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UNC Departments Must Cut \$12 Million

Most are non-personnel; none to libraries

By **STEPHANIE M. HORVATH**
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UNC officials determined Wednesday that the University faces more than \$12 million in budget cuts this year.

But Chancellor James Moeser said the recent cuts will have only a modest impact on UNC. "The cuts were less

than we feared," he said. "The legislature really protected the University."

State legislators finalized the state budget late last month – almost three months into the fiscal year – with UNC's final blow coming to about 3 percent, a number significantly smaller than what University administrators anticipated.

The cuts have forced officials across

the University to make difficult decisions about what posts to leave vacant and what classes to cancel. "I don't think there's any area that's not impacted," Moeser said.

He added that the libraries were the only part of the University that was spared from cuts.

Provost Robert Shelton doled out the cuts to all areas of the University, but individual units will determine for themselves where to trim dollars.

Risa Palm, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said most departments

were trying to absorb the college's \$2.9 million cut mostly by eliminating their non-personnel budgets, which include things like paper and supplies.

"We're probably taking one-third to one-half of that cut in faculty salary money," she said.

The Department of English, which is facing a 3.5 percent cut, is offering fewer class sections with lecturers, turning off its copy machines and stopping its long-distance telephone service, said James Thompson, the department's chairman.

But non-personnel costs only make up less than 2 percent of the department's budget, so it has had to lay off three people who had contracts, Thompson said. He said that the department was able to rehire two faculty who were on leave without pay but that they might be laid off if the University faces midyear cuts.

"What looks like a not-so-terrible cut at the moment is going to get worse," he said.

Provost Robert Shelton said he expects

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Chancellor James Moeser said the cuts were smaller than anticipated.

Campus Use of Technology a National Trend

By **CLEVE R. WOOTSON JR.**
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In the battle for the top tier of high school seniors and prestige among peer institutions, universities and colleges are adding computers and information technology to their arsenals.

But public universities might be fighting an uphill battle.

Private universities often have the funding and freedom to implement sweeping moves like computer initiatives, experts say. But public universities are accountable to lawmakers and laymen alike.

UNC-Chapel Hill's Carolina Computing Initiative – which requires incoming freshmen to have laptops and provides a computer for those in financial need – is a variation of the norm, and it's likely to remain that way.

"It's harder to be a trendsetter today," said Jay Dominick, chief information officer for information services at Wake Forest University. "It is vastly more difficult for state schools to do things like this."

Although most schools – public and private – don't require computers, they strongly recommend that students bring them.

Many have made sweeping infrastructure changes with thousands of miles of wires retrofitted into buildings older than the students who use them. But representatives at many schools say they aren't ready to require computers.

Georgia Institute of Technology officials have debated whether to require that students have a computer, said Renita Washington, academic assistant in math,

science and engineering at Georgia Tech. "(Students) are not required to bring computers to school," Washington said. "But we suggest that they do. Most of the students bring them to campus anyway." Students at Georgia Tech have high-speed Internet access in their residence hall rooms.

The university has set up labs in locations across campus and has an expansive help desk to provide assistance, but lines in labs get long when exam time looms, she said.

Other schools have similar policies and problems. Duke University "does not require students to have a computer, but strongly encourages it," the Office of Information Technology's Web site states.

Florida State University undergraduates have high-speed Internet connections in their residence hall rooms and access to four 50-terminal computer labs on campus. Officials contend that programs like CCI aren't necessary for academic success.

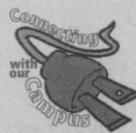
Wake Forest University, a private school in Winston-Salem, started a computing program for students in 1995, three years before UNC.

Students receive a laptop – which is included in the cost of tuition – as a freshman then trade that one in for a new computer as a junior.

It would be difficult for the university to provide lab services for all of its 5,000 students – especially at peak times, Dominick said. He added that having a personal computer is easier for students. "Have you ever tried typing a paper in a computer lab?"

Dominick said the university's initiative adds

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CCI Goals

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CCI Technology

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CCI in the Classroom

One year before all UNC undergraduates will have Carolina Computing Initiative laptops, statistics show that students are taking full advantage of campus technology but that few professors are using them in the classroom.

CONNECTING TO THE CLASSROOM

Educational activity slow to incorporate CCI program

By **JEFF SILVER**
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Everyone seems to be using them – students frantically typing papers, professors beaming class notes on to classroom screens, and administrators showing investments at Board of Trustees meetings.

The IBM-made laptop computers introduced to campus as part of the Carolina Computing Initiative program almost five years ago have undoubtedly made an impression on the University.

But is this how innovators of CCI envisioned the computers being used? Although campus officials are quick to point out how eagerly students and most faculty have embraced the new technology, they acknowledge that classroom instruction has not fundamentally changed as a result of the program.

Marian Moore, former vice chancellor for information technology who now holds a similar position at Boston College, said the main goal of the program when conceived was not to integrate laptops into classrooms but simply to make sure students have access to technology. "Although (technology and the classroom) go hand in hand, it's not up to us to make that decision (if the computers are used)," she said.

