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# Easley Declares Fiscal Emergency, Increases Cuts



Gov. Mike Easley answers questions about the budget and how the reversions might affect state programs at a press conference Tuesday.

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RALEIGH — For the second time during his year-old administration, Gov. Mike Easley has declared a state of fiscal emergency to contend with the state's budget problems.

Easley announced Tuesday that state revenue projections could fall more than \$900 million below expectations for the 2001-02 fiscal year, which ends June 30.

To deal with the budget crisis, Easley took a variety of actions Tuesday that would set aside \$1.17 billion in funding, including requiring an additional 3 percent budget reversion for most state agencies.

The additional budget reversions come on top of 4 percent reversions that Easley ordered in October, when it first became apparent that state revenues would not meet expectations.

Educational agencies — such as the

N.C. Department of Public Instruction, community colleges and the UNC system — are exempt from the 7 percent budget reversion.

Instead Easley said his office has worked with each of these agencies individually to determine the appropriate magnitude for individual budget cuts.

"We're going to do everything humanly possible that there are no cuts in the classroom," he said.

In November, Easley ordered a 2.7 percent budget reversion for the UNC system, a total of about \$43 million.

This week UNC-system officials learned that they will have to turn over an additional \$21 million to the state.

All told, state agencies will revert \$356 million in funding this fiscal year.

Easley also pulled funding from various trust funds and reserve accounts, including the state's Repair and Renovation Reserve Fund.

About \$51 million of the \$112 million

taken from the repair and renovation fund was slated to be used for various construction projects within the UNC system.

Easley also will withhold more than \$200 million in funding to local governments.

The freeze on all state travel, purchasing and hiring that has been in place since last fall will also remain in place.

Easley said the state's fiscal troubles are largely the result of the poor state and national economy.

Easley said revenue collections are down 3 percent from the last fiscal year.

This is the first time there has been negative revenue growth since the state started keeping such statistics about 30 years ago.

"We've never had no growth," Easley said. "We've always had some positive growth in this state."

The governor also squelched rumors

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## System May Need to Give Up Millions

By LUCAS FENSKE  
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UNC-system administrators estimated Tuesday that the system will lose more than \$110 million in funding this year, the state's worst fiscal year since the Great Depression.

Plans announced Tuesday by Gov. Mike Easley to deal with a \$900 million state budget shortfall prompted the estimates.

UNC-Chapel Hill's share of the cuts could reach more than \$15 million.

Easley announced Tuesday he would cut funds to most state agencies by an additional 3 percent — on top of a 4 percent reversion in October. But the governor exempted education agencies from the 3 percent cut, instead requesting that the UNC system return an additional \$21.1 million, a budget cut of about 1.5 percent.

"We've asked them to come forward with a significant amount of funds that they contribute without harming classroom instruction," Easley said. "The universities and community colleges have done their part."

In October, UNC-system officials reverted 2.7 percent of their budget, about \$43 million, to the state because of dismal revenue projections. In addition to the \$21.1 million cut, Easley made the October reversion an official cut.

As a result, the UNC system will lose a total of \$64 million from this year's operating budget and \$51 million slated to fund construction.

Jeff Davies, UNC-system vice president of finance, said system officials hope to decide by today how to distribute the \$21.1 million cut among the 16 campuses, basing their decision partly on overall state funding.

If budget cuts are allotted proportionately, UNC-CH's share would be about \$5 million, bringing UNC-CH's total budget cut for the fiscal year to more than \$15 million.

Davies said every effort would be made to shield instruction from cuts. "The plan is to continue to try to protect classroom instruction," he said. "It's difficult to revert money at this point in the year."

Based on the October budget reversion, the University likely will have to

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## SBP Candidates Explain Goals for UNC Curriculum

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Next year's student body president will have a unique chance to influence UNC's General College curriculum, which is under review for the first time in 20 years.

Laurie McNeil, a physics professor and chairwoman of the curriculum review steering committee, said several subcommittees are making recommendations to the steering committee.

"We're advancing quite rapidly," McNeil said of the review process, which began in fall 2000.

The steering committee will compile a final list of recommendations this semester, which will be voted on by the Faculty Council in the fall. If any changes to the curriculum are approved, they will probably affect the incoming freshman class of 2004, McNeil said.

While next year's student body president will not have a vote on the issue, McNeil said the Faculty Council would welcome student leaders' input.

But the kind of input the faculty receives on the curriculum could vary

greatly depending on which student body president candidate is elected.

Write-in candidate Correy Campbell said he would strive to make sure each student has a good understanding of each class and what the professor expects of them.

Although Campbell said he thinks too few classes are offered to fill the perspective requirements, perspectives are still a valuable part of the curriculum.

