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## Easley Calls For 5 Percent Cut to UNC

The budget proposal calls for systemwide enrollment growth to be funded by money raised from an as yet nonexistent lottery.

By ALEX KAPLUN  
Editor

RALEIGH – Gov. Mike Easley unveiled his budget proposal for the 2002-03 fiscal year this week, which contained mixed blessings for the UNC system.

The \$14.3 billion budget calls for cuts to many state programs in an effort to fill a possible fiscal hole of about \$2 billion.

Easley's budget will now head to the N.C. General Assembly, which also has begun to work on next year's budget.

At a press conference Tuesday, Easley touted his budget as one that will protect classroom instruction at all educational levels without raising taxes.

"Our commitment to education and protecting classrooms has been, and must continue to be, the central guiding force in shaping the budget," Easley said. "Education clearly serves that role in the budget I am submitting today. It trumps all other items."

Easley's budget does call for about a 5 percent reduction to the UNC-system's recurring budget, a total of about \$90 million.

But that reduction is smaller than the proposed budget cuts for most other state agencies – many of which are more than 10 percent.

Even though Easley proposed a cut beyond what some University administrators had hoped, UNC-system President Molly Broad said that with a 5 percent budget cut UNC-system administrators would be able to shield classroom instruction from feeling the impact of the cuts. "We have pledged that with a cut at 5 percent there will be no harm to classroom instruction," she said. "The core strength of this University will remain intact."

Easley's budget also calls for a net reduction of about 500 positions across the UNC system, but no permanent faculty will be eliminated.

Easley's budget does meet the University's full need for enrollment growth and need-based financial aid for the 2002-03 academic year, a total of about \$80 million.

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## Ducote to Focus On Student Voice As ASG President

Jonathan Ducote was voted in as the next president of the association May 4, beating James Haltom and Greg Drumwright.

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GREENSBORO – Pledging to "hit the ground running," Jonathan Ducote was elected the UNC-system Association of Student Governments' president for 2002-03 at the group's May 4 meeting.

"I can't wait to get going," the N.C. State University rising junior said minutes after his election. "It's time to go."

After holding the position of ASG treasurer in 2001-02, Ducote said he looks forward to working in a new capacity.

"I'm excited about the possibilities for next year," he said. Ducote's running mate, N.C. Central University student Kian Brown will serve as the 2002-03 ASG senior vice president.

Prior to the vote, many ASG delegates, including UNC-Chapel Hill Student Body President Jen Daum, endorsed Ducote.

"Next year is a big year," Daum said. "The association will have lots of money, and we need somebody in the position that we can trust. I give my support to Jonathan Ducote."

Ducote and Brown received 31 votes from the ASG delegates, while UNC-CH junior James Haltom and his running mate received 11 votes. Greg Drumwright, a junior at N.C. Agricultural & Technical State University, and his running mate received six votes.

The UNC-CH delegates were Daum, and junior Melody Rodgers, and former UNC-CH Student Body President Justin Young. Ducote received two of the Chapel Hill delegation's three votes.

"I am really excited about working with Jonathan and Kian next year," Daum said after hearing the election results. "I know the association is in good hands."

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Graduates of the class of 2002 celebrate during the Commencement ceremony Sunday morning (above). Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., congratulates the graduates during his speech (below).

## Class of 2002's Last Hurrah

By BROOK CORWIN  
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A crisp morning wind sent balloons scattering through the skies above Kenan Stadium moments after members of UNC's class of 2002 received degrees that will help them do the same across the state and nation.

More than 3,000 UNC undergraduates, master's students and Ph.D. candidates received their degrees in Commencement ceremonies held during a sunny but unusually cool Sunday morning.

As they awaited their final moment as UNC students, members of the class listened to several speakers, including Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., a UNC School of Law alumnus who delivered the event's keynote address. In his speech, Edwards stressed the importance of living a post-graduate life of decency and compassion.

"The people who succeed in this world are the people who pay less attention to their own needs than to the needs of others," Edwards said. "Society changes when each of its members is changed, changed for the better through the meaningful action of others."

Edwards' address was preceded by short speeches from a number of University officials, who each directed congratulations and praise towards the graduating students.

"This is your day!" shouted Chancellor

James Moeser as he opened the ceremonies. "All of us join you in this traditional celebration of academic excellence."

Many students appeared to take Moeser's words to heart. Although each student wore a traditional Carolina blue cap and gown, many adorned their outfits with feather boas, oversized sunglasses or an assortment of giant balloons. Before, during and after they took their seats behind the west end zone of the stadium, the undergraduates could be heard shouting in celebration or in an attempt to find their parents in the crowd.

