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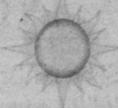
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## UNC to Offer 16 Fewer Summer Classes

By JAMIE DOUGHER  
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UNC-Chapel Hill officials have decided to reduce the number of summer school classes offered by 2 percent – about 16 classes – in anticipation of additional state budget cuts.

A plan based on a 4 percent budget cut that was submitted to UNC-system officials last week indicates that summer instruction stands to lose funding.

Jim Murphy, dean of UNC-CH Summer School, said officials planned for potential cuts last October and were able to combat the

problem when it arose. "The summer program planned to be about 2 percent less than last year because we might have budget cuts and we might have tuition increases," he said.

Murphy said summer school officials chose which classes to eliminate by determining which courses have alternate options or serve the same purpose as other classes. Both duplicate sections and entire classes were cut.

But Murphy said he anticipated few problems due to the reduced number of classes because demand might be lessened.

He said tuition increases for the fall and spring semesters would make students want to

pursue employment during the summer rather than spend more money on their educations.

The 2002-03 school year will be the third in a row in which tuition will increase \$300.

But Murphy said summer school tuition has not increased during recent years as much as tuition during the school year.

"The summer school has been trying to hold its tuition in check the last two or three years," he said, citing a tuition increase of about \$5 per credit hour for the summer school in the last few years.

Murphy said officials determine summer tuition by charging enough to offer the courses

students want but not so much that it is too expensive to attend summer school at other universities. "If we don't charge enough, we can't offer the courses," he said. "We need to find a balance that keeps us feasible and competitive."

Tuition for this summer is \$115 per credit hour for in-state undergraduates and \$340 per credit hour for out-of-state undergraduates.

Registration for the first session of summer school classes is now at 5,128 students. Last year the final number enrolled in the first session was 6,420. The second session, which is

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## Basnight Names Senate Members To Study Group

Before week's end, House Speaker Jim Black is expected to tap the remaining members of a commission that will study the BOG.

By NATHAN PEREZ  
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Senate President Pro Tem Marc Basnight, D-Dare, recently made five appointments to a legislative commission that will examine the structure of the UNC-system Board of Governors.

Legislation passed by the N.C. General Assembly in December provided for the 10-member UNC Board of Governors Study Commission.

Basnight appointed Senate Majority Leader Tony Rand, D-Cumberland, to be the co-chairman of the commission. His other four appointments are Sen. Linda Garrou, D-Forsyth; Sen. John Garwood, R-Wilkes; Sen. Jeanne Lucas, D-Durham; and Sen. R.C. Soles, D-Columbus.

Basnight's five appointments are expected to be completed this week by the five selections from House Speaker Jim Black, D-Mecklenburg.

To ensure that the UNC system is being well-managed, the commission will evaluate the size of the board, the member election process and the term particulars. Basnight stated in a press release that the BOG's structure is more than 30 years old and that with 32 members it is far too large.

Amy Fulk, Basnight's press secretary, said Rand was select-

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## Tax Deadline Spurs Last-Minute Flurry

Chapel Hill's main post office extended its hours Monday to allow area residents who had not filed taxes to do so.

By KELLIE DIXON  
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For at least the second year in a row, the post office on Estes Drive added about eight more hours to its working day.

The result?

Hundreds of Chapel Hill residents scrambling to have their taxes postmarked by the April 15 deadline.

On Monday, local residents flocked to the post office at 125 Estes Drive, griping about the government or their tax returns in general as U.S. Postal Service employees cheerfully sorted out the different forms.

Flat, larger Internal Revenue Service forms in the bins on the left. Smaller letters to the right.

This year, the post office on Estes Drive kept its curb open until midnight, giving procrastinators an extra opportunity to mail off their forms in time. However, latecomers who dared to let the minutes slip by took the chance of having their tax returns postmarked April 16.

Hal Patterson, a clerk at the post office, said people in Chapel Hill enjoy the frenzy of tax time.

"If you come back here around 11:30 p.m. tonight, there will be throngs of people," he said. "They enjoy doing it. It's tradition. There's many people in Chapel Hill who enjoy the camaraderie of everyone who waited till the last minute."

But David Jones, an assistant lacrosse coach at Phillips Middle School, said other factors delay taxpayers. He added

that he thinks it's a good idea that the post office extends its hours to accommodate people such as schoolteachers and coaches who can't make it there during regular business hours.

"Plus, I owed, so I waited until the last minute," he said, smiling.

But some deadline pressures aren't necessarily self- or government-inflicted.

Janet McGovern of Chapel Hill said although she is a non-practicing accountant, her family members rely on her during tax return time – a move that increases her stress surrounding tax time.

"My problem is that I always say, 'Yeah, sure I'll help you out,' and I get the forms late, so no it doesn't help my stress level," she said. "But I think everyone in the nation procrastinates."