"A liberal education opens up your mind to the entire world," he said. "You can sample from each plate and better decide where you want to go and what you want to do."

Write-in candidate Nathan Katzin said he thinks a student body president can only be effective on a limited number of issues, so he would focus on progressive energy reform rather than curriculum review. "I would get the runner-up and everyone else who has been campaigning to deal with issues like that," Katzin said.

Candidate Will McKinney said that if he is elected, he will encourage the committee to modernize the curriculum.

"They need to root out those courses that haven't been taught since our parents were here," he said, claiming that there are courses listed in the directory of classes that have not been taught in years.

McKinney said there should be many classes that fulfill each perspective. "I want to be sure there's a large degree of freedom for students," he said.

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Stephen Quint, applied sciences adviser and professor, advises Morehead Scholar Amorn Wongsarnpigoon about class options. Future students could be affected by changes in the General College curriculum.

## TPAC Forums Detail Parking Possibilities

By NIKKI WERKING  
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The Transportation and Parking Advisory Committee sponsored three forums Tuesday aimed at allowing students, staff and faculty to voice their opinions on transit issues, including a proposed night parking fee.

More than 100 people, about half of whom were employees of the Division of Facilities Services, attended a 10 a.m. forum in the Tate-Turner-Kuralt Auditorium in the School of Social Work. About 75 students participated in a 2 p.m. forum at the School of Medicine.

The third meeting, held at 5 p.m. in the Student Union, drew about 40 students. At each of the forums, TPAC Chairman Bob Knight presented background information about parking on campus along with figures detailing estimated future transportation expenditures totaling \$2 million.

Knight also discussed revenue options that TPAC is considering, such

as charging \$363 each for North Campus night parking permits and leaving parking at the Bell Tower and S11 lots unregulated. If such a policy is adopted, Knight said free shuttles would likely run to the unregulated lots.

But Carolyn Elfland, associate vice chancellor for campus service, stressed that there is no definite plan yet. "\$363 is nothing but what a day permit costs now," she said. "It was strictly put on the table as a starting point for discussion. The chances of actually charging that amount is almost zero."

Student Body Vice President Rudy Kleysteuber provided student perspective on the night parking issue. He presented a student proposal that would charge \$10 for a night parking sticker but would not necessarily guarantee a parking space. He also suggested pricing the potential permits on a sliding scale based on salary for staff and faculty and need-based aid for students.

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## IFC Hosts SBP Forum on Greek Issues, Endorses Mason

By JEFF SILVER  
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The Interfraternity Council endorsed student body president candidate Bennett Mason on Tuesday following the council's first-ever student elections forum.

The forum allowed candidates to share parts of their platforms that relate to the Greek community with IFC members. The IFC represents 20 UNC fraternities.

Write-in candidates Correy Campbell and Charlie Trakas did not attend.

Candidate Jen Daum said reinstating a student advisory committee to the UNC Board of Trustees would be beneficial to all students. She said the committee would include representation from the Greek community. Daum also said she would place a student government representative on the chancellor's Greek Advisory Committee.

Daum said she would work on improving the on-campus image of fraternities. "I think it's terrible that Greeks raise \$50,000 and all we hear about is potential hazings."

Write-in candidate Nathan Katzin said he would hope for fraternity support in his push to make the United States less dependent on foreign oil. Katzin also stressed that student government should be active in stopping global warming. "It's time to distinguish ourselves as a university," Katzin said.

Candidate Fred Hashagen said he will not focus on issues specific to fraternities but instead hopes his platform generally addresses their concerns. He also told the audience that he has been the most successful of all the candidates in getting things accomplished at UNC and said he would be willing to risk his popularity if necessary. "I'm willing to be disliked to get the job done," Hashagen said.

Candidate Bennett Mason, a member of Sigma Nu fraternity, said he could best represent the Greek community because he is the only candidate who is a member of the Greek system.

Mason said he believes a strong Greek community is important for UNC and said administrators should help fraternities overcome their bad reputations. "There should not be a negative cloud hanging over the Greeks," Mason said.

Candidate Will McKinney praised the



Candidates Fred Hashagen (left), Brad Overcash, Bennett Mason, Will McKinney, Jen Daum and Nathan Katzin field questions at the IFC forum.

IFC for its members' involvement in fundraising efforts like Derby Days and Dance Marathon. He said this theme should carry over to the entire University by requiring public service for graduation.

McKinney also said he respects the Greek system for creating leaders, nam-

ing several state politicians who were members of fraternities or sororities. "I appreciate the fact that the Greek system encourages leadership," McKinney said.

Candidate Brad Overcash also said

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None of us really understands what's going on with all these numbers.

David Stockman