In contrast to the external jubilation of the undergraduates, most of the graduate students sat quietly in front of the stage on the field as they were honored with their degrees. Speaking on their behalf, Graduate and Professional Student Federation President Mikisha Brown praised graduate students for their continued work ethic and dedication. "Today is proof of your ability to follow through to the end," Brown said. Edwards, who along with medical humanitarian Verne Chaney and philanthropist Julian Robertson Jr. received honorary

degrees from UNC on Sunday, said improving the lives of others would require physical and moral courage – traits he hopes graduates had developed during their time at UNC.

"My oldest daughter, Cate, had a favorite saying in high school: 'A ship is safest in port, but that's not what ships are for,'" Edwards said. "Ships are for making that courageous voyage. You can keep your ship in port, but at UNC, you've been taught to sail courageously, and I urge you to do so."

The tragedies of Sept. 11 and the slumping economy were cited by several speakers as harsh realities the graduating students would be forced to confront.

But Senior Class President Ben Singer said that after several years of growth, each member of the class of 2002 is prepared to combat these problems and work to improve the local and national community. "The world has changed a lot over four years, but so have we," he said. "Let us not underestimate our ability to improve the future. Our time is now."

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## Vice Chancellor Moore to Leave University for Boston

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Marian Moore, vice chancellor for information technology, announced May 8 that she has accepted a position at Boston College. She will leave UNC to begin her new job in August.

Moore has been with the University since 1997 and was instrumental in the implementation of the Carolina Computing Initiative. Moore is from Boston and worked at Boston College before coming to UNC.

"Boston's my home, so that obviously was one of the drivers in this decision," she said. But she said accepting the position was a difficult decision for her to make.

Moore also said that although the cycles of budget cuts over the years are not conducive to building new programs, she believes UNC has one of the best technology programs in

the nation.

"I am absolutely thrilled with my years at Carolina, but it's time to move on," she said. Provost Robert Shelton said Moore's leaving is a tremendous loss for the University.

"Marian has been an excellent leader in an area that is very difficult," he said.

There are enormous demands placed on information technology officials, Shelton said. He called Moore's work with CCI and the Knowledge Works program, which encourages faculty to use technology in classrooms, an asset to the University.

Shelton said Moore is respected and well-liked by faculty and said that has helped information technology use to develop and grow on campus. "I'm most impressed with the way she resonates with and communicates with faculty."

Chancellor James Moeser issued a statement May 8 calling Moore's contributions to

the University "invaluable."

"Under Vice Chancellor Moore, Carolina has become the leader in information technology among major public universities because of the success of the Carolina Computing Initiative, wireless technology deployment and other innovative programs," he stated.

Moore said she is certain that work on CCI and other technology issues will continue smoothly after she leaves.

"We've done a spectacular job with technology, but it's not me – it's the faculty, staff and students I work with," she said. "All these things are going to keep rolling along."

Moore said the University recently renewed its contract with IBM to continue CCI and that IBM is extending its grant program to help faculty use technology in their classrooms.

Moore also has been instrumental in the fight to ensure that all off-campus students

have access to the Internet. But she said it would be impossible for the University to subsidize off-campus connection, especially during a budget crisis.

She said it might be feasible in a major market but that UNC cannot run its network off campus and that Chapel Hill does not have enough competition among high-speed online providers to allow the University to bargain for better rates for students.

Shelton said the search for a new vice chancellor for information technology has not yet begun but that when it does, he will look for someone with technological expertise, problem-solving skills and a familiarity with research universities. He said an interim vice chancellor will hold the position until the University finishes its budget deliberations.

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## Positions At Schools On a Freeze

Public universities and community colleges may only hire classroom faculty due to the budget shortfall.

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Public universities and community colleges throughout North Carolina are operating under a hiring freeze due to an executive order issued by Gov. Mike Easley earlier this month.

The hiring freeze comes as a result of the state's ongoing budget crisis. The state is predicted to incur about \$1.5 billion budget shortfall for the current fiscal year.

The move is intended to prevent hirings to fill all vacant university positions, but it excludes instructional faculty. Also exempted from this mandate are positions in law enforcement, health care and public safety and employees who were offered jobs prior to May 2.

UNC Provost Robert Shelton said the exemption for instructional faculty means there will be little impact on classroom activity. "Our first priority in this situation is to protect instruction," he said. "An overwhelming amount of our budget is used to pay people, particularly in the classroom."

Laurie Charest, associate vice chancellor for human resources at UNC, said much of the responsibilities of unfilled positions will be shouldered by other employees. "We have a number of state-funded positions that need to be filled, but cannot be," she said. "Therefore much of the burden will have to fall upon current employees to get the job done."

The mandate lasts until June 30, the end of the fiscal year.

Officials are hopeful that the employee shortage will not create long-term problems. "Since the hiring freeze only last until July 1, we are operating under the assumption that these vacant spots will be filled after that date," Charest said.

Tammy McHale, UNC senior associate dean of finance and planning, offered another perspective. "We are expecting further budget cuts being handed down from the state legislature in the future," McHale said. "But as a University we are hoping that we are given more control and regulation over

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John F. Kennedy