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PETA Video Spurs UNC Lab Inquiry

By JEFF SILVER
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The release of a video by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals showing "inhumane" treatment of rats and mice at labs in UNC's Thurston Bowles Building has led University officials to begin investigating laboratory procedures.

At a press conference Thursday, UNC officials defended the policies in place to protect animals used in campus labs.

"We really believe we give great care to our animals," said Tony Waldrop, vice chancellor for research.

Waldrop said he had viewed the PETA tape and said officials will look into the accusations. "There are things we want to investigate," Waldrop said.

The video, shot by PETA undercover investigator Kate Turlington, shows researchers decapitating mice with scissors and footage of Turlington finding live mice feeding on a dead mouse.

Turlington also filmed "extremely sick and injured" rodents being neglected, some paralyzed or with broken necks.

Turlington started working at the lab in October and documented the alleged violations for about six months. She never disclosed her ties to the animal rights group and wore a hidden camera under her clothes to record the events.

She said in a Thursday interview that many of the practices shown in the video violate rules prescribed by UNC's Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee and the National Institutes of Health. The IACUC is a board that oversees and approves all research projects using live vertebrate animals at the University, as required by federal law.

The NIH is a federal group that funds scientific research provided that procedures are followed.

Turlington said she hopes the allegations will prove that the federal government should oversee research institutions because they are unable to govern themselves — a charge UNC officials disputed.

Jeffrey Houpt, School of Medicine dean, said rules are in place to prevent the actions depicted in the PETA video. But he added, "It's always possible for protocol to be broken." Waldrop noted that all research done at the labs conforms to rules set by the NIH. "We go even beyond what the (NIH) requirements are."

Waldrop noted at the press conference the benefits of using rodents to investigate human ailments, saying that the animals are used to research conditions such as epilepsy and alcoholism.

UNC received \$236.8 million from the NIH in 2001, the 12th highest total in the nation. Waldrop said officials are

not worried about losing NIH funding as a result of PETA's video, and a spokesman from the NIH declined to comment Thursday about any possible implications of PETA's investigation.

Waldrop said UNC labs are accredited by the Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care, a private organization that offers voluntary accreditation for labs seeking funding.

Turlington said she was taught procedures she considered humane during her two-day training. But she said she saw many cases of abuse after starting. "It was very clear the way I was trained wasn't the way things were done," Turlington said.

She said complaints from her and other lab technicians were not taken into consideration by the researchers. "Our concerns weren't taken seriously," she said.

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Mice kept in research laboratories of the Thurston Bowles Building, part of UNC Hospitals, allegedly have been subject to animal mistreatment. DTH/BRIAN CASSELLA

UNC, State Differ on Budget

The budget cuts sent to the governor by UNC were returned on the grounds that they hurt instruction.

By MICHAEL MCKNIGHT
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Letters exchanged between UNC-Chapel Hill officials and state budget writers indicate there is some disagreement over which parts of the University's budget should be cut.

Gov. Mike Easley has called for cuts in all state government departments, including the UNC system, in order to eliminate a more than \$1 billion state budget deficit for the 2002-03 fiscal year.

Easley sent a letter to UNC-system chancellors March 21 asking them to recommend cuts that could be made to the budgets of their respective universities that would not impact instruction.

