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# Plan Spares UNC From Deep Cuts

### Officials say budget compromise is fair

By ELYSE ASHBURN  
State & National Editor

Legislative budget leaders reached an agreement Monday on a higher education spending plan that embodies the best-case scenario for the UNC system.

Budget writers from both chambers agreed on a 2.4 percent systemwide cut – a total of about \$42 million. The cut is identical to the one proposed by the Senate and is about \$10 million less than that in the House proposal.

A conference committee – composed mostly of Democratic leaders from both chambers – has been working to recon-

cile the differences between the two budgets since the House passed its budget Aug. 13. The Senate passed its version of the budget June 19.

The compromise plan must now head to both houses for a vote, which conference committee members say could happen by the end of the week.

Under the compromise proposal, the legislature will provide the necessary \$66 million to fully fund enrollment growth at campuses across the state. An additional \$4.5 million – excluded from the original Senate budget – is slated for student financial aid.

The proposal also provides full funding for graduate student tuition remissions, which essentially allow some out-of-state graduate students to pay in-state tuition rates. Higher education officials have argued that tuition remissions make

system graduate programs more competitive with peer institutions' programs.

The agreement reached Monday also allows the system's research institutions to retain all of their overhead receipts – a total of more than \$120 million. A provision in the House budget would have taken \$7 million in overhead receipts from UNC-Chapel Hill and redistributed the funds to the UNC system's seven focused-growth institutions.

In each case, the UNC system has been granted the best possible option from the two different plans.

The generous higher education budget proposal is largely a result of system officials' efforts, said House Appropriations Committee Chairman David Redwine, D-New Hanover.

"We were generally persuaded by the (UNC system) that the tuition remission

was needed for graduate students and that overhead receipts needed to be retained to encourage research," he said.

The budget proposal reflects not only system officials' efforts but legislative leaders' continued support for higher education in the state, said UNC-system President Molly Broad. "Given the situation that the state finds itself in fiscally, this is an extraordinarily fair budget for the UNC system," she said.

Broad added that the appropriation of \$4.5 million for financial aid is a major victory for the system.

"We have a deep commitment to expanding access," she said. "One of the barriers to that access is inadequate funding for financial aid."

Lawmakers avoided deep systemwide

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### Campus Officials Could Restore Some Previously Cut Funding

By DANIEL THIGPEN  
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For months, UNC-Chapel Hill officials have been anticipating the worst in budget cuts, but after a move in the N.C. General Assembly on Monday, it seems leaders are breaking into optimistic, albeit hesitant, applause.

Appropriations Committee chairmen from both the House and the Senate approved a 2.4 percent cut for the UNC system – significantly less than UNC-CH officials had been expecting.

As a result, more than two months into the fiscal year, University administrators say they might be able to formulate a more flexible spending plan than originally predicted.

In May, UNC-CH's deans and department chairmen began preparing for cuts of up to 5 percent, cutting class sections and positions. Officials were told that the state might withhold the system's overhead receipts for research expenses, and faculty salaries possibly

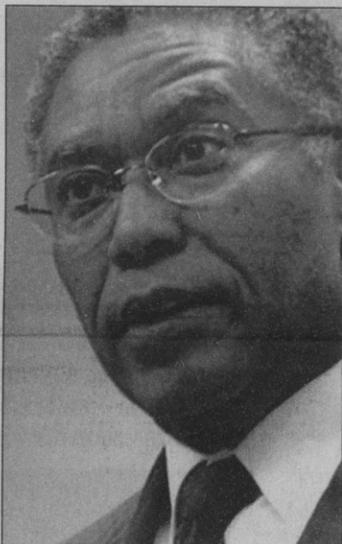
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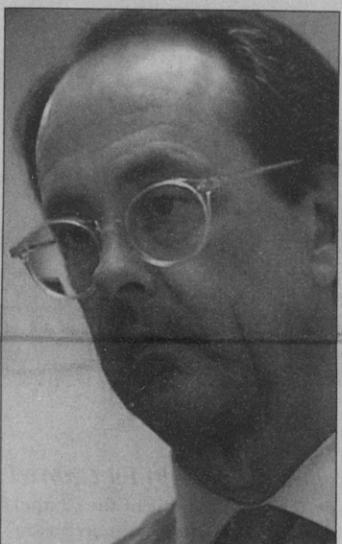
U.S. SENATE: REPUBLICAN  
ELIZABETH DOLE

Dole is expected to run away with the Republican nomination for the U.S. Senate.



U.S. SENATE: DEMOCRAT  
DAN BLUE

Blue has run a largely grassroots campaign with few television ads.



U.S. SENATE: DEMOCRAT  
ERSKINE BOWLES

Erskine Bowles has raised more money than any other Democratic candidate.



U.S. SENATE: DEMOCRAT  
ELAINE MARSHALL

Elaine Marshall is the only candidate who has held elected statewide office.

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# Local, State Candidates Make Final Push

By ELYSE ASHBURN  
State & National Editor

In the last full day before today's primaries, U.S. Senate hopefuls scrambled to make last-minute appearances across the state while state Senate candidates Ellie Kinnaird and Howard Lee took a more laid-back approach to campaigning.

Sens. Kinnaird and Lee, both D-Orange, strolled among throngs of school children and clusters of potential voters Monday at Orange County's 250th birthday celebration at the courthouse in Hillsborough.

