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Schools respond to budget cut

A&T TO PAY STATE WITH TECH MONEY; ASU OFFICIALS DON'T EXPECT CRUNCH

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The N.C. General Assembly's handing down of a 0.75 percent budget cut to all state agencies last week means the remainder of the UNC system's fiscal year will have to be more frugal.

The state will receive a return of \$13.3 million from the 16 system universities.

Individual schools will pay amounts ranging from less than \$90,000 to \$2.85 million.

The cut, a nonrecurring reversion, will channel more money toward relief for the state's hurricane victims.

UNC-Chapel Hill officials said Monday that the University has not decided from where it will draw the \$2.85 million it owes the state but that other system schools are

digging in their pockets and making plans to provide the money.

"We're going to have to realign some costs," said Akua Matherson, assistant vice chancellor for budget and planning at N.C. Agricultural & Technical State University.

Matherson said N.C. A&T plans to cover the reversion expenses with money originally designated for new equipment and technology, such as additional wireless networking.

"(The reversion) decreases the cash you have on hand to spend," she said. Taking the money from technological expenses

will be the most "painless" cut possible, she said.

Matherson said the school's loss of more than \$500,000 will not affect financial aid or next year's tuition costs because the university does not want students to bear responsibility for the reversion.

But at Appalachian State University, which will be returning more than \$250,000 to the state, administrators are not having to make cuts from programs or services at all.

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Review efforts trip up officials

Overhaul to Code dominates work

BY LIZZIE STEWART
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The months-long effort to overhaul the Student Code has put a strain on the normal operations of the Student Congress committee charged with the job.

But members of the Rules and Judiciary Committee say their work, which often includes spending tedious hours poring over the document's minutiae, is still important.

Tuesday's committee meeting was no exception, as members debated for almost an hour on just one amendment. It was emblematic of the entire process, with members spending an extraordinary amount of time debating specific wording and tweaking particular phrases.

"Our meetings are long because we've had thoughtful debate," said Rep. Luke Farley, who became chairman of the committee this semester after having never served on it before.

"We can either process and review a huge quantity of legislation and just turn it out like it was in an assembly line or something, or we can take the time to talk about it and produce quality legislation."

While the Code revisions will not completely restructure student government and might not spark widespread debate among students, Congress members emphasized that the changes are still important.

Representatives continued discourse Tuesday on possible revisions to Title VI, the section of the Code that regulates student elections.

Although clerical corrections to the Code might seem menial in comparison to divisive issues — such as a recent debate on the definition of negative campaigning — they are nonetheless necessary in order to make the Code accessible to those who are required to understand it, members said.

Because a committee independent of Congress recommended changes to the Code, many committee members often have been forced to debate proposed changes without fully understanding the context of the changes.

"In the future, we need to have Congress members informed and ready to form opinions on what they introduced," said Rep. James Riley. "Debate isn't really possible if you don't have two sides."

Because the Code hasn't been extensively overhauled in 10 years, there is a high volume of legislation passing across the committee's table, Farley said.

"I would suggest to the next R and J chair, 'Save yourself the headache of doing this once every 10 years and do it once every year.'"

Solicitor General Matt Liles, who led the independent committee that embarked on the revisions during the summer, said that

"The challenge he's facing is that there are so many organizations, and it is so hard to be visible." ERIN DAVIS, BSM PRESIDENT

Campus serves as hub for growth

Tries to ease woes of globalization

BY CATHERINE ROBB
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For many North Carolinians, the expected arrival of a Dell USA manufacturing center in the Triad is reason to rejoice: The center potentially could create 1,500 jobs by 2009.

For the more than 24,000 unemployed North Carolinians whose jobs have been outsourced to foreign manufacturers since January 2001, the job openings are even more important.

Yet those people can attribute the promise of new jobs to the very same source that has taken some of them away — Dell thrives because of revenue from foreign markets and currently holds the industry record for worldwide shipments.

This complex situation is just one example of the many convoluted

aspects of globalization in the South — a topic in which UNC, a prestigious center for academic

research with a mission of serving the state, is at the center of debate.

"It's the role and responsibility of the University to help the state deal with changes that are probably inevitable," said Niklaus Steiner, executive director of the University Center for International Studies. "These are wrenching, hard choices that have to be made, and the University needs to be a part of the conversation."

Under the guidance of the international center, UNC faculty and administrators in many disciplines are fostering research and communication regarding the growth of the global market.

These efforts include funding research, hosting conferences and speakers, and encouraging faculty and students to teach and study abroad.

"What we really want to do is be a bridge between the academic work being done at the University and the people in the field dealing with the day-to-day issues," Steiner said.

