisory members are also looking for programs currently located on or near central campus that could be moved to one of the outlying properties. "What we've found is that it may be difficult to extract program A because it is linked to program B," Clegg said. "If we can't take out the core academic programs because they are so intertwined, we are trying to identify administrative support services that could function from a more remote location."

The committee also found that the Horace Williams Airport was too valuable to move to another location, as the Chapel Hill advisory board has suggested.

JJ&R representatives have designated land along the east-west airport runway as developable, but the rest of the airport has



George Alexiou talks Thursday at a forum about the proposed use of the Mason Farm tract of land. One of the topics covered at the forum was the potential for a satellite UNC campus.

not been considered usable. Another concern the town panel had about Mason Farm was about transportation problems that could arise if more development were added along the already-congested N.C. 54 Bypass.

"Transportation is a major issue for both properties," said George Alexiou, who is in charge of transportation planning for the project. "We expect congestion even without further development."

Development on Mason Farm would be more constrained by the traffic congestion issue because they intend to allow no

direct access onto the bypass for environmental reasons, Alexiou said. He did say, however, that the tract's close proximity to campus would allow improved bicycle routes and bus service to help combat traffic use. As for the Horace Williams tract, there are proposals for road expansions already being considered by the town. Alexiou suggested an improvement to the bus service along Airport Road.

He also mentioned the possibility of using the track that runs south through the property to create a route restricted to buses or even a fixed guideway for rail cars.

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Efforts to stop the cuts are not limited to Wednesday. Today and Tuesday, members of student groups will begin going

door to door from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. to educate their peers about the effects of the budget cuts.

"It's being run like an election campaign," Swan said. "They're going door to door with brochures explaining the effects of the cuts and post cards that they can mail to their legislators protesting the cuts."

Mohan Nathan, student body co-secretary, said the goal of the door-to-door campaign was to raise awareness of the budget cuts and of the rally on Wednesday. He also said he hoped students would write to their representatives once they became aware of the severity of the cuts.

"If we talk to five students and get them

to understand the cuts and become involved, we will have been successful," Nathan said.

Members of the Asian Student Association, the Black Student Movement, the Carolina Athletic Association and the campus chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People are involved in the door-to-door campaign, Nathan said. He said that the Campus Y had been involved in initiating the campaign. The Student Budget Defense Coalition will also sponsor an open microphone from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. today and Tuesday in the Pit for students to speak out against the budget proposal.

**EARTH WEEK**  
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the Contract With America, Batada said.

To conclude the week, SEAC and the National Institute for the Environment are sponsoring an Earth Fair at McCorkle Place. Activities will include several speakers, entertainment and educational tables.

Some of the tables will be offering interactive games, Corley said. For example, the Protect Our Woods table will have an interactive rainforest game showing which parts of the world used to be rainforests and which still are.

The Free the Planet committee will have seven to eight stations to illustrate different environmental problems such as contaminated water and endangered species.

Corley said she hoped Earth Week would help increase campus awareness of environmental issues because the events were right on campus. "You don't have to leave campus to get involved," she said. Corley said she also hoped the events would attract members of the community at large.

This year's events are relevant because of the changes in legislation that have occurred in the last few months, Santoro said. "There's been a lot of progress in the last 25 years in environmental legislation and also in people's awareness of these environmental problems and their willingness to take some responsibility for them. However, with the new Congress, we're facing the reversal of this legislation and an end to the progress that has been made."

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