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Hunt's budget falls short for UNC system

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The UNC system did not get exactly what representatives asked for, but the governor's budget proposal offers more than \$79 million for improvements and faculty raises.

Overall, Gov. Jim Hunt offered the UNC system the money it needed to continue its current operations.

Hunt proposed a budget last week which offered faculty members a 3 percent salary increase next year.

Hunt's press secretary, Sean Walsh, said the Board of Governors had asked for a 6 percent increase, but that low budget estimates made Hunt's proposal fall short of the request.

"The governor has said this is a tight budget year, but he is deeply committed to the (UNC system)," Walsh said.

The proposal also offered about half the money the BOG requested for priorities, which include funding for technology, libraries and graduate research.

Reyna Walters, chairwoman of UNC-Chapel Hill student government's

External Relations Committee, said UNC-CH hoped for more improvement money.

"(UNC-CH) alone asked for about \$100 million in capital improvements and they're giving \$20 million to the system," Walters said.

Walters said UNC-CH planned a complete renovation to the Undergraduate Library, which would require more money than the governor proposed.

But system administrators expect the UNC system to get more money than

Hunt offered.

UNC-system President C.D. Spangler said he expected the state to have more money in its coffers than the governor's budget estimates.

"The governor is faced with the normal problem of having to start with the numbers his advisors have given him," Spangler said.

"His advisors are always conservative."

Spangler said the UNC system would get some of the excess money when the N.C. General Assembly looks at the

budget in coming weeks.

"I believe that for as long as we can remember, the General Assembly and the governor have always put the (UNC system) as a priority," Spangler said.

Sen. Howard Lee, D-Orange and co-chairman of the education committee, said legislators considered the UNC system a high priority.

"I know much of the public attention has been given to the public school budget, but that does not diminish the

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Hospital recovers document

Officials said the hospital would investigate how the confidential report got out.

STAFF REPORT

After the discovery of a confidential hospital document in Caffetrio, UNC Hospitals officials are trying to determine how the information got out.

Legal counsel for UNC Hospitals contacted The Daily Tar Heel on Thursday and requested the return of surgery records dropped off at the newspaper's office Tuesday by an unidentified man.

Benjamin Gilbert, director of legal affairs for UNC Hospitals, picked up the report from the DTH office Thursday. Gilbert would not comment.

The document listed patients' names, ages, the time and room number for their surgeries and a description of their scheduled surgeries.

Robin Gaitens, media relations liaison for UNC Hospitals Marketing and Public Relations, said no patients on the list had complained.

But she said the hospital was conducting an investigation.

"The hospital and the School of Medicine have initiated an information security audit to determine how this information got on Franklin Street," Gaitens said Thursday.

Gaitens said she did not know how many people would have access to the document because the operating room staff changed daily.

"It's a fluid group depending on who needs to know that information."

According to the Confidentiality of Patient Information Policy, this information can be accessed only through the written consent of the patient or a legally qualified representative, court order, subpoena or statute. Gaitens said UNC Hospitals had never experienced a violation of this policy.



PHOTO COURTESY 'THE MAN WHO STAYED BEHIND' ILLUSTRATION BY PHILIP MOLARO
Sidney Rittenberg, a Communist Party member, often met with Mao Tse-tung.

BY CHRIS WHITE
STAFF WRITER

Sidney Rittenberg symbolizes his life with an equal sign.

And unlike most UNC faculty members who pursue the ideal of equality in this capitalist culture, Rittenberg, a UNC history and Asian



studies professor, pursued it for 35 years in communist China.

As the only American allowed in the Chinese Communist Party, Rittenberg was in constant contact

with Communist leaders such as Mao Tse-tung and Zhou EnLai. For his actions, he spent 16 years in solitary confinement as a political prisoner.

Since his return to the United States, Rittenberg, a UNC alumnus, has taught classes at the University and has served as a consultant to American businesses establishing operations in China.

Rittenberg's goal is to make history "more real and live" to his students by integrating his personal experiences into a larger framework.

Ted Steger, a junior from Longmeadow, Mass., said he was impressed with Rittenberg's experiences.

"He was intimately involved and was able to provide a first-hand account of those events," Steger said.

Rittenberg's involvement with communism began while he was a student at UNC in the 1930s.

