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N.C. welfare issue settled; budget deal expected soon

Legislators say a budget compromise should be made by Friday's session.

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N.C. legislators cleared the last hurdle to passing the state budget — and a tuition increase for University students — on Tuesday when they struck a deal on welfare reform.

No more than 15.5 percent of the state's welfare caseload, or 13,000 families, will be part of pilot welfare reform projects in certain counties. The com-

promise did not determine which counties will start pilot programs.

"I think it's fair," said Rep. Jerry Dockham, R-Davidson. "This is a pilot program and if it works it will expand."

Now that welfare has been settled, legislators probably will review the entire budget agreement before voting on it sometime this week. "We have been assured that we will have a budget very soon," said Rep. Ruth Easterling, D-Mecklenburg.

The main issue that prolonged the welfare debate was the number of counties to develop their own pilot programs.

Initially, the House wanted all 100 counties to implement individual welfare programs.

But the Senate's position maintained that counties should remain under Gov. Jim Hunt's Work First Program, said Julia White, director of communications for the Senate.

"Not every county wanted (the House bill) because some were worried about creating 100 different bureaucracies," she said.

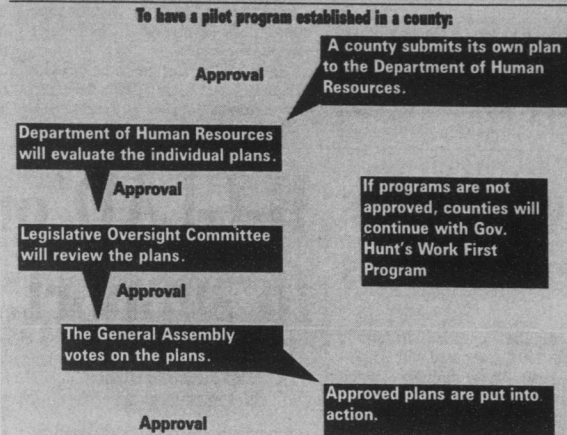
After lengthy negotiations, both bodies settled for a compromise. "There is not going to be a cap on the number of counties that can participate in the pilot program," Dockham said.

"Instead, 15.5 percent of the state's caseload will be eligible, which means

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The ways of welfare

The N.C. General Assembly released its welfare compromise Tuesday. It included the steps a county must follow to develop its own welfare program.



SOURCE: SEN. HOWARD LEE, D-ORANGE

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NCPA wants to intervene in court case

The press association wants to know the identity of an anonymous plaintiff.

BY LAURA GODWIN
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The N.C. Press Association plans to file a motion to intervene in hopes that the identity of a mysterious plaintiff, in a case challenging Chapel Hill's domestic partners ordinance, will be revealed.

Area member papers of the NCPA, including The Daily Tar Heel, plan to file the motion in the case of *Publius Heterodoxus v. Town of Chapel Hill*.

The motion should be filed by the end of the week, NCPA attorney Hugh Stevens said. He said the association often intervenes in court closure cases, regardless of the case subjects. "Our sole purpose in intervening is to ask the court to reconsider their decision that the plaintiff can proceed anonymously," he said. "We take no position on the merits of the case."

Stevens said keeping *Heterodoxus'* identity a secret prevents the judicial process from being truly open.

The case was filed by the Chapel Hill resident challenging the town's domestic partners ordinance. The ordinance extends health benefits to partners of town employees.

Jack Daly, executive director of the N.C. Fund for Individual Rights, the group representing *Heterodoxus*, said she wanted her identity concealed because she feared retribution by what Daly described as "militant" homosexuals. "All manner of horrible things might happen to her," said Daly, who is a third-year law student at UNC. "Publius does not want her 2-year-old child to be playing in the lawn and — low and behold — there is an HIV-infected hypodermic needle."

Daly said the name of the plaintiff had no bearing on the merits of the case.

Chapel Hill Town Attorney Ralph Karpinos said he and other town attorneys brought the case to the attention of the NCPA. "We thought the press association might have an interest that they can articulate that was separate and apart from whatever interest the town of Chapel Hill was able to present."



N.C. Fund for Individual Rights Director JACK DALY said the plaintiff's identity had no bearing on the case.

87 students still waiting for housing

Housing officials say the situation should end after approximately six weeks.

BY KENNY MCGEE
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Ten days after freshmen move-in, 87 students still live in temporary housing, and University officials say it could be October before all the students are placed in permanent homes.

Although the Department of University Housing has found homes for more than 100 students since move-in, officials say the process will slow down because fewer students withdraw from school after the first week.

"There were about 80 no-shows or cancellations the first day, which helped a lot," said Rebecca Casey, assistant director of the Department of University Housing.

"We expect that withdrawals due to financial problems, discipline and so forth will create the needed rooms for the rest of the students in approximately six weeks."

Eddie Lewis, a freshman from Durham who spent his first college days living in a lounge in Grimes Residence Hall, received his housing assignment Monday.

"I didn't like the fact that all I could bring was linens and clothes," Lewis said. "Along with the lack of privacy

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Report: UNC needs more intellectual life

BY SHARIF DURHAMS
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Several classes at UNC ask students to define difficult concepts in classes ranging from philosophy to biochemistry.

But a task force of students, faculty and staff spent the past year on one of the toughest assignments: define what could make UNC students more intellectual.

The students and faculty had to decide how to encourage students to have more intellectual conversations and experiences both in and out of class.

