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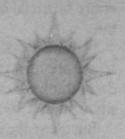
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# Student Congress Allocates Funds, Keeps Budget Tight

By MEREDITH NICHOLSON  
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Members of Student Congress tightened next year's student activity fee allocations for several groups this weekend to balance the group's budget, ending up with a surplus of \$1,111.76.

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For a full listing of Student Congress' appropriations, go to [www.dailytarheel.com](http://www.dailytarheel.com).

Individual allocations were smaller this year than last because there was an increase in student groups requesting funding and a decrease in available funds, said Speaker

Mark Townsend. Congress had \$195,000 to allocate.

Townsend said less funds were available because part of the funds that normally would be intended for next year will have to pay off the debt from this year's Congress. The debt is a result of last year's Congress overestimating available funds for this year and thus overbudgeting student activity funds.

Finance Committee Chairman Tony Larson said Congress cut religious groups' programming requests by about two-thirds because Title V of the Student Code prevents Congress from allocating student funds to spiritual exercises.

"We want to fund cultural and educational programs but not worship," he said.

Larson said groups can approach Congress for additional funds if they have plans for programs not related to worship.

Student publications' budget requests also were cut in half across the board. Larson said publications should try to raise money on their own but that if they cannot, they can ask for additional funding in the future. "We don't want to shut anyone down, but we can't fund them all fully and still be fair to other groups," he said.

Larson said funds were cut across the board to prevent Congress from having to make value judgements about the

publications. "There are a lot of student publications out there," Larson said. "We don't want to get into censorship or making editorial decisions."

The Black Student Movement received the largest allocation from Congress — 6 percent of the total budget. But some BSM members said they were upset because the group received \$11,893.40 this year, down from \$14,066 last year.

Larson said it is not unusual for a group to receive less funding this year. "When you look at the budget, not too many groups got more money, or even the same amount of money as last year." Congress members also tried to lower

the total budget by cutting requests for speaker fees when groups did not have firm plans for speakers or dates, Larson said. He said groups can approach Congress for added funds when they have more concrete plans.

He said Congress used this tactic last year and that a number of groups asked for — and received — additional funding. Larson said there is no guarantee that groups will receive subsequent funding but that he anticipates Congress will have an additional \$15,000 to \$20,000 to hand out each semester next year.

Groups that requested money but did not attend budget weekend must appear

before full Congress at its two remaining meetings this year or they will not receive funding, Townsend said.

Larson also said that even if Congress had the money to fully fund all requests, it would not necessarily be a good idea to do so. He explained that some groups would not be able to use all the money and that it eventually would be reverted to Congress anyway. "We don't ever lose money if we don't give it out," he said. "Groups can always request money later when they have more detailed proposals."

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## Blue Talk To Address Campaign

The state representative from Wake County will try to garner support for his race for a U.S. Senate seat.

By SARA LONGENECKER  
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Dan Blue, who is running for the Democratic nomination for the U.S. Senate, will address students about education and his campaign at 8 p.m. today in 103 Bingham Hall.

The Young Democrats, who are hosting the event, also will hold an information session for students interested in applying for internships with Blue's campaign at 7:30 p.m. in the same room.

Blue has served in the N.C. General Assembly as a representative from Wake County for almost 22 years and is a former N.C. House Speaker.

Blue is widely considered to be one of the leading candidates for the Democratic nomination along with former Clinton White House Chief of Staff Erskine Bowles and N.C. Secretary of State Elaine Marshall.

The Democratic primary is slated for May 7, but court challenges to the constitutionality of North Carolina's new legislative districts might push back the event.

Because the race could determine which party gains control of the Senate, some political pundits expect the race to be one of the most intense in the nation.

Cecil Cahoon, Blue's press secretary, said he thinks Blue will use his speech to build student support for his campaign.

"I expect he will probably talk about his position on health care, education, the economy and jobs," Cahoon said.

He said Blue also will stress the importance of student involvement in the campaign.

Cahoon said Blue has grassroots support organizations all over the state and will probably use his speech to organize student supporters.

Susan Navarro, co-president of the Young Democrats, said she expects Blue to address a proposed tobacco buyout plan, higher education and the Senate race.

Navarro said the Young Democrats are hoping to bring in all of the Democrat candidates for the Senate by sometime in April.

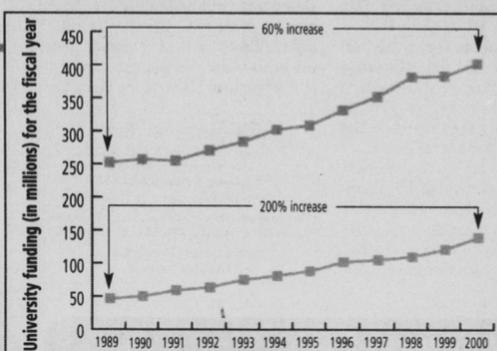
Cynthia Brown, a former Durham City Council member who is also a Democratic candidate, already spoke to the Young Democrats on Feb. 18.