"We thought that (communism) was the answer to problems of inequality and poverty, especially in the South," Rittenberg said.

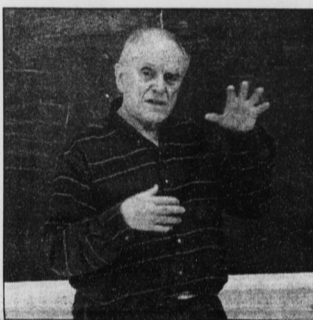
When he arrived in China in 1946 as a translation officer for the U.S. Army, Rittenberg said he thought that the Chinese Communists could achieve the same results.

"It was a popular movement that

stood for solid values, democracy and support for the ordinary working people," he said. "Also, the Nationalist regime was so terribly corrupt and incompetent."

Rittenberg, who was admitted to the Party, worked as a translator.

"We had a China which desperately needed technology, and we had a United States which had more capital and technology than we could use," he said. "I thought that I could help bring



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Rittenberg teaches a history course about his experiences in China.

these two things together.

"But that didn't work either because after the Communists got to power, things began to change."

Change for Rittenberg meant his

first imprisonment — six years of solitary confinement — for what he termed "trumped-up spy charges" initiated by the Soviet Union.

"Stalin was alarmed of this unknown American who had become friendly with Mao and the other Chinese leaders," he said. "He suspected that Mao was in collusion with the State Department. So they accused me of being a spy."

Released in 1955, Rittenberg vigorously participated in Party activities.

"I had been a Party member in name before I was arrested, but then I became a real Party member in that I was given a definite, very high rank, and some of their very classified material was open to me."

In 1966, Rittenberg served as one of the leading advocates of a student group that pushed for more democratic measures during the Cultural Revolution.

"I thought the great day had come," he said. "China would end one-party dictatorship and become really democratic. So I threw in my lot with these young people as a writer and speaker."

Rittenberg said he had not realized the Revolution was designed by Mao to consolidate his own political power. For his involvement with the group, Rittenberg got an addition-

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Carolina Dining Services policy cans leftover food

BY KAITLIN GURNEY
STAFF WRITER

Every day, steaming plates of food are set out at Carolina Dining Services' many food venues to serve hungry college students. But what happens to the food that is left behind?

Basically, it is thrown away.

"Any food that has gone on a customer's plate or has been exposed to clients at the buffet line is thrown away," said Scott Myers, director of CDS. "We try to wait until the last moment to cook our food, using a method called 'prepping,' and must use cooked but unused food within 48 hours."

Excess food from upstairs Lenoir Dining Hall is all thrown away, although Myers said the food volume thrown away was much smaller than a buffet-style meal service because most food was cooked only before rush periods.

Myers said he did not know how much food CDS threw away. "I would guess it is about at the national average for food services, which is 5 percent."

Laura Wisland, a member of the Student Environmental Action Coalition, said, "I think it's a shame they prepare all this food that is not eaten."

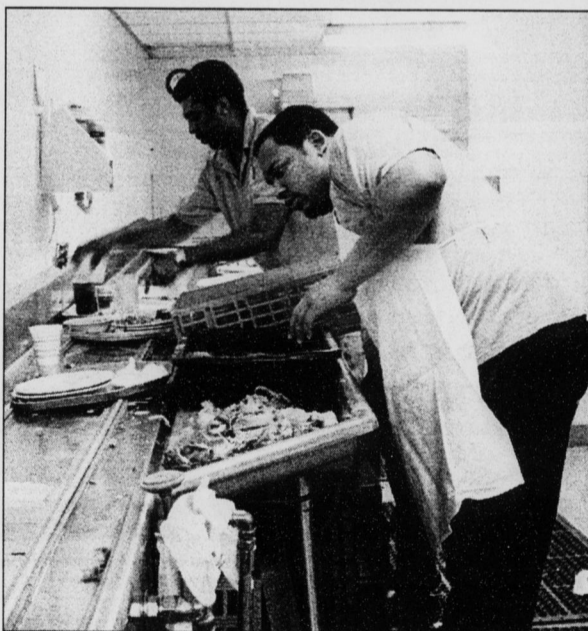
Carolina Court employees requested not to be named because of the "politically sensitive" nature of the issue, but said the quantity of food wasted was large. One employee said it was "really a pity" that they did not donate food to homeless shelters.

