

Officials Worry About Financial Aid

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Staff Writer

Even though President Bush's budget proposal for the 2002-03 fiscal year would boost education spending, N.C. higher-education officials are worried the proposal would not leave adequate funds for financial aid.

According to a press release from the U.S. Department of Education, North Carolina would receive \$1.1 billion under the Bush proposal — a \$51 million increase.

The press release also stated that the nationwide Pell Grant program will receive \$549 million more, a 5.3 percent increase.

The press release predicted that N.C. students will receive a total of about \$255 million in Pell Grant funding.

Roger Murphy, a spokesman for the Education Department, said education funding is increasing across the board, partly in response to increased demand.

"Requests for direct student loans are going up," Murphy said, adding that he has not heard any complaints about Bush's proposed budget.

But Steve Brooks, executive director of the N.C. State Education Assistance Authority, said Bush's economic plan would hurt the neediest people in the state by not funding a need-based aid program.

The Leadership, Education and Athletics in Partnership program provides matching funds for every dollar states allot to need-based aid.

"I think the proposal to zero out the LEAP program will cost about \$8 million to the neediest in state," Brooks said.

Shirley Ort, UNC's director of scholarships and student aid, said she is also concerned about the status of the LEAP program. "The LEAP program is set out as incentives to the states," Ort said. "Their funding would be a serious blow to most states if it was rescinded."

Ort said Bush's budget is otherwise normal. "Essentially it's a status-quo budget,

so I am probably in the minority of folks who would be satisfied with it," she said. "If we can hold the line without cutbacks at the federal level and maintain the gains that we picked, we'll be in good shape."

Ort said the fact that the proposal would also increase the maximum Pell Grant allowance to \$4,000 is hopeful. "The maximum Pell Grant went up by \$250, and that was a significant increase."

Brooks said the rest of Bush's proposed education budget is a general increase. "The others are just flat funding little increases," he said.

Ort said the finalized budget might show more of an increase in funding as spending priorities are better identified.

"This is just the first budget of many to follow," she said. "This is just the first of many people showing their budget, so we'll have lots of points where people can change things before the 2003 fiscal year."

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he said. "I see a public-private opportunity for improving the cityscape here."

The most hotly debated topic at the work session was parking. Downtown plans could eliminate Parking Lot No. 5, popular among students and shoppers, replacing it with a mixture of commercial and residential structures to complete the wall of two-story buildings on East and West Franklin streets.

Batchelor stressed that no net loss of parking spaces would be acceptable for Chapel Hill, citing underground parking as an option. He also said parking tensions could be eased if UNC provided ample space for student vehicles. The suggestion was met with obvious approval from many audience members. "Seventy-five percent of any urban land area is parking, and so it was no surprise that it was going to be a focus of today's talks," he said.

Ideas generated during the day's discussions eventually will be presented to the Chapel Hill Town Council. Waldon

said, "I think we are absolutely ready to take the next step."

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buses because it recently replaced all of its buses. "We recently replaced 14 of our 1990 (model) buses and expanded the fleet by 13, but 10 are still on the assembly line," she said. "That should hold us for a while."

Foy said there is still uncertainty about the impact the cuts will have on municipal services. "The consequence of the government actions is taking money from public services," Foy said. "And it may end up affecting the purchase of new buses because some things have to go."

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trustees because some BOG members are prone to swing voting. "I emphasize that this is a winnable battle," he said.

James Haltom, ASG vice president of public affairs, said students must realize their presence will have an impact on the BOG's decision. "The final say is the BOG," he said. "There's still time for tuition not to be raised."

The ASG also passed a resolution to increase student fees at each UNC-system school by one dollar to help fund the ASG. The resolution passed almost unanimously, with one dissenting vote. It will be voted on by the BOG in March.

Payne said he expects the BOG to pass the resolution without opposition. "There hasn't been any harsh criticism," he said. "The board views it as if the students want it, then they should have it."

Payne also urged everyone to make a commitment to the "Keep N.C. Educated" campaign and to encourage their student bodies to do the same.

"I think oftentimes as students, we feel we can't (change things)," he said. "Just by talking to people, laying out the facts, we show we aren't just students who are whining about tuition."