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## State Appropriations



As the state's economy continues to falter, state leaders are exploring how to strike a balance between funding from state appropriations and tuition. Both sources of revenue have increased in the last decade, but tuition has increased at a faster rate.



## Tuition

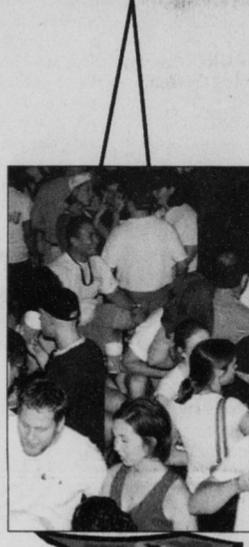


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## Officials Try to Balance Fees, Funds

By MICHAEL DAVIS  
Staff Writer

N.C. policymakers have a long tradition of touting the value of a UNC-Chapel Hill diploma and the benefits the University brings to the state.

But determining who pays for higher education — taxpayers or students — has in recent years become an issue of contention.

With significant jumps in enrollment projected for the next decade, human and physical capital at UNC-system schools are being stretched to the limit even as the state's fiscal situation continues to slide downhill.

In the most recent development in a series of state fiscal woes, Gov. Mike Easley announced last month a \$900 million budget shortfall for the 2001-02 fiscal year.

Easley asked most government agencies to revert 3 percent of their funds to the state. In an attempt to spare education sectors, Easley asked that the UNC system return an additional \$21 million — a cut of only 1.3 percent.

But the recent budget cuts bring the total amount of cuts made to the UNC system this fiscal year to \$112 million, prompting university administrators to look elsewhere for funding. One source of that additional funding is

tuition.

Over the past decade, state appropriations and tuition revenues have both increased.

But revenues from tuition for UNC-Chapel Hill have risen at a much higher rate than state appropriations.

Since 1990, state appropriations for UNC-CH have increased from \$252 million to \$402 million, about a 60 percent increase.

But during the same period, revenues from tuition at UNC-CH climbed from \$46 million to \$139 million, about a 200 percent increase.

Similarly, tuition and fees for individual See GENERAL ASSEMBLY, Page 2

## Group Dissects College Athletics

By BROOK CORWIN  
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Speakers and panelists worked to make a case that conflicts can exist between intercollegiate athletics and the mission of higher education Saturday in a conference held in Graham Memorial.

The conference was the first in a series sponsored by the James M. Johnston Center for Undergraduate Excellence and directed by a committee of undergraduates representing academic scholarship programs at UNC-Chapel Hill.

Speakers at the conference focused on the economic aspect of intercollegiate athletics, describing increased university spending on athletic facilities as an arms race that puts growing pressure on teams to win at all costs.

"It's one thing to have added seats, but the only way that investment begins to pay off is if the team wins," said Andrew Zimbalist, an author and an economics professor at Smith College in Massachusetts and the conference's keynote speaker. "The drive to win gets stronger and stronger."

Members of the Knight Foundation Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics, a group formed a decade ago to study college athletics and their effects on higher education, said rising costs of coaches' salaries and capital improvements have driven many athletic programs into debt.

"The perception is that there's still this bottomless pit of money waiting to be allocated out," said Doug Dibbert, president of the General Alumni Association and a member of the Knight Commission. "But there are very few institutions that are operating in the black."

Other members of the panel, included UNC-CH administrators, faculty and student athletes, spoke in favor of UNC-CH's efforts to maintain the integrity of the University's athletic program through cooperation between the Department of Athletics and other departments.

"When we as a department find we have needs, we look internally," said UNC-CH Director of Athletics Dick Baddour. "We see these joint relationships as keeping us in balance."

But Judy White, UNC-CH professor of allied health sciences, said she was

concerned about the increased pressure and time constraints placed on student athletes, which she said often limits their academic choices, such as their major.

"I'm very concerned with the experience student athletes have on campus," White said. "They shouldn't be penalized by the pressure to win."

Zimbalist said that in order to protect student athletes' ability to be students rather than members of a business, a broad series of changes must be made.

"If you introduce small reforms piecemeal, they will be absorbed by the commercial juggernaut," he said. "You need to develop major reforms all at once."

Bill Friday, former UNC-system president and a founding member of the Knight Commission, said he is optimistic reforms will be made to intercollegiate athletics. "There may be some bloodshed first, but (reform is) going to happen," Friday said. "It's going to happen because this system tears at the fabric of our universities."

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## MILK: IT DOES A BODY GOOD



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Junior Justin Rodermond spews milk into a trash can in the Pit on Friday afternoon. Members of Chapel Hill Players and their fans were attempting to drink a gallon of whole milk in less than an hour.

The one thing that stands out about any state and its future ... is its education system.

Bill Friday