Myers said they donated food to the Inter-Faith Council's shelter on the corner of Rosemary and Columbia streets before breaks.

"We have also recently begun a composting pile for vegetable scraps," Myers said. "The ladies responsible for the produce department put the excess in the compost pile, which is picked up daily."

Grace Higgs of the Inter-Faith Council, the agency that runs the Chapel Hill homeless shelter and kitchen, said Granville Towers' dining

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Eric Murdock (left) and Thomas Craven, employees of Carolina Dining Services, throw away food coming off the conveyor belt in Lenoir Dining Hall.

CHHS students must fulfill service duties

BY SHERIFA MEGUID
STAFF WRITER

Seniors in the class of 1997 are doing a range of service projects, from volunteering with the homeless to the Special Olympics, in order to complete the mandatory 50 community service hours required by the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools.

The U.S. Supreme Court this week affirmed the requirement when it rejected a case filed by CHHS junior John Reinhard III and his family. The suit claimed the school system's mandatory service requirement infringed on parental rights.

Beth Ansley, the service learning coordinator at CHHS, said not every student in the 480-member senior class had completed their hours yet.

"Fifty percent of students have done 50 to 400 hours," she said. "Only 86 students, or 17 percent, have documented zero hours, and 33 percent are in progress and have done between one

and 49 hours."

Although not every student has completed the requirement, Ansley said she remained hopeful.

"Those who now have zero hours could have done work but just haven't documented it yet."

"I am optimistic everyone is going to graduate."

Students need to have 30 hours before the end of their junior year to be considered a senior, Ansley said.

As the service learning coordinator, Ansley is working with an advisory committee composed of staff and students to help the students get their hours.

Some projects students are currently working with include tutoring at Seawell Elementary, Carrboro Elementary and McDougle Middle schools, working at the AIDS House in Carrboro, working with senior citizens and volunteering with the parks department.

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Democrats divide districts to meet deadline

BY JONATHAN COX
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Faced with a U.S. Supreme Court-mandated April 1 deadline, state senators introduced a new redistricting proposal Thursday to combat a five-year battle about congressional districts.

The old plan, plagued with numerous problems, was addressed by the majority Democratic N.C. Senate. Under the old plan, 46 counties were divided by district lines, 95 precincts were split and 6 counties were in three congressional

districts. The new proposal divides 24 counties, splits 2 precincts and divides no county into more than 2 districts.

The plan adopted fair representation for minorities and logical district lines as its goals. However, its introduction met with concerns of partisanship.

"Even in this era of bipartisanship and cooperation, nothing is more partisan than redistricting," said Sen. Patrick Ballantine, R-New Hanover. "I feel the plan is more favorable to the Democrats."

Sen. Ellie Kinnaird, D-Orange, said

lawmakers should understand partisanship as part of politics. "That's the name of the game," she said.

Rep. Ed McMahan, R-Mecklenburg, author of the House version of the redistricting bill, said he was generally pleased with the Senate's version and that partisanship concerns would balance themselves.

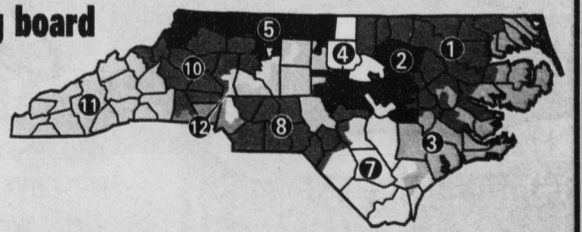
"This plan is a good starting point," he said.

"We are going to take this plan and factor it into what we are doing."

"There are some areas where

Back to the drawing board

The redistricting plan introduced Thursday by the N.C. Senate sparked concern about partisanship and minority representation. The House and Senate must agree on a compromise bill by April 1.



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(Democrats) have strengthened themselves, but the idea is that we will pick pockets to give us some strength."

The need for redistricting came after

a 1992 Justice Department ruling that accused N.C. lawmakers of gerrymandering to create districts with large minority populations.

At the heart of the battle was the 12th District, which stretched along Interstate

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The flush toilet is the basis of Western civilization.

Alan Coult