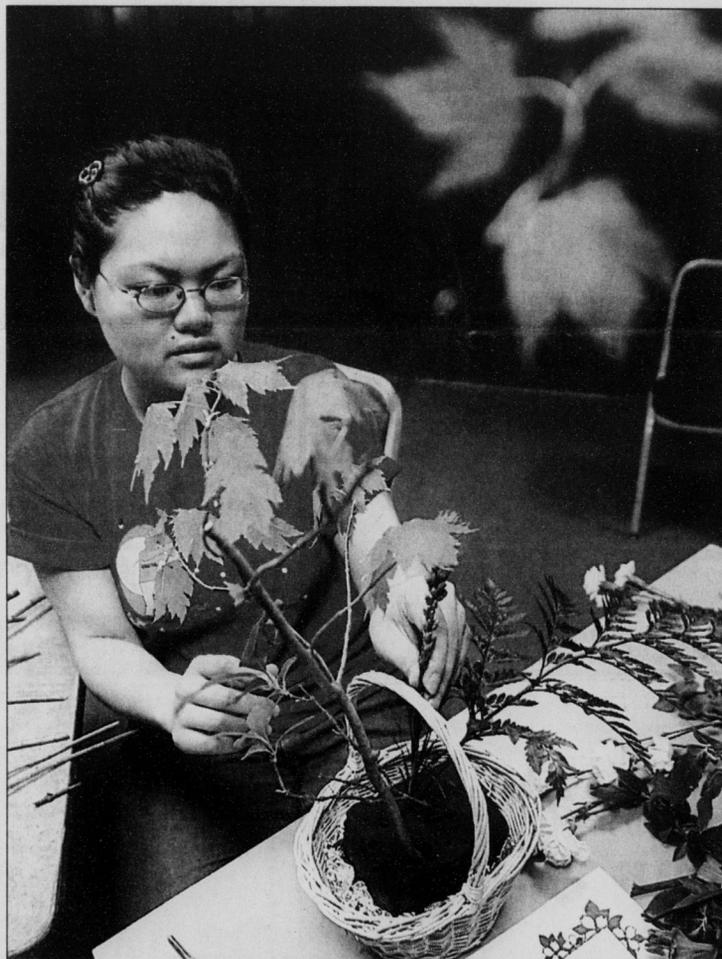
"Protecting the classroom has been, and will continue to be, my strongest imperative as I assemble budget recommendations. I ask that you keep that in mind as you make recommendations to me," Easley stated in the letter. "I ask that you work diligently to identify savings in administration, travel, personnel utilization and other areas to help protect the classroom."

UNC-CH administrators submitted a list of proposed cuts to UNC-system President Molly Broad on April 1, and she in turn submitted it to the state budget office on April 3.

But on April 8, State Budget Director

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FOREIGN FLOWERS



Freshman Li Li works on her flower arrangement Thursday night. The art of ikebana, a form of Japanese flower arrangement, was the focus of the seminar hosted by the Society of Undergraduate Students with Interest in Japan. For the story, see www.dailytarheel.com. DTH/GREG LOGAN

5 Appointees Complete BOG Review Commission

By JENNIFER SAMUELS
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N.C. House Speaker Jim Black, D-Mecklenburg, appointed five legislators Thursday to a commission that will examine the structure of the UNC-system Board of Governors.

The N.C. General Assembly passed legislation in December allowing the formation of a 10-member UNC Board of Governors Study Commission.

Black appointed Rep. Joe Hackney, D-Orange, to serve as co-chairman of the committee with Sen. Tony Rand, D-Cumberland.

Black also appointed Rep. Philip Baddour, D-Wayne; Rep. Beverly Earle, D-Mecklenburg; Rep. Marian McLawhorn, D-Pitt; and Rep. David Miner, R-Wake.

Black's five appointees complete the 10-member commission.

Rand was appointed to the commission Monday by N.C. Senate President Pro Tem Marc Basnight, D-Dare.

Basnight's other four appointees are Sen. Linda Garrou, D-Forsyth; Sen. John Garwood, R-Wilkes; Sen. Jeanne Lucas, D-Durham; and Sen. R.C. Soles, D-Columbus.

Hackney said the commission is See COMMISSION, Page 4

BOG Review Commission

Co-chairmen Sen. Tony Rand, D-Cumberland, and Rep. Joe Hackney, D-Orange, will head a commission reviewing the UNC-system Board of Governors.

Senate	House
Tony Rand (D) 7 Terms Senate Majority Leader Vice-Chairman, Appropriations Committee	Joe Hackney (D) 11 Terms Speaker Pro Tem Member, Finance Committee
Linda Garrou (D) 2 Terms Chairwoman, Appropriations on Education Committee Vice-Chairwoman, Education Committee	Philip Baddour (D) 4 Terms House Majority Leader Ex Officio Member, Most Committees
John Garwood (R) 3 Terms Former Board of Governors member Member, Appropriations Committee	Beverly Earle (D) 4 Terms Majority Whip Member, Appropriations Committee
Jeanne Lucas (D) 3 Terms Chairwoman, Appropriations on Education Committee Chairwoman, Education Committee	Marian McLawhorn (D) 2 Terms Board of Governors Nominating Committee Member, Education Committee
R.C. Soles (D) 13 Terms Vice-Chairman, Finance Committee Member, Rules Committee	David Miner (R) 5 Terms Member, Appropriations Committee Member, Legislative Redistricting Committee

SOURCE: N.C. GENERAL ASSEMBLY DTH/STAFF

All See DPS Budget Proposal As Acceptable Compromise

By NIKKI WERKING
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Students, staff and administrators said Thursday that they think the Department of Public Safety's new budget proposal is a fair compromise at the end of a long and difficult process.