McGovern, who bought two books of stamps Monday, mailed about 10 forms total around 5 p.m., beating the post office's deadline with hours to spare.

Last-minute filers could purchase stamps at the post office, but tax forms were not available.

Jason Coleman, a clerk at the Estes Drive location, said that while he understands the hectic nature of tax time, he thinks the situation can be avoided.

"From my experience, I think everyone should have filed their taxes early," Coleman said.

Other residents said that although they appreciated the post office's efforts, the government should figure out another way to handle taxes.

"Get rid of the graduated tax system in this country," said John Huffstetler of Chapel Hill. "I have an accountant that charges me \$100 an hour, and he can't understand the tax code."

"He told me it's just a shot in the dark."

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DTH: KIMBERLY CRAVEN

Jason Coleman, an employee of the post office on Estes Drive, stands outside the post office Monday afternoon and sorts income tax forms that are ready to be mailed.

## UNC Group Responds To Mideast Violence With Medical Care

Intrah, a UNC group, will temporarily change its mission to performing emergency medical procedures on victims in the West Bank.

By WILL AREY  
Staff Writer

A representative from a UNC organization that has long worked to boost health-care infrastructure in the Middle East will depart for the region today to implement the group's redirected strategy to respond to violence in the region.

Hammouda Bellamine has spent the last several days meeting with officials at UNC's School of Medicine to determine how the UNC group – called Intrah – can best help respond to recent violence in the West Bank.

Bellamine, Intrah's director of performance improvement and training, said the group has decided to focus for the next six months on providing emergency relief in the West Bank rather than on developing long-term health care in the entire region.

The West Bank area is a strip of land that was occupied by Palestine until 1948 when Jordan took control. Israel has controlled the land since 1967.

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## Experts: Seniors Face Tight Job Market

As the nation emerges from an economic downturn, UNC seniors will enter a fiercely competitive job market.

By MEREDITH NICHOLSON  
Staff Writer

Senior Carroll Smith said she made two trips to New York and interviewed at four law firms before landing a job as a legal assistant after graduation.

But Smith said she thinks she is lucky. "Compared to a lot of people I know, it was easy," she said.

As graduation nears and the unstable economy continues to make jobs tight nationwide, University officials say patience, networking and flexibility are key to overcoming the shortage of jobs available for graduating seniors.

Although economic experts say the recession has come to an end, the economic downturn is still making jobs scarce, and certain fields – such as

investment banking, consulting and advertising – have been hit particularly hard, said Marcia Harris, director of University Career Services.

Economists have predicted earlier this year that the economy will rebound 2.5 percent or 3 percent from a recession they say started in March 2001, although experts maintain that it is a slow recovery.

"It's definitely a tighter job market year," she said. "It's frustrating to students, particularly for those who have done all the right things."

Jay Eubank, director of career services in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication, said seniors are having a hard time finding jobs because they are not only competing with other recent graduates but also against people who have gained experience in their fields.

"A recession means that there are fewer jobs out there and more competition for the jobs that are out there," he said.

Eubank said it is important for students to be flexible geographically and to know where to apply. The most important thing students can do is be patient

and continue laying foundations that will help them secure a job, he said. "Finding a job is not about sending cover letters and résumés to people," he said. "That is a very hit-or-miss way of doing it."

Eubank said networking is critical because even when the economy is good some of the best jobs are not well-advertised.

Students should seek out professionals in their fields for advice and cultivate good relationships, he said. "Even if they don't have job leads, they have a lot of information for you."

Officials also say students need to be flexible with what type of job they are willing to accept.

Harris said students who originally planned to work for Fortune 500 companies after graduation can choose to work at a smaller company or accept a lower-level job at the company they want to work for and work their way up.

"Students should look at their first job as a stepping stone for their greater goal," Harris said.

That philosophy has proven success-

ful for some.

Kelly Brown graduated from UNC in December with a degree in psychology but couldn't find a job in social services or teaching that would allow her to continue living in Chapel Hill.

So Brown accepted a job in human resources at Target Inc. although she knew it was not something she wanted to do in the long term. "I felt that I had to be more realistic than idealistic at this point," she said.

But Brown continued attending job fairs and making contacts with area principals. She starts her new job as a teacher in August.

Harris also said applications to law school and graduate programs are up this year but that students shouldn't use graduate school as a way to hide out from finding a job.

"If they don't have a solid reason for going (to graduate school), it's going to be hard to explain to a potential employer, especially if their degree has nothing to do

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## TICKLED PINK



DTH: BRIAN CASSELLA

Student Body President Jen Daum feeds a camel in the Pit on Monday. The camel was part of Israel Fest, a one-day event sponsored by N.C. Hillel. Other activities included having your name written in Hebrew.

The hardest thing in the world to understand is income tax.

Albert Einstein