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Budget Cuts Plague Public Universities

University of Washington system schools face tough decisions, while University of California schools anticipate future cuts.

By CLEVE R. WOOTSON JR.
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The University of Massachusetts-Amherst cut seven varsity sports. The University of Washington turned thermostats down in the winter. The University of California is considering restructuring its administration. For states facing budget woes because of a slumping economy, higher education could be the first item on the chopping block, and many states, including North Carolina, are searching for new ways to trim the fat.

Although the UNC system has had to slash about \$64 million from its budget this academic year, North Carolina is not alone in having to trim public higher education.

Dick Thompson, director of government relations for the University of Washington-Seattle, said the school will lose about \$23 million this year because of budget cuts. All told, Thompson said the three-campus UW system will lose about \$55 million.

To make up for the cuts, the regents of the UW system approved a tuition increase of up to 16 percent, Thompson said.

He said the university already has used about \$6 million in reserves and that energy costs were cut first. "All the thermometers were put down to 65 degrees," he said.

Thompson speculated that the university will look first to re-engineering - cutting back on administrative costs. He also said the governor of Washington has proposed a hiring freeze.

Thompson said that as the university continues to cut, it will next look to decreasing the amount of state funding in self-supporting

programs that could be paid for by tuition or private donations. Then, Thompson said the university would increase class sizes and - as a last option - would cut academic programs.

"These are presumed to be permanent cuts by the state legislature and the budget office," Thompson said. "No new programs are being offered next year, and the university is still expecting a shortfall."

Thompson said that because other government services are often constitutionally mandated, higher education is often the first to go. "Unfortunately, in our state for higher education, it is the largest discretionary expenditure."

A representative of the UC system said the system has not experienced the detrimental effects of California's budget shortfall, which totals more than \$10 billion for the fiscal year.

"It's a little early for us," said Brad Hayward, spokesman for the UC system. "We're just entering the state budget process. So far we have not seen any student fee increases, and we're not expecting any increases."

Hayward added that the economic success

of the late 1990s helped the UC system stay afloat during California's deficit. "We received some very healthy funding in the late 1990s when the economy was good," he said.

But Hayward and many others in California expect cuts to come in the 2002-03 fiscal year.

Hayward said programs that received additional funding in the past will probably be the first on the chopping block. "Programs that received generous funding in those years might be most able to absorb a reduction," he said.

Ferrel Guillory, director of UNC's Program on Southern Politics, Media and Public Life, said how states shield their institutes of higher education will have a large impact on the future of those states.

Guillory said, "Those states which come out of this recession with the least amount of damage to their schools are going to have a competitive advantage."

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UNC's Morrison To Transfer After Spring Semester

North Carolina guard Brian Morrison is the second Tar Heel to transfer this season, though he is undecided where he will go.

By MIKE OGLE
Senior Writer

The turnover ratio will be even higher than expected. North Carolina's Brian Morrison, a sophomore guard on the men's basketball team, announced Monday he will transfer to an undetermined school. The transfer marks the season's second and leaves the Tar Heels with three scholarship upperclassmen on next year's team after an 8-20 season.

Jonathan Holmes and Will Johnson will be seniors and Adam Boone, now the only remaining member from his recruiting class, will be a junior. Redshirt freshman Neil Fingleton transferred to Holy Cross during Winter Break.

"This was a very difficult decision for me to make, but I believe it is best if I pursue another school to finish my collegiate basketball career," Morrison said in a released statement. "Despite some speculation, this is a decision I made only this week while I was on Spring Break as I had time to think what was best for me."

"I don't want people to make judgments about the coaches, my academics, the University or my feelings for Carolina basketball. I just think I will be more successful if I move on to another situation. I appreciate Coach (Matt) Doherty's willingness to help me find another school."

Morrison started four games as a sophomore, but his erratic ball-handling prevented him from getting consistent minutes off the bench. He scored a career-high 21 points in 23 minutes in UNC's first win against Georgia Tech but followed the performance with seven turnovers in 21 minutes at Kentucky. He compiled 73 assists and 62 turnovers in 2001-02 while averaging 7.1 points on 33.9 percent shooting. He led the team in 3-point field goals with 42 and scored in double figures 10 times.

"Brian and I met (Sunday) night and agreed it was in his best interest to find another opportunity for him to finish his college career," Doherty said in the release. "I am disappointed Brian will be leaving UNC, but I understand it is best in this situation."