The plan, which was announced Wednesday, could raise \$566,650 by cutting the price UNC pays for Chapel Hill Transit services, eliminating the EU bus route and making internal cuts in the DPS departmental budget. DPS needed to raise \$2 million to balance its 2002-03 budget, which will come from the new cuts as well as an increase the price of day parking permits and gating some lots.

The new proposal was created after the UNC Board of Trustees rejected a budget plan with a night parking permit system and extended hours in visitor parking lots. But the process leading up to the proposal heard by the BOT was an arduous one. The Transportation and Parking Advisory Committee had several contentious meetings and leadership changes over many months, and students actively protested the night parking plan because of safety concerns.

Student Body President Jen Daum said the current proposal reflects collaboration between students and administrators. "I think (the proposal) is an example of students and administrators working together and making lemonade out of lemons," she said.

Former Student Body Vice President Rudy Kleysteuber, a critic of night parking and TPAC in

the past, said he is pleased that the new plan calls for cutting expenses rather than raising money by charging for new programs. "We encouraged (UNC) to take cutting measures a semester ago," he said. "I'm just glad someone helped them to see that."

Tommy Griffin, chairman of the Employee Forum, also said cutting expenses rather than raising revenue should have been considered from the start. "We should have looked at being cost-efficient."

University Police Chief Derek Poarch said Wednesday that Chapel Hill Transit was able to reduce the amount it charged UNC by \$369,582 because the town was able to make cost-saving reductions. Student leaders and administrators applauded the efforts.

BOT member Richard Stevens said the new proposal will be a good compromise between administrators and students, staff and faculty because it excludes any elements of a night parking permit system and still finds a way to fill the \$566,650 deficit. The BOT Audit, Business and Finance Committee will hear the proposal by teleconference April 25, and following the committee's decision, the full board will vote by mail April 26.

Stevens said the plan sounds like a good solution that will fill the needs of students, faculty and staff. "It sounds like the revisions to the plan are positive, and I hope it can be accepted by the board."

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TAs Worry Budget Cuts May Affect Stipends, Classes

By JOY BUCHANAN
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George Harper, a graduate student in the Department of Biology, spends 15 hours a week preparing to teach a recitation section of Biology 132.

Before the class on evolutionary mechanisms begins, he reviews the reading assignment and prepares discussion questions.

Harper makes \$5,000 a semester as a teaching assistant, but he and other graduate students are increasingly concerned that pending budget cuts will cost them their main source of income.

If the N.C. legislature passes a 4 percent budget cut to UNC-system schools, officials say some teaching and research assistant positions might be eliminated. "Minus (the stipend), I can't afford to live here," Harper said. Even with his TA income, Harper said, he still must take out student loans.

The state legislature will consider a campus-initiated tuition increase of \$300 this summer that might raise TAs' salaries. The UNC-Chapel

Hill Board of Trustees passed a recommendation in January to earmark 5 percent of the tuition increase to raise graduate student stipends.

But in the meantime, officials say recitation sections, which often are taught by TAs, might be the first sections of classes to be cut.

Peter Coclanis, chairman of the Department of History, said the department does not want to eliminate entire courses, so its only option is to cut the number of sections. "Sometimes we have to cut the number of TAs because there are no funds for discussion and recitation sections," Coclanis said. "It's not a great scenario, but it's better than cutting classes."

But Branson Page, president of the Graduate and Professional Student Federation, said education will suffer if course sections are eliminated. "If you eliminated TA positions, you're not just hurting graduate students, you're dealing a real blow to undergrads," Page said.

Page said cutting TA positions might increase class size and, in the midst of enrollment growth, could worsen the class shortage UNC might face.

Michael Pook, assistant dean of academic and student affairs, said TA positions are valuable for graduate students. "This is their training. It's a good thing to do," Pook said. "It benefits the University, and it benefits the students."

In addition to the impact on graduate students' pay and education, fewer TA positions would make it difficult to recruit outstanding graduate students, Harper said. "It is already difficult to recruit to this University because of low TA pay," he said. "We have no doubt ... that it has cost us promising graduate students."

Page said members of the GPSF will lobby the state legislature this summer to minimize budget cuts. He said he hopes to make legislators aware of the important contributions TAs make. "Graduate students at Carolina ... help recruit more and better graduate students to Carolina, which could only enhance the quality of education throughout the state."

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A good conscience is the best divinity.

Thomas Fuller