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State budget stings entire UNC system

ALL 16 STATE SCHOOLS FACE DIFFICULT CUTS, TUITION HIKES

BY ELLIOTT DUBE
STATE & NATIONAL EDITOR

In terms of legality, the new state budget is as good as gold — Gov. Mike Easley signed the plan into law last week. But in the eyes of some UNC-system leaders and officials, state lawmakers reached a compromise at too great a cost to North Carolina's public universities.

The budget allots about \$46.6 million to meet an estimated systemwide enrollment growth of 4.5 percent.

But it also includes \$61.7 million

in UNC-system operating reductions — a cut of about 4 percent, although that number will vary for each university — and calls for the UNC-system Board of Governors to raise tuition by 5 percent for both in-state and out-of-state students.

Jonathan Ducote, president of the UNC Association of Student Governments, said the General Assembly once again has balanced the state's budget at the expense of UNC-system students and staff.

"It's really becoming a true family sacrifice," Ducote said. "Families

are having to choose between putting food on the table and sending a student to college, and that's not a choice that families should have to make."

He said there were several potential revenue sources lawmakers could have used to offset some of the financial damage to state universities.

In deciding to chip away at "the thing that the state could have used in the long run," Ducote added, legislators are hindering North Carolina's ability to become an economic and intellectual leader in

the future.

Others don't think as poorly of lawmakers' budgetary decisions. Jane Helm, vice chancellor for business affairs at Appalachian State University, said university officials understand that they have to do their part to outstrip poor economic circumstances and that they are focusing primarily on protecting jobs and academic programs.

"Certainly neither the tuition cut nor the cut makes us happy, but we certainly understand the condition of the economy in North Carolina," she said.

Mark Fleming, the UNC system's associate vice president for state governmental relations, said he is pleased that some proposed reductions were scaled back, including a reduction in the system's continuation budget increase — which accounts for factors such as inflation and new buildings — that went from \$20.6 million to \$2 million.

But the improvement of salaries and benefits for state employees needs to be higher on legislators' lists of priorities in the near future, Fleming said. "It has got to be addressed or we're going to lose more and more good people from our system."

UNC-Chapel Hill Provost

Robert Shelton said University officials haven't received an official damage report, although a possible 6 or 7 percent cut would be lower than the double-digit reduction he once feared.

University officials continue to talk to members of the General Assembly, he said, and they are considering forecasts that show state revenue growth during the next two years. "We can think about it in a positive way if there's additional revenue or in a defensive mode if the revenue estimates are more optimistic than expected."

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JULY 4TH STROLL



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U.S. Senator and presidential hopeful John Edwards greets Fourth of July beach-goers Friday at Wrightsville Beach, N.C. This marked Edwards' fifth annual hour-long beach stroll, as he addressed comments and concerns from Johnnie

Mercer's Fishing Pier to The Blockade Runner Hotel. Later, he told reporters that it is important for the United States to maintain its military, political and economic strength while working with and engaging the international community. But the senator kept mum about his decision of

whether or not to fight for re-election to his Senate seat as he is pursuing the country's highest office. "My position hasn't changed," he said. "It's the same as it's always been." He also pointed out that his status as the incumbent would serve to improve his chances in next year's Senate race.

Provost reveals prospective dean

BY JOSEPH SCHWARTZ
STAFF WRITER

Eight months after the position was vacated, members of the search committee for a new dean of the Kenan-Flagler Business School believe they have found their man in Steve Jones, a former banking leader in Australia.

On June 20, Provost Robert Shelton sent the business school's faculty and staff a memorandum in which he stated that he had recommended a candidate to the UNC Board of Trustees for approval.

In the document, Shelton urged faculty to refrain from releasing Jones' name to the public until the board approved him.

However, after it had been reported widely that Jones was the candidate, Shelton confirmed as much Monday.

"The committee, which was chaired by former Chancellor Bill



UNC alumnus Steve Jones is poised to be dean of the business school.

McCoy, looked at a large number of candidates, and Jones rose to the top unanimously on the part of the committee," Shelton said.

