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## Officials Prepare for 5 to 10 Percent Cut

University's budget won't be set for months

By CAROLINE KORNEGAY  
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As UNC-Chapel Hill officials wait today for word from Raleigh on Gov. Mike Easley's proposal for the state budget, administrators are preparing contingency plans for the University's finances should it face a 5 percent to 10 percent budget cut.

In light of past budget cuts, Provost

Robert Shelton advised administrators to begin their budgeting process for the next fiscal year by creating alternate funding plans anticipating cutbacks by the state legislature in the UNC system's funding.

Shelton said that in a letter sent Tuesday to UNC-CH deans and vice chancellors, he asked them to create plans for different scenarios should funding be cut 5 percent or 10 percent as a result of the state's expected \$2 billion

budget shortfall.

Though unsure of the exact nature of the cuts, Shelton said, "I'm sure we'll have cuts. I'm sure it'll be single digits."

The early plans, while mostly hypothetical, serve a specific purpose in the first steps of the University's budgeting process. "It's to try to get an overview (of the cuts) and to try to see how it all fits together," Shelton said.

The last permanent cut, administered in October, reduced University allocations by 3 percent, but a round of temporary reductions brought the total cuts

to nearly \$20 million. Administrators are preparing to begin this budgetary cycle by planning for possible future cuts.

Jeff Davies, UNC-system vice president for finance, said the system's budget is likely to be slashed. "We've had significant budget cuts over the last couple of years."

Shelton said the contingency plans he requested in his letter will help assess how broad of an impact the cuts will have.

Kevin FitzGerald, who serves as a liaison between the University and the N.C. General Assembly, said the deans

plans will be written in the context that the state still is suffering from an economic downturn.

Administrators are waiting on the governor's budget proposal, which will be released at 9:30 a.m. today.

FitzGerald said that he listened on Monday to Easley's State of the State address and that he does not think the governor's budget will call for any drastic cuts to the University's funding.

"He'll be making \$500 million in (recurring) cuts," FitzGerald said, referring to permanent cuts. "We're hoping

for some additional money."

The plans created by the deans are possible worst-case scenarios that administrators would have to face.

"A reduction at 5 to 10 percent would significantly harm the University," Davies said.

In the College of Arts and Sciences, departments are beginning to feel the strain of annual budget cuts.

"I think it's becoming devastating to morale to ask teachers to teach under

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## Owners Dislike Sprinkler Proposal

By RYAN C. TUCK  
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On Monday night, the Chapel Hill Town Council voted to explore the possibility of requiring bars and nightclubs to install sprinkler systems, but most of the businesses that could be affected have not reacted positively.

The council voted after hearing a report from Fire Chief Dan Jones that demonstrated the hazards associated with businesses that serve alcoholic beverages while having 50 or more people in the facility.

The recent increased awareness of fire hazards in bars and nightclubs arose after The Station nightclub in Rhode

Island caught fire, killing at least 98 people.

The proposal would require all new businesses that serve alcoholic beverages in a facility that holds 50 or more people to install sprinklers before receiving their certificates of occupancy. All businesses would have to install the sprinkler systems within five years or have their certificates of occupancy revoked.

Although the council only voted to discuss the possibility with state legislators, local bar and club owners already are speaking out against the endeavor.

Jared Resnick, owner of West End Wine Bar, said the requirement is ludicrous. He shares the opinion of the owners of He's Not Here and The Cave.

"It's sad what happened in Rhode Island, but it was not due to the fact that they did not have sprinklers," he said. "They were using packing material in their walls to absorb the sound, which caused the fire."

He added, "Requiring additional sprinklers would be an unsubstantiated, ridiculous expense."

Larry Eldridge, owner of Linda's Bar & Grill, said that when tragedies like this occur, people always re-evaluate every detail of the affected businesses.

"We've had every aspect of our operation inspected, and just because a tragedy happens somewhere else doesn't make us unsafe," Eldridge said.

Most local bar and club owners think the proposal could hurt business.

Job Marlowe, manager of Hell, the council needs to be sure such a measure is necessary before applying it to local businesses, which already are suffering.

"They need to examine if it is really

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Kim Calhoun, a Chapel Hill resident, leads protesters down Franklin Street on Tuesday afternoon. Protesters, demonstrating against a possible war in Iraq, covered themselves with sheets and anti-war slogans for their march across campus and down Franklin Street.

## ANTI-WAR PROTESTERS EXERCISE RIGHT TO BARE

By JENNI NORMAN  
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Only one word can stop a college student dead in his tracks — naked.

On Tuesday evening, students munched on sandwiches and sipped coffee in the Pit as a buzz of anticipation fluttered from mouth to mouth.