The Chancellor's Task Force on

Intellectual Climate gave 71 pages of suggestions to Chancellor Michael Hooker on Monday that explained how to improve several aspects of University life — ranging from adding more outdoor seats for students to talk to professors to creating a clearing-



Chancellor MICHAEL HOOKER said he would take a year before trying to implement the major proposals.

house of information about intellectual events on campus.

But task force members agreed that giving freshmen a stimulating intellectual experience was the most effective way to make students more intellectual, said Pamela Conover, task force chairwoman.

"Change will fail if students are not involved," she said. "The best way to reach them is when they first get here."

The task force suggested immersing freshmen in a more intellectual environment even before their first day on campus through a first-year initiative.

Entering students would read works by Shakespeare or books like "Heart of Darkness" and discuss them at C-TOPS.

The students would have at least one small class where they learned critical thinking and communication skills.

During a proposed, three-year pilot program, a small group of freshmen would live on five floors of Hinton James Residence Hall that would be converted into a learning center, containing blackboards and pianos in each lounge and Internet connections in each room.

The task force estimated the first-year initiative would cost \$100,000 for renovations to Hinton James and more than \$320,000 annually.

Conover said some of the proposals could be phased in over time, but the first-year initiative would work only if the suggestions are implemented together.

"The program we're proposing is not something that can be broken into pieces," she said. "A first-year experience is an all-or-nothing sort of thing."

The report also states that research universities like UNC should know how to get students involved in more interac-

tive learning, but professors consider it too much of a drain on resources and have had little exposure to it.

To fix these problems, the task force recommended involving undergraduate students in research to improve classrooms so that professors can make their classes more interactive.

The task force proposed spending \$275,000 annually for UNC Academy of Distinguished Teaching Scholars, which would evaluate teaching at the University and suggest improvements.

Seminars for professors to learn to use active learning techniques could cost \$25,000.

The task force also tried to figure out how to get students thinking intellectually outside of class.

According to the report, students have problems connecting to intellectual events outside of the classroom because of time constraints, and problems communicating with professors.

Task force members want to encourage students to participate in groups and events that already try to improve intelligent discussion, the report states.

Members suggested making the advising system more personal, creating more eating places like The Daily Grind, and developing more courses that take students out of class.

Student government has already started looking at changing advising, and members said they would study the report to see if they should help more.

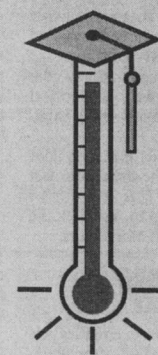
"They're talking about serious goals and visions for the future," said Student Body Vice President Chris Yates, who will study the report.

Hooker received the report on Monday and said the amount of work

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Make a first impression

Members of the Chancellor's Task Force on Intellectual Climate stated in their report that giving freshmen a quality educational experience was the most important way to improve the University's intellectual climate. They suggested several changes.



1. Start a summer reading project that would require entering freshmen to read a book or play that they would discuss during C-TOPS.
2. Provide seminar programs limited to 20 students to help students develop critical thinking, speaking and research skills.
3. Designate five residential floors in Hinton James Residence Hall for first-year students.
4. Evaluate the first-year initiative twice a year.
5. Consider excluding freshmen from participating in Interfraternity Council Greek rush.

SOURCE: THE CHANCELLOR'S TASK FORCE ON INTELLECTUAL CLIMATE

DTH/ CHRISTIAN HELMS

Local rape crisis center aids in victims' recovery

BY STACEY TURNAGE
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Women between the ages of 16 and 24 are three times more likely to be raped than women in any other age group. Every 12 seconds a woman is beaten in the United States.

But a local agency is working to help women recover after violent crimes.

The Orange County Rape Crisis Center offers three main services to help rape and sexual assault victims.

Karen Oneal, support group coordinator, said the center had support groups, community education and companion services. "Even though there are three different basic services offered by the center, they all work together to reach a common goal," she said.

Oneal said the center will initiate in September three new support groups, which will meet for eight weeks.

One group will be for rape victims, one for adult sexual assault victims and one for partners of people who have been sexually assaulted, she said. "The group facilitators tailor-make the support group to match the members' needs," Oneal said.

She said that before victims enter the

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KAREN ONEAL
Support group coordinator

group, they have an individual interview with two facilitators to give them an idea of the victims' experiences.

Facilitators are volunteers who must undergo at least 70 hours of training in subjects ranging from listening skills to group dynamics and role-playing. "Our facilitators are well-trained and experienced in working with people who have been sexually assaulted," she said.

"We want to provide a safe place for people to come and talk about their sexual assault experiences with other people who have been through the same situation."

Oneal said the most important goal of the support groups was to make the

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GET DOWN, GET DOWN



Students received a taste of rhythm and blues Tuesday afternoon when Triangle radio station K97.5 visited the Student Union.

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INSIDE

Wednesday

A room to call one's own

Students use creativity to give cramped dorm rooms a home-like atmosphere. Page 5

Today's weather

Partly cloudy, upper 80s
Thursday: Cloudy, upper 80s.

The time is right

Come on down to Suite 104 of the Student Union. The Daily Tar Heel is a great way to make an impact in the UNC community. Apply to become a DTH staffer. The DTH is accepting applications for writers, photographers and designers until Friday at 5 p.m.

The names of new staff members will be posted by Tuesday morning. If you have any questions, call editor Erica Beshears at 962-0245.

A government that is big enough to give you all you want is big enough to take it all away.

Barry Goldwater