He also said that when the BOT meets July 24, Jones' name will be brought forward for approval. While the board's decision is yet to be made, Shelton said, he does not anticipate any difficulty.

The other finalist for the position was Mark Zupan, dean of economics at the Eller College of Business and Public Administration at the University of Arizona.

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Arts and sciences dean to come from faculty

BY ARMAN TOLENTINO
STAFF WRITER

The next dean of the College of Arts and Sciences — UNC's largest and oldest school — will come from the ranks of UNC faculty.

Because of the large pool of highly qualified academic leaders to choose from on campus, Chancellor James Moeser decided to make the search an internal one, Provost Robert Shelton said.

"The norm is to conduct a national search," Shelton said. "We just felt that in this case there were some unusual circumstances that led us to conduct an internal search."

The search committee — com-

prising faculty, staff, students and a contributor to the University — is in the process of accepting nominations for the position, which committee members hope to fill by January.

Meanwhile, Richard Solloway has been serving as interim dean since July 1, when Risa Palm left the position to become executive vice president and provost at Louisiana State University.

Palm, who had served as dean since 1997, was the only dean in the history of the arts and sciences school to come from outside the UNC family.

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Strom, 2 new faces to seek office

BY KATHRYN GRIM
CITY EDITOR

One incumbent and two challengers filed candidacy for the Chapel Hill Town Council on Monday.

Parks and Recreation Commission members Andrea Rohrbacher and Terri Tyson will join incumbent Bill Strom in this year's race.

Mayor Kevin Foy and council members Pat Evans and Jim Ward, all up for re-election, have not declared whether they will run. Flicka Bateman announced two weeks ago that the current term is her last on the council.

Rohrbacher, who moved to Chapel Hill from the Detroit area in 1980, began her local political career in 1992 when her work with the Sierra Club led her to join the Greenways Commission. She left the commission in 1999 when she was appointed to the Parks and Recreation Commission, and she served as PRC chairwoman this past year.

Rohrbacher said her work with different issue-focused advisory committees, such as the Greenways Master Plan Committee, the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Committee and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force,

piqued her interest in taking part in the council's broader decision-making processes.

Rohrbacher said her experiences have made her sensitive to the environmental impact of the town's actions. She said she also will concentrate on downtown business, open space, transportation issues and the town's deficit in recreational facilities.

Tyson, who moved to Chapel Hill from Roanoke, Va., in 1989, has served on committees for the town, the county and the school system for the past six years.

Current vice chairwoman of the PRC and former director of the Orange County Retired Senior Volunteer Program, Tyson has served as chairwoman of the Chapel Hill Human Services Advisory Board and as president of the districtwide PTA Council.

Tyson participated on the Street Fair Review Committee, the Chapel Hill Township Park and Educational Campus Group and the committee to form the Orange County Master Aging Plan.

Tyson said her priorities for the town include creating a "friendlier business climate" downtown, paying attention to the con-

cerns of senior citizens and increasing the number of recreational facilities.

Strom, who moved to Chapel Hill from New York City in 1985 and was elected to the council in 1999, said he chose to run again to keep up a positive momentum. "It's been a remarkably productive four years on the council and for the community," he said. "I want to be involved in these policies as they evolve."

Strom, who described himself as an environmentalist, a social progressive, a communitarian and a financial realist, cited among the council's successes the passage of the Land-Use Management Ordinance and the implementation of fare-free transit. Strom campaigned in 1999 in support of the Schools Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance.

Strom will serve this summer on the town-gown committee recently formed to continue discussion about the University's proposed changes to its Master Plan. "I hope to bring a recommendation back to the council that it can pass unanimously," he said.

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DANCIN' SHOES



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The Cane Creek Cloggers perform for an audience of over 150 people during Carrboro's Fourth of July Celebration at Town Hall. Festivities lasted for over five hours and included a parade and numerous relays.

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'Terminator 3' surprisingly ranks among top third installments in film trilogy history **PAGE 2**

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