By 5:30 p.m., about 250 students and a handful of University police were gathered to watch — or gawk — as the Naked People for Peace Procession marched into the Pit.

The protesters appeared swathed in white sheets with the phrase "end war" spray-painted across the sheets in blood-red lettering.

University police officers arrived in the area ahead of time to monitor the protest.

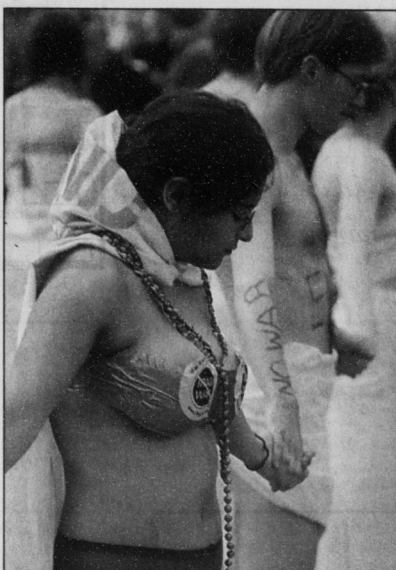
"There's an appropriate way to protest that the University has long recognized," said Police Chief Derek Poarch. Poarch said the job of University police is to protect freedom of expression.

Liz Mason-Deese, co-coordinator for the Campaign to End the Cycle of Violence, said she supported the protest despite the spectacle atmosphere it generated. "Hopefully this will draw attention to the anti-war movement," Deese said. "Any way to get the message across is good."

As the protesters made their way to the Pit, initial reactions were as diverse as the students who were present. A smattering of students even booed and jeered. Other students clapped and cheered. The protesters, remaining silent and holding their heads high, formed a human chain along their way.

"No more naked aggression," a half-naked protester yelled as the procession paused in the Pit. "No blood for oil."

The protesters revealed different messages using their bodies. One activist boasted white face paint and a single red tear on his cheek.



The procession did not contain itself to the Pit. The chain made its way through Polk Place and to Franklin Street, stopping to gather around the flags in the quad and outside the post office.

"There is no flag that can cover the stain of innocent blood," the group chanted on the quad.

The procession drew people from all ages and walks of life, both pro-war and anti-war.

Behm Williams, a student at Culbreth Middle School, followed the march to Hanes Art Center. "I can't believe we're actually coming together like this," Williams said. "It's great."

UNC junior Chris Cymbalak and his cousin Piotr Lipski watched the protesters outside the Franklin Street post office. "They want attention; they're getting attention," Cymbalak said.

Lipski, who is from Poland, said that the protest was a great idea but that he was surprised to see it. He added that there are no naked protests in Poland.

As the march wove its way up Franklin Street toward Columbia Street, reactions from onlookers were mixed. Most stared in shock, while others made their opinions more vocal.

"Support our troops," a woman yelled through her car window. The protesters rebuffed, "Support our troops; bring them home."

Richard Wernick, a UNC student, said the protest was defeating its purpose.

"What about the innocent lives that Saddam's taking right now?" he asked. Wernick said it was ridiculous to call the war "a war for oil" and labeled the procession a publicity stunt.

But protester Chuck Morton said the publicity is what the group desired. Fellow protester Ryan O'Dell agreed. "We hope to accomplish more visibility, so to speak," he said. "It's one more way to get the word out."

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## Congress Overrides IDC Veto

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Congress members voted 18-2 Tuesday to overturn Student Body President Jen Daum's veto on a bill they passed allocating \$95 to the Independent Defense Counsel.

The bill, originally passed Feb. 18 by Congress, was vetoed by Daum the next day.

The funding requested by IDC was intended for printing and publicity purposes, and according to IDC officials, it was necessary because the student attorney general didn't make it clear to clients that IDC is an option for them.

Daum said Tuesday in her address to Congress that she vetoed the bill because she does not support the pro-

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DTH/ELSPETH CALLAHAN

Gov. Mike Easley pushed for a line-item veto in his State of the State address Monday.

## Line-Item Veto Could Shift Power

By CLEVE R. WOOTSON JR.  
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In no uncertain terms, Gov. Mike Easley made it clear Monday in his State of the State address that he will veto this year's budget if it contains anything he believes is inappropriate.

He even went so far as to call for the N.C. General Assembly to enact a line-item veto this session — a policy that is viewed as kryptonite by legislators hesitant to cede political power.

**Line-Item Veto:**

Gives the governor the ability to strike out or change a single item in any appropriations bill.

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Modesty is a vastly overrated virtue.

John Kenneth Galbraith