"I told him my staff and I will do everything we can to make sure he lands at a school where he will have the best chance to play and improve as a basketball player. Brian is a terrific person and tremendous athlete. We'll miss his athleticism, his ability to take the ball to the basket and his long-range shooting, but we'll miss him as a teammate even more."

Prior to Fingleton, the last player to transfer from UNC was Larry Davis to South Carolina in 1994. Neither Morrison, from Redmond, Wash., nor his parents wanted to comment further. He plans to finish the spring semester and possibly stay in Chapel Hill for summer school and basketball camp.

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Morrison's Stats	
UNC Career Totals	
Games:	60
FG M-A:	94-280
FG Pct:	.336
3 pt. M-A:	59-170
3 pt. Pct:	.347
Reb:	75
Reb Avg:	1.3
A:	110
TO:	98
Points:	297
Scoring Avg:	5.0

UNC Officials Now Subject To Evaluation

The process aims to review vice chancellors and deans to determine each official's strengths and weaknesses.

By KRISTA FARON
Staff Writer

Amid the seemingly endless stream of exams, projects and presentations, UNC students might believe they are the only members of the campus community who face evaluation.

But other University officials, including deans and vice chancellors, now are subject to a formal evaluation process that thoroughly examines their professional strengths and weaknesses.

Although the review process emphasizes feedback for administrators, the evaluations have an effect on appointment renewals.

Currently, Sue Kitchen, vice chancellor for student affairs, is being reviewed - the sixth administrator to undergo the new process.

Provost Robert Shelton, who functions as the appointing officer for these evaluations, said he believes the process is critical for University officials.

"Everyone needs to be reviewed in life," he said. "With these reviews, we wanted to lay everything out and make it all clear."

According to an evaluation procedure memo released by Chancellor James Moeser last June, each UNC vice chancellor and dean will be reviewed by a committee composed of at least seven members. A new committee is created for each administrative review.

Administrators are set to be reviewed four years after their initial appointment and every five years thereafter.

Shelton, who selects committee chairmen and members, said faculty, students, administrators and individuals outside the University can serve on the review committees.

He said the committees solicit interviews and offer open-forum opportunities to garner input from the University community.

"The committee has to be able to get the feedback and analyze it," Shelton said. "They have to be able to coax out information in a responsible manner."

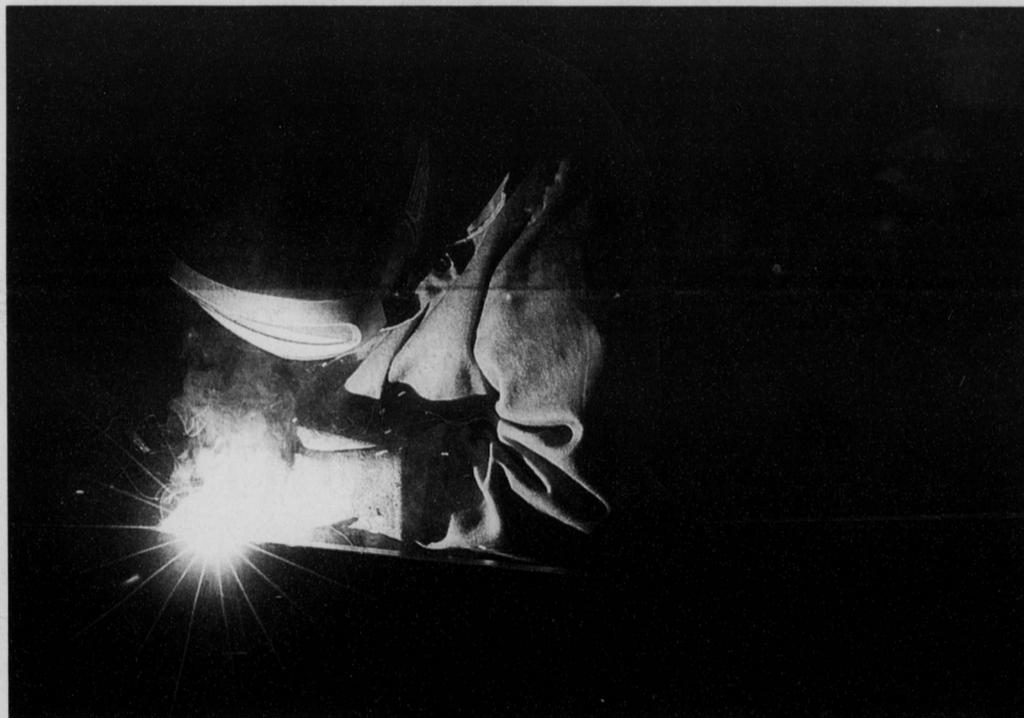
After a committee completes its writ-

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Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Sue Kitchen is the sixth administrator to undergo review.