Lee – a keynote speaker – invited Kinnaird to join him at the podium though the two will be facing off in the Democratic primary today.

Lee's move came only days after the race between the two incumbent senators took a negative turn when the "working families" of the State Employees Association of North Carolina began circulating an attack ad claiming Lee had misrepresented his stance on certain issues.

"I was so pleased with the graciousness with which Howard Lee invited me to stand with him," Kinnaird said, reiterating her disapproval of SEANC's negative campaigning.

Lee said he called Kinnaird to his side largely because he was asked to speak at the event before the two were forced to run against each other in the primary election.

"I don't think any of us thought Senator Kinnaird and I would be competing for the same seat when I was invited to do this," he said.

Last year's legislative redistricting placed Kinnaird and Lee in the same single-member dis-

trict, Senate District 23, which includes Chatham and Orange counties.

Kinnaird said that after the anniversary celebration she was going back to business as usual. "I'm going to work," she said. "I actually work for a living."

Lee said he was headed for a series of meetings with various groups and an afternoon filled with last-minute phone calls.

While Kinnaird and Lee were wrapping up campaign efforts in Orange County, candidates vying for the U.S. Senate seat left vacant by retiring U.S. Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., were busy jetting around the state.

Republican U.S. Senate hopeful Elizabeth Dole traveled by plane, making stops in Asheville, Greensboro, Charlotte, Raleigh, Greenville and Wilmington.

Dole spokeswoman Janet Bradbury said Dole's last-ditch effort extended her previous efforts to reach all N.C. citizens. "It's been a grassroots campaign, and she wants to get out in the state and encourage people to vote," she said.

Bradbury said Dole was planning on meeting briefly with supporters at each stop, fielding questions and urging people to cast their ballots.

Democratic U.S. Senate candidate Erskine Bowles also trekked around the state Monday, making his way by car from Raleigh to Greensboro and then on to Charlotte. "This is just traditional campaigning," said Bowles spokesman Brad Woodhouse. "Erskine has always thought you have to get out there and do more."

Woodhouse said that to draw attention to the primaries, Bowles traveled to as many different regions of the state as possible during the course of his primary campaign, and Monday was no exception.

"It's important to bring as much attention as



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N.C. SENATE: DEMOCRATS  
HOWARD LEE & ELLIE KINNAIRD  
Redistricting has forced two long-time allies to compete for one N.C. Senate seat.

possible to this election because it's at a different time than it's supposed to be," Woodhouse said.

Because of drawn-out legislative redistricting, the state's primary elections were moved from May 10 to today.

"(Bowles) just wants to get everybody to vote," Woodhouse said. "Of course, he wants them to vote for him, but most importantly he just wants them to vote."

Jim Snyder, Dole's nearest competitor for the Republican nomination, also made his way around the state by plane, departing Figure Eight Island early Monday morning and making stops in Wilmington, Asheville, Charlotte and Lexington.

Democratic Senate candidate Rep. Dan Blue, D-Wake, appeared in Charlotte, Winston-Salem and Greensboro before returning to Raleigh.

Voting booths in Orange County open at 6:30 a.m. today and will remain open until 7:30 p.m.

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## Commissioners Reiterate Key Election Issues

By JON DOUGHERTY  
City Editor

With today being the last day voters can participate in the primaries, candidates for the three seats open on the Orange County Board of Commissioners are mounting their final efforts to avoid elimination.

Incumbent Alice Gordon said the campaigning she did Monday amounted to putting up signs and attending Orange County's 250th anniversary celebration. She used the remainder of the day preparing for the board's work session Monday evening.

"Even with the election, life goes on," Gordon said.

Incumbent Stephen Halkotis said the campaign won't interfere with the work he does as director of auxiliary services for Orange County Schools.

"I worked today, and I'm working tomorrow," he said. "I'm glad it's almost over," he said. "It's been a long, arduous process."

Halkotis said the campaign process is not usually this difficult.

"I can't believe we're having a primary now," he said. The primaries were originally scheduled

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## Officials To Expand Honors Program

### UNC plans to add honors faculty

By ERIN GANLEY  
Staff Writer

University officials say expansion of UNC's Honor Program – one of Chancellor James Moeser's goals laid out in his State of the University Address on Wednesday – will benefit a greater number of UNC students once the program secures the necessary funding.

James Leloudis, associate dean of the Honors Program, said a plan for expanding the program has been in the works for several years.

But the University must secure funds before any expansion can take place. In his speech Wednesday, Moeser said a \$25 million endowment would enable the program to secure faculty lines to support the expansion.

"We're looking out over a five-year horizon," Leloudis said. The expansion will gradually be phased in as funds are received and faculty become available.

The Honors Program invites 200 to 225 incoming freshmen – the top 6 percent of the incoming class – to join the program, Leloudis said.

He said that by the expansion's completion, 10 percent to 11 percent will be allowed to participate. "The idea is to double the number of students invited," Leloudis said. This will be done by increasing the number of faculty available in each department to teach honors classes.

By increasing the program's size, the capacity for students who aren't in the program to participate will increase as well, Leloudis said. Any undergraduate student can take an honors class, and by expanding, more spaces for non-honors students are created. "This is not a program with a wall around it," Leloudis said.

An expanded Honors Program also will be beneficial to the students already in the program, said Kathryn Compton, co-chairwoman of the Honors Program

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The ignorance of one voter in a democracy impairs the security of all.

John F. Kennedy