

# Federal Budget Includes Funds for Local Research

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Research and education projects in the Triangle area will receive a substantial amount of money if President Bush approves the U.S. Congress' \$397.4 billion appropriations bill.

The bill, which already has been approved by the U.S. House, now must be signed by President Bush before it can come into effect.

Programs at N.C. State University, UNC-Chapel Hill and N.C. Central University won significant funding for the 2003-04 fiscal year when the Senate approved the budget Feb. 14.

N.C. State could receive \$495,000 to improve waste treatment practices on livestock farms and \$200,000 to study plant pathogens and detect agricultural bioterrorism. The university also could receive

\$360,000 to promote forest productivity and \$293,000 to improve fish farming.

Johnny Wynne, director of N.C. State's Agricultural Research Service, said the department's programs require more funding than the budget would provide.

"We didn't expect a large increase in federal money, but we are trying to use the available funding to strengthen our programs," he said.

The programs receive additional funding from the state and a number of other federal agencies and foundations.

Wynne said he is not surprised the Triangle research centers were given adequate appropriations in the bill.

"If you look at UNC-Chapel Hill and N.C. State, they are the two premium research centers in the country," he said.

UNC-CH's knowledgeFoundry program, a division of Information Technology Services, could receive

\$225,000 in federal money.

Megan Bell, knowledgeFoundry assistant director, said the money will be used to build staff and to develop evaluations of how people use media resources at the University.

Bell said the program, which was founded more than a year ago, has not received federal funding previously.

"There are a lot of things we want to accomplish, so the money is a very nice start," she said, adding that knowledgeFoundry leaders look to make the program eventually self-sustaining.

Other educational allocations include \$75,000 to N.C. Central for an academic enrichment program for area elementary and middle school students.

The environmental education program at the N.C. Museum of Natural Sciences would get as much as \$300,000 for the Green Education Center, said Karen

Kemp, the museum's director of public relations. Kemp said the center would provide space for workshops, outdoor demonstrations and research gardens.

But she said construction cannot start until the museum has the \$2 million needed to build the Center.

Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., was instrumental in securing support for the state's education and research projects, the senator's spokesman said. But Edwards then voted against the bill.

"Ultimately, I could not support a measure that doesn't even begin to meet our home security needs," Edwards stated in a press release issued last week.

Edwards' spokesman said the senator already is looking at the 2004 budget, which has a lot of the same problems.

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# UNC Students Work To Revive Northside

Crime, vacancies among top concerns

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During the past two years, residents of the Northside neighborhood have worked with UNC graduate students to improve and renovate their community.

The students, studying under UNC Professor Bill Rohe in the Department of City and Regional Planning, have been working with the community to explore crime prevention through environmental design.

The students also have identified three problem areas in the neighborhood and are working to implement solutions.

Jeff Caiola, a member of EmPOWERment Inc., a group which has been working closely with the students and the community, praised the student's efforts. "They were a huge resource," said Caiola, a Northside resident.

The students polled the community and held neighborhood forums to gather community concerns.

Issues neighborhood members expressed the most concerns about included loitering, housing vacancies and crime.

The area of the project, which crosses the Chapel Hill-Carrboro border and is bordered by Rosemary Street and Mitchell Lane, recently was expanded by the Town Council.

The council worked with EmPOWERment, Rohe's students and the Chapel Hill Police Department to collect data and set up opportunities for the neighborhood to get together and discuss community improvement.

Delores Bailey, the Northside community organizer, said involvement in the project began because affordable housing properties in the neighborhood weren't selling as expected.

Caiola said the neighborhood was

once a strong working-class community. Now the community is in decline and home to increasing petty crime and a high concentration of drug dealing, he added.

Caiola said the students have been able to pull together four large public forums for residents to plan community renovation.

The students helped to plan a block party last year, as well as a Neighborhood Night Out, which offered more than \$2,000 in prizes to the community. "They were always willing to give their time," Caiola said.

The key to the students' success so far, he added, is that they listen to the neighborhood.

Last November, the community participated in the annual Frances Hargraves Memorial Walk and Celebration to commemorate Hargraves' contribution to her Northside neighborhood.

The remaining balance of student funds gathered for the project is being used to purchase a memorial bench.

Rohe said that the students' report and plans for environmental design for the neighborhood will be discussed in an upcoming council meeting.

He also said the council has designated funds to assist in the neighborhood renovation once the issues are discussed.

Rohe commended the students' work in the renovation of Northside.

"There's been some clear improvements in the neighborhood," he said.

The graduate students will continue to work with the Northside program, which is now in its fourth semester.

"We all want to see a better neighborhood," Caiola said. "We do have a good neighborhood - we just want to make it better."

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## For the Record

In the Feb. 24 article "Disasters Increase Caution in Clubs," The Daily Tar Heel reported that the two recent nightclub disasters had totaled more than 120 deaths. The death count was actually 118 at press time.

In the Feb. 24 article "Dance Marathon Hits All-Time High" it was incorrectly reported that the Dance Marathon raised \$67,438. The marathon raised \$167,238.49. The DTH regrets the errors.

# Hussein Challenges Bush to Live Debate

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq - In an interview with CBS anchor Dan Rather, Saddam Hussein on Monday challenged President Bush to an internationally televised debate and indicated that he does not intend to follow U.N. orders to destroy his Al-Samoud 2 missiles.

Hussein said he envisions a live debate with Bush along the lines of those in a U.S. presidential campaign,

CBS said on its Web site.

Regarding chief U.N. weapons inspector Hans Blix's order that Iraq destroy its Al-Samoud 2 missiles, "Saddam indicated he does not intend to destroy them or pledge to destroy them as demanded," the network said.

The order was issued after international experts determined that Iraq possesses missiles that fly farther than the 93-mile limit set down by the United Nations in 1991. Iraq maintains that

some of the missiles overshot the limit because they were tested without warheads and guidance systems.

"This is not a serious issue," White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said of the reported debate offer.

Fleischer said Hussein's comments about the Al-Samouds represent "open defiance" of the United Nations. "He refuses even to acknowledge that the weapons are prohibited," Fleischer said.

Iraq has until the end of the week to begin destroying the missiles, their components and other related systems. If it fails to do so, that could give impetus to a draft U.N. resolution submitted Monday by the United States, Britain and Spain that would pave the way for war.

## Campus Calendar

Today

6:15 p.m. - Sangam, a South Asian awareness organization, is hosting South Asian Awareness. The week will kick off tonight with an Indian dinner at Carmichael Ballroom. The cost is \$5 or five canned foods. At 7 p.m. there will be a forum on India-Pakistan relations at the Carmichael Ballroom.

7:30 p.m. - The Self-Knowledge Symposium will host UNC alumna Sunny Schlenger, who will give a free seminar on time and space management in 101 Greenlaw Hall. The seminar is titled "Organizing for the Spirit: Making Life's Details Manageable and Meaningful." Schlenger helps corporations, nonprofit agencies and individuals manage their time and space more creatively and effectively.

## UNC v. First Amendment

ARTICLE 1: Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

Please join us for a discussion on UNC's non-discrimination policy. Should student groups be allowed to screen out potential members on the basis of religion, gender, or race, and is that policy an expression of the First Amendment? Or should any student, regardless of background, have the right to join any group? Representatives from student groups across campus will be speaking and you will have an opportunity to respond to the speakers following the presentation. Light refreshments will be served.

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