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the remaining 60 counties can be split as well. "The (N.C.) Constitution clearly says that they cannot, so you have a standoff between the Voting Rights Act and the Constitution," he said.

Rep. Joe Hackney, D-Orange, said the judge's decision, which applies the N.C. constitutional provision to only some of the state's counties, is flawed and will be appealed soon.

"(The Democrats) think that the chances for a reversal are good," Hackney said. "Having rules that apply in 60 counties but not in the other 40 doesn't seem to be logical."

He said the appeal process likely will last a year but that the election season will not be delayed.

Election season kicks into high gear today when candidates can begin filing for races. Primaries are scheduled for May 7.

But Republican legislators said they will ask Wednesday for an injunction to stop elections in unconstitutional districts.

Rep. Larry Justus, R-Henderson, said Republicans will use the Wednesday hearing to clarify the judge's ruling that the districts are unconstitutional. "If they are (unconstitutional), why should we have to run in them?" Justus said.

But Hackney said he doubts the judge will alter his decision, especially if it means delaying the primaries. "The judge has indicated that he won't interfere with having an election with the districts as they are now."

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'Shutterbabe' Author Recounts Adventures

Photojournalist and author **Deborah Kogan** spoke Thursday about her travels and dangers she has faced.

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With her petite form mostly hidden by a podium, author and photojournalist Deborah Kogan challenged her audience with images and words about war, adventure and change.

At the Bull's Head Bookshop in Student Stores on Thursday, Kogan spoke about her experiences as a woman, a photojournalist, a writer and a mother. Reading excerpts and showing slides from her debut book "Shutterbabe: Adventures in Love and War," she told a tale of both caution and inspiration.

Kogan addressed both the sexual and the professional as parts of an ongoing battle. She initially focused, with the aid of her book and her slides, on the conflict in Afghanistan.

"I keep thinking of all the pictures of Afghans right now that aren't getting

into magazines," Kogan said while presenting slides. Behind her loomed a color photograph of a prostrate man, his head a mess of blood, during the 1991 coup in Moscow.

On her current three-week tour, Kogan has been reading about her 1989 sojourn as a photojournalist covering Afghan soldier and from her post-Sept. 11 afterward to "Shutterbabe." She has also been showing slides of a trip that she and her son took to Pakistan last November, where they brought money, supplies, food and toys to children in the Peshwar refugee camps.

"We need to be better informed about other countries and cultures," Kogan said.

The well-traveled former photojournalist recounted stories of junkies in Zurich, Switzerland, orphans in Romania and rhino poachers in Zimbabwe. She also explained early slides of strip clubs and some close-up photos from her senior thesis at Harvard University, where she used her photography to turn the tables on the men who continually approached her.

"Being a woman in daily life is much like being at war sometimes," Kogan

said, speaking as the victim of multiple attacks, ranging from mugging to date rape.

"Every single attack that I experienced made me realize that I must be like this poodle walking around with a 'kick-me' sign," Kogan said. "Life became dangerous a priori."

Kogan read excerpts about her struggles as a photographer and a woman with wearing a burka while on the road with Afghan soldiers. Talking openly about her encounters with men, both as lovers and aggressors, Kogan asserted her feminism and her independence.

In a multilayered presentation, Kogan focused on the challenges of life and adventure. Through her words from the past and her thoughts about the present, Kogan demonstrated the dynamic, fragile and ever-changing nature of her life and experiences, from aspiring photographer to writer and mother of two.

"I'm the sort of person who needs to be doing something new all the time," Kogan said. "So, I don't know, maybe next I'll become a vet."

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Applications for the seven at-large positions on the DTH Editor Selection Board are available at the DTH Office and the Carolina Union info desk kiosk.

Applicants must be available for an orientation meeting from 5-6pm Wednesday, March 20 and from approximately 8:30am-4pm Saturday, March 23 to conduct interviews and make the selection.

All students may apply for at-large positions except current DTH news staff members. If you have any questions about the process, please contact Kathleen Hunter (962-4086, krhunter@email.unc.edu) or Janet Gallagher-Cassel (962-0520, jgcassel@email.unc.edu).

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