Provost Robert Shelton said CCI will, ideally, result in classroom integration of laptops – a process he said is progressing slowly. "The ultimate goal is the broader use of computing in the classroom."

But many officials stressed that even equipping students with the most modern technology won't

automatically improve in-class education.

CCI laptops offer only one method of quality teaching, said Risa Palm, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. She added that traditional techniques can also be effective. "The computer can be a tool for education, but the tool doesn't necessarily cause a better education," she said.

Steve Jarrell, interim vice chancellor for information technology, said his office is in place to help implement technology for professors who want it – not to push them to introduce it. But Shelton said meeting the goal for classroom use of the CCI laptops is important for modernizing the University and lies in the hands of UNC professors. "Getting (the laptops) into the classroom is the responsibility of the faculty."

Only some classes are showing signs of this laptop integration. A survey taken last semester coordinated by Rick Peterson, director of information services for the College of Arts and Sciences, showed that the CCI laptops rarely find their way into the classroom. Only 36 of the 729 classes offered through the College of Arts and Sciences required students to bring them.

But professors still are taking advantage of the technology. Of the 729 classes, 396 classes had a course Web page and 410 have assignments that require using the Internet, Peterson said.

Beyond classroom use, the biggest impact of the program has been an increase in communication between professor and student, said Sue Estroff, a

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Officials Denounce Anti-Semitic Mood

Moeser, others say no to intimidation

By **ERIC DECLERCK**
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UNC Chancellor James Moeser was one of 300 top higher education officials to sign a statement released Monday denouncing anti-Semitic actions on college campuses.

There have been several instances of hatred toward Israeli or Jewish supporters on college campuses within the past few months, the statement said.

By signing the statement, campus officials agreed not to tolerate intimidation on campus.

The American Jewish Committee published the statement, including the 300 signatures, in an advertisement in Monday's edition of The New York Times.

The statement distinguished between anti-Semitism, which is hatred of Jews, and anti-Zionism, which is opposition to an Israeli state.

The statement also expressed the AJC's desire to initiate public action against this behavior. "We were concerned about the welfare of our students and universities," said Ken Bandler, AJC public relations director.

He said his phone has been ringing off the hook with calls from supporters of the advertisement. The AJC expects

support to continue as long as the presence of anti-intimidation on campuses remains.

But several chancellors and presidents declined to sign the statement when it was originally presented to them at the beginning of the academic year by James O. Freedman, former president of Dartmouth College.

Chancellors and presidents declining to sign included leaders of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the University of Chicago, the University of Pennsylvania and Harvard University.

An MIT representative said school officials did not sign the statement because it was too narrow in its description of groups affected by intimidation.

Susan Nierenberg, assistant director of the AJC, said the committee had intended the statement to reach beyond the Jewish community.

"We want the broadband emphasis on all cases of intimidation," she said. "It is not just a statement about anti-Semitic behavior on campus."

Moeser signed the statement Sept. 25 but said he did not think it addressed the full issue of intimidation on campuses.

"In the wake of 9/11 there have also been acts of violence and intimidation directed to Muslim students and Arabs," he wrote on the statement. "I would be happier if this statement were more inclusive. UNC is intimidation-free for all."

Moeser said that the University does

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OWASA Officials Make Pitch for Conservation

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In the midst of the worst drought in recent area history, conservation efforts must be stepped up to prevent further restrictions, University and Orange Water and Sewer Authority officials said Wednesday.

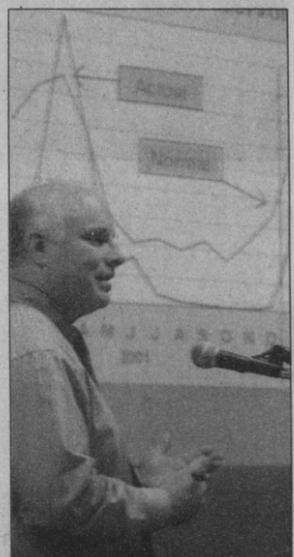
During a drought forum hosted by the School of Public Health, panel members spoke to more than 40 students, faculty and community members in the Rosenau Hall Auditorium.

The panel included Larry Band, Department of Geography chairman; Brian Billman, anthropology professor; Ray DuBose, UNC facility maintenance director; Ed Kerwin, executive director of OWASA; David Moreau, professor in the Department of City and Regional Planning; and Cynthia Shea, sustainability coordinator for UNC.

Each member expressed similar opinions – the drought is serious, and both the University and the community's response must be equally serious.

"Every day we set a new record low," Kerwin said. "Our reservoirs are at around 34 percent, and there is virtually no water flowing in."

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Ed Kerwin, Orange Water and Sewer Authority executive director, says Orange County's drought situation will get worse.

Leadership is the capacity to translate vision into reality.

Warren Bennis