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UNC-CH students have increased by 165 percent over the same time period. N.C. Sen. Howard Lee, D-Orange, co-chairman of the the Senate Appropriations Committee, said students should not be responsible for the entire financial burden of higher education.

"I think it would be a terrible mistake to simply turn to tuition," Lee said. "I don't think we can build a great university system ... purely off of tuition."

But given the state's financial crunch, Lee said he does not expect the trend of tuition hikes to end in the next two to three years.

"We're in more serious trouble than we realize even now," Lee said.

Pointing to the \$3.1 billion higher education bond referendum that passed overwhelmingly in 2000, Lee also said taxpayers have already contributed to the well-being of the UNC system and should not have an additional burden placed on them during a poor economic climate.

The bond package - nearly \$500 million of which is allocated to UNC-CH - will fund capital improvements at all 16 UNC-system schools.

But in spite of the rising costs to students, officials say UNC-CH's tuition is still one of the lowest among peer universities nationwide, leaving some room for tuition increases.

UNC-CH is ranked 10th out of its 11

peer national public universities for in-state tuition rates.

UNC-CH Provost Robert Shelton said the university's low comparative tuition rates can be partially attributed to long-term appropriations from the N.C. General Assembly.

Despite cuts made to many state agencies last summer as a result of the state's budget crunch - including a \$48.3 million cut to the UNC system - the General Assembly provided \$40 million to fund enrollment growth across the UNC system.

"I feel that this last year the legislature treated us (well)," Shelton said.

But he said that in the future UNC-CH will be forced to find a balance among various financial resources, including tuition, state appropriations, private gifts and research grants.

"The state is no longer able to cover the cost of education as it has in the past," he said. "We have to find the right mix of resources."

UNC-CH political science Professor Thad Beyle said the economic fluctuations of the past decade - from the prosperity of the mid-1990s to recent lows - have made it difficult for the General Assembly to predict the correct way of managing the state budget.

"It's very hard to try to keep things

on an even keel," Beyle said.

He said funding for Medicaid and preschool programs such as Smart Start has caused the legislature's priorities to gradually shift over the last decade.

In the last 15 years, state appropriations allocated to the UNC system have declined from 17.4 percent to 12.6 percent of the total state budget.

Meanwhile, expenditures for elementary and secondary education have dropped only slightly while Medicaid costs have skyrocketed in recent years.

Former UNC-system President Bill Friday said that tax cuts during the mid-1990s have contributed to the lack of funds for the UNC system.

In the mid-1990s, the General Assembly approved \$364 million in tax cuts. This fiscal year alone, the state lost \$1.4 billion as a

result of the cuts.

"The tragedy of this is that (the budget crisis) is self-inflicted," Friday said.

UNC-CH trustee Richard Stevens said that recent economic stagnation in the private sector and Hurricane Floyd relief appropriations also have contributed to the budget crisis.

But Stevens said that in spite of these problems, North Carolina still ranks highest among peer institutions for per student state appropriations.

The General Assembly appropriated

\$15,543 per student at UNC-CH during the 2000 fiscal year, far more than most peer universities.

The Virginia legislature allocates \$7,166 per student at the University of Virginia, and the Michigan legislature allocates \$9,125 per student at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor.

The only peer schools with comparable appropriation levels are the University of California-Berkeley, the University of California-Los Angeles and the University of Florida.

But UNC-CH also relies more heavily on state appropriations than many of its peers, as 29.5 percent of UNC-CH's budget comes from the state, placing it behind only UC-Berkeley and UF.

Stevens said that increasing fund-raising efforts through projects like the new Carolina First campaign will help create a balance of resources to provide a quality education without placing too much financial burden on students.

But UNC-system Association of Student Governments President Andrew Payne took issue with the notion that tuition increases can be part of a balanced approach to funding the UNC system.

Payne said that every time campuses raise tuition they give the legislature an opportunity to not increase appropriations.

He said "As we increase tuition, the General Assembly feels it doesn't have to fulfill its obligation."

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**Developments in the War on Terrorism**

**U.S. Bombers Strike Afghan Targets**

U.S. bombers pounded al-Qaida and Taliban positions in the eastern mountains of Afghanistan on Sunday after a 1,500-strong coalition ground attack Saturday failed to dislodge the well-armed renegades.



