Continuation Proposal

The N.C. Senate approved the House version of the continuing budget resolution Thursday, effectively extending the use of the 2001-02 fiscal year

The resolution extends state operations at the current funding level to Sept. 30 – buying the N.C. General Assembly an additional 30 days to finalize a budget for the 2002-03 fiscal year.

Senators approved a resolution Tuesday that was similar to the one passed Thursday, but the original Senate resolution proposed to terminate legis-lators' \$104 a day expense allowance

Sept. 1.

The House eliminated the allowance termination Wednesday and sent a revised resolution back to senators for their approval.

The Senate and House rolled out their 2002-03 budget proposals June 19 and Aug. 13 respectively.

The two proposals differ significantly in state revenue calculations and proposed appropriations, but the two chambers must reach a consensus before the budget can be finalized.

Proceedings in the Appropriations Conference Committee have been slow, and legislators anticipate budget debate to stretch well into September

Campus Calendar Today

2 p.m. - Come to a farewell reception for APPLES Service-Learning Program Director Mary Morrison in the Art Gallery of the UNC Student

10 a.m. - Carolina Week, UNC's student newscast, will be hosting an interview with Student Body President Jen Daum and Chancellor James Moeser in Polk Place. The interview will be part of a special Sept. 11 show set to air Sept. 11, 12 and

13 at 7:30 p.m. Students and faculty are encouraged to stop by Polk Place to reflect on how the terrorist attacks changed Carolina.

Point of Interest

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N.C. Senate OKs Budget Group Holds Gala to Benefit Students

First lady praises work for at-risk children

By Jamie Dougher ant City Editor

Communities in Schools of Orange County – an education advocacy group that strives to help at-risk students – held a gala event Thursday to recognize its achievements and thank the group's supporters, including N.C. First Lady Mary Easley.

CISOC Executive Director Sheila Sholes-Ross said planning for the event has been in the works for about six

"We really need a signature event for CIS of Orange County," she said. "Only a few people know about it." Sholes-Ross said that the event will

be either annual or biannual and that officials will use the gala to share the group's yearly successes and raise funds

for the organization.

Tickets cost \$50 per person or \$75 per couple, and guests received handouts outlining ways to help CISOC through donations.

This year, Sholes-Ross said the event was partially held to thank Stick and Teresa Williams, who have served on various CIS boards on both the state and national levels and have recently relocated to the Charlotte area.

"It's also a loose 'thank you very much' for what (the Williams) have done," she said.

The Orange High School Jazz Ensemble and the school's Madrigal Singers provided entertainment.

CISOC invited Easley to speak at the event because she travels the state as a long-time supporter of CIS and serves on the board of directors for the state

"Communities In Schools is the nation's largest stay-in-school network," Easley said. "I am a firm believer that CIS is one of the most important factors in reducing the achievement gap."

Easley also praised CIS for its success

in helping students increase their performance on end-of-grade tests.

"It can really turn a school around," she said. "That's why I'm a real passionte supporter of Communities in Schools

"Anytime I can encourage anybody or excite anybody about CIS, I'll be

CISNC has helped 45,000 students in the state achieve their goals, addressing the state organization's mission to "champion the connection of needed community resources with schools and other sites to help young people suc-cessfully learn, stay in school and pre-

North Carolina's first lady, Mary Easley, greets students before speaking at the Community in Schools of Orange County's gala.

In Easley's speech, she addressed how public schools have grown and improved with help from CIS.

"People that sort of unilaterally criticize the public school system - you really need to ask them when was the last time they were in a public school," she said. Easley pointed out two high school

freshmen who are CIS participants, calling them the leaders of the future.

"Child by child, we can make children realize they are worth something,

Easley said CIS is an essential com-

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Mike Easley, hopes to have in improving education in North Carolina. At the end of her address Easley

ent to the success her husband, Gov.

encouraged guests to volunteer to work with CIS or donate funds to help the

organization at any level.

"The success of these children is heartwarming," she said.

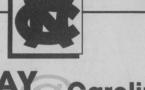
"There are three ways you can help Communities in Schools – with your heart, with your head and with your

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For the Record

In the Aug. 29 issue, the caption that ran under the volleyball picture on page 9, the pictured player was incorrectly identified as Eve Rackman. The player is senior outside hitter Laura Greene.

The Daily Tar Heel regrets the error.



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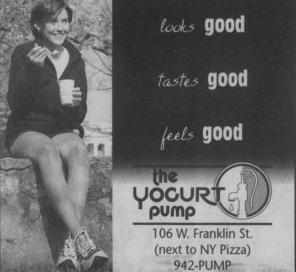
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