THE MAN IN THE IRON MASK



Joe Stacy of Graham welds a window frame Monday for the Bioinformatic Center, which is under construction at UNC. Stacy has been welding for S.H. Basnight and Sons on West Main Street in Carrboro for three years. The metal frame company makes door and window frames for commercial buildings.

Employee Forum Seeks Voice on BOT

By JAMIE DOUGHER
Staff Writer

The Employee Forum unanimously passed a resolution March 6 to ask for an ex officio seat on the UNC-Chapel Hill Board of Trustees, a proposal similar to one passed by the Faculty Council on Feb. 22.

The position would be nonvoting because it is illegal for any state employee to hold a voting position on the BOT.

Employee Forum Chairman Tommy Griffin said employees were discussing their own proposal at the time the faculty passed theirs.

He said UNC-CH employees deserve a seat on the BOT to "have some input in the decision-making that goes on around here."

An employee representative would serve as a communication point to and from the BOT, he said. "We're looking for any avenue of communication we can get," Griffin said.

Griffin also said the forum would like

to play a role in any campus organization or committee like the BOT. "We want to make sure we don't get left out."

Griffin said there are advantages to an employee seat on the BOT.

He cited as an example how he and other employees would have liked to offer their input in the recent approval of a tuition hike by the BOT and the UNC-system Board of Governors.

"I think it would be positive having some staff representation on the Board of Trustees," said Employee Forum delegate Glenn Haugh.

The forum sent the resolution to

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Opposing additional seats on the BOT, Sen. Tony Rand says the board should take into account all interests.

Fraternity Resolves Fire Safety Suit

Sigma Phi Epsilon passed fire inspection after a more than two-year battle with Grinnell Fire Protection Systems.

By CHRIS BLOW
Staff Writer

The Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity house on Cameron Avenue has been the focus of a quietly waged legal battle for more than two years.

A \$13,700 lawsuit - and the construction problems that led to it - were finally resolved over Spring Break, when the house passed a fire code inspection Friday.

Since the fall of 1999, Sigma Phi Epsilon has refused to pay for the installation of a fire protection system, claiming the system was not properly installed, according to court records.

In response, Grinnell Fire Protection Systems, the system's installer, filed a claim of lien in February 2000, which argued that the business was entitled to \$13,700 worth of the Sigma Phi Epsilon property.

Because the fraternity continued to

withhold funds, Grinnell filed suit in April 2000, demanding that the house be sold and \$13,700 of the proceeds be given to the company.

Roy "Bud" Wilson, the general contractor for the fraternity, said Grinnell should not have gotten money for work they did not finish. Administrators and lawyers for Grinnell refused to comment.

Wilson said Grinnell cut an underground power line and refused to repair it, which led him to discover that both the sprinkler system and fire alarm system were installed improperly.

Chapel Hill Chief Fire Marshal Caprice Mellon acknowledged that the alarm systems were not installed until the first week of March 2002. But fire department inspection records from 1999 indicate that the system was deemed "functioning, accepted and approved."

Mellon acknowledged the 1999 inspection was flawed, and Wilson said he is angry because he thinks the mistake directly contributed to his inability to resolve the problem with Grinnell. "That mistake cost a lawsuit against my company, against my client and a lien on the property," Wilson said.

But fraternity members said the real issue is with the work done by Grinnell.

"I don't think that the fire department has in any way, shape or form had anything to do with our lawsuit," said Philip Dixon, president of Sigma Phi Epsilon. "The problem is that we paid this money - a lot of money - to do the job that they didn't do right in the first place."

Since a 1996 Phi Gamma Delta fraternity fire that claimed the lives of five UNC students, University fraternities and sororities have had to spend thousands of dollars installing sprinkler systems required by the Chapel Hill Town Council.

Wilson said he and Grinnell officials eventually met informally at the end of February to negotiate the final settlement out of court.

Wilson also said that despite the lengthy lawsuit, an agreement was reached in which the fraternity would pay a reduced cost for the system as long as the house passed inspection. "There was a handshake and an agreement," Wilson said of the meeting. "We're going to pay the final payment, which was substantially reduced from the \$13,700 in the lawsuit." Wilson would not comment on the final settlement amount.

Fire Marshal Barry McLamb said a

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One always begins to forgive a place as soon as it's left behind.

Charles Dickens