**U.S. Casualties Highlight Dangers of Afghanistan Involvement**

Fresh U.S. combat casualties show the continuing danger five months into the anti-terror campaign in Afghanistan even as the Pentagon prepares to expand it to other countries, the Defense Department said Sunday.

**Daschle Wants Better Information About the War on Terrorism**

Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle said Sunday that he wants President Bush to keep congressional leaders better informed about the war on terrorism and a "shadow government" that has operated outside Washington, D.C. since Sept. 11.

**This Week in Tar Heel History ...**



**12 Years Ago:**

This week in 1990, First Lady Barbara Bush visited UNC and addressed a 250-person audience concerning the role of the family in reducing the illiteracy crisis.

**20 Years Ago:**

This week in 1982, James Taylor, a Chapel Hill native, performed for a sold-out Carmichael Auditorium of 8,000 fans after a 10-year absence from the town.

**46 Years Ago:**

This week in 1956, the Supreme Court upheld a federal court decision to ban segregation after University officials appealed the ruling, claiming that segregation laws do not apply to schools of higher education.

**Campus Calendar**

**Today**

4 p.m. - The Orange County Chapter of the American Red Cross is hosting a blood drive in Craige Residence Hall until 8:30 p.m. Come and donate blood!

7:30 p.m. - The Fellowship of Christian Athletes is back at the old time but in a different location. Come out tonight to the Green Room in Ehringhaus Residence Hall to have a great time and hear a message brought by Marty Baldwin.

7:30 p.m. - The UNC Young Democrats will be holding an informa-

tional session for students interested in working on the campaign for Rep. Dan Blue, D-Wake, in 103 Bingham Hall.

8 p.m. - Students for a Mental Health Alliance and Feminist Students United! invite you to join them in the first-floor lounge of Connor Residence Hall for a discussion on eating disorders. Karen Booth, an assistant professor in the woman's studies department, will facilitate a comfortable discussion where you can talk about how eating disorders affect you and those you care about and learn more about eating disorders and campus resources available.

8 p.m. - The UNC Young Democrats will be hosting Dan Blue, member of the N.C. General Assembly and candidate for the U.S. Senate. Blue will be speaking and taking questions at in 103 Bingham Hall. All are invited.

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**BUDGET SESSION**

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for the new facility," said Kuschatka, citing UNC's role in keeping the Transportation Department financially afloat.

But Chapel Hill Town Manager Cal Horton said the future for the Public Works Department is far from bleak. He said the town already has purchased land for the facility and hopes to get additional land for transportation. "We've acquired a property north of town for the new public works facility, but there is land adjacent to the site that we're still

attempting to purchase for both public works and transportation," he said.

The town will need \$50,000 to \$100,000 next year for surveying and planning on the new site, and Horton said bond money will have to be allocated.

Last fall, town officials hoped to persuade the University to come together with Carrboro and Chapel Hill to find a shared facility, but UNC did not agree.

During the remainder of Friday's meeting, officials discussed seven other town departments, but no action was taken.

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**Delta Zeta's Annual Flapjack Attack Pancake Dinner**

Monday, March 4, 2002

5pm till 8:30pm

at the Delta Zeta House, 420 Hillsborough Street

Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$6 at the door for all-you-can-eat pancakes! Door prizes will be given away!

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**CHOOSE the next DTH Editor**

The Daily Tar Heel is seeking students to serve on the panel that will choose the editor of the DTH for the 2002-2003 school year.

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).

Deadline: **Thursday, March 7th!**

As part of the Carolina Scholars Speaker Series, the Carolina Scholars Diplomacy Committee presents

**Inter-American Diplomacy:**

**The Future of US/Cuba Relations**

**Josefina Vidal**

First Secretary, Cuban Interests Section

Tuesday, March 5, 2002, 7pm  
Toy Lounge in Dey Hall

Josefina Vidal serves Cuba as the First Secretary for Political Affairs in the Cuban Interests Section. Previously she has held the position of Principal Specialist on United States Affairs for the Cuban Ministry of Foreign Affairs, North American Division. Ms. Vidal spent seven years as an analyst at the Cuban Embassy in Paris. She received her degree in International Relations from the Moscow State Institute of International Relations.

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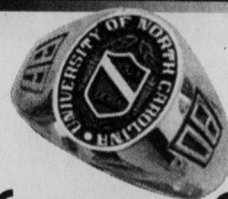
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