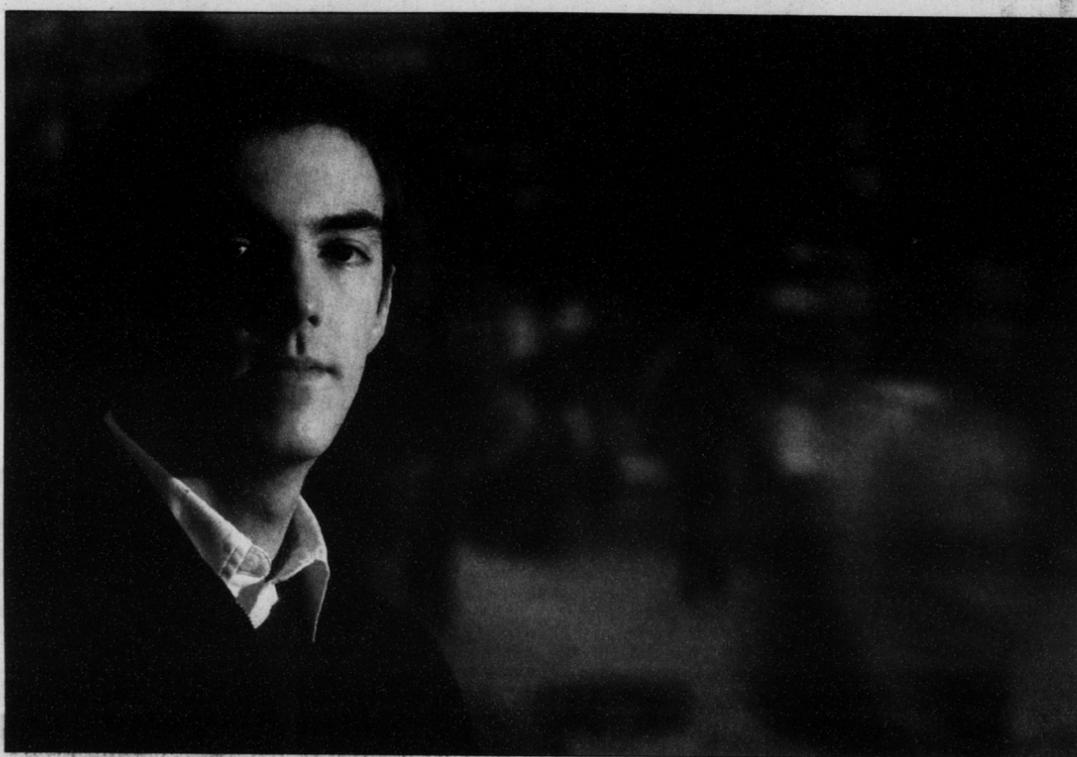
To this end, UCIS and the Center for the Study of the American South will hold a conference this March inviting scholars, politicians and community leaders to discuss the impact of globalization in the region.

History Professor Harry Watson, director of the Southern studies center, said the University serves to disseminate information about how North Carolina can reduce the negative consequences and increase the benefits of globalization.

"We need to teach students, encourage courses and offer as much outreach to adult and lifelong learners as we can, so that the state can turn to us for information and insight about all the people dealing with (globalization)," Watson said.

Not everyone at UNC agrees on the best way to do that.

Proponents of globalization within the University argue that in the



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While Student Body President Matt Calabria promised to reach out to campus groups during his campaign, he is now taking a toned-down attitude toward public appearances. Calabria's style has won praise from leaders but also has drawn the scorn of some, who say he isn't accessible.

STUDENTS DIVIDED ON SBP'S OUTREACH

BY GEORGIA CHERRY
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Matt Calabria promised to reach out to campus groups when he campaigned for the position of student body president last spring.

Now, a little more than halfway through his term, Calabria has taken a toned-down attitude toward public appearances, opting to engage in a more focused outreach program that might be silencing some student voices.

Past student body presidents chose to meet with stu-

dents on a large scale and often held regularly scheduled office hours in the Pit.

But Calabria has concentrated on the more formal interactions he proposed in the Student Voice section in his campaign platform.

"Relying on office hours in the Pit was insufficient," Calabria

said. "We are now trying to solicit more student feedback through meeting with different student organizations."

Many student leaders have expressed appreciation for Calabria's efforts to talk about student government's activities and listen to students' concerns.

"He has done his side of the

bargain and fulfilled his campaign promises to my knowledge," said Jordan Selleck, chairman of the UNC College Republicans.

Black Student Movement President Erin Davis said that Calabria has been to one of the group's executive board meetings and that a member of student government's minority affairs committee comes at least twice a month.

"He is definitely making an attempt to reach out," Davis said. "I think that the challenge he's facing is that there are so many organizations, and it is so hard to be visible to all of them."

Although Calabria has contacted and met extensively with various student groups — including Sangam, Dance Marathon and the Asian Students Association — some student demographics still see Calabria as a stranger.

Although both the Panhellenic Council and Interfraternity Council presidents said they have great communication with Calabria, individual leaders such as Caroline Mazingo, president of Alpha Chi Omega sorority, does not share the same relationship.

"Unfortunately, I couldn't tell you an instance when Calabria has worked with our individual system," Mazingo said. "He came by our house during his campaign, but nothing has really been seen around here since then."

Danielle Wilson, a student intern for Campus Crusade for Christ, expressed similar sentiments. She said she has not noticed Calabria or any other student government representatives at Campus Crusade meetings.

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Patrons hit eateries for cause

BY ZACH JEPSSEN
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UNC sophomore Cason Dwyer and his friends were doing more than just chowing down at the Pita Pit on Tuesday night.

The group joined hundreds of other local diners in aiding the efforts of Restaurants Sharing V/5 + V/5 Percent Day, an annual event in which participating businesses in Chapel Hill, Carrboro, Durham and Raleigh contribute

10 percent of the day's profits to help fight hunger in the Triangle area.

Chapel Hill-Carrboro RSVVP coordinator Irene Briggaman said

she worked hard this year to spread the word about the program, talking to newspapers and distributing about 15,000 fliers through local church congregations.

The goal was to inform the community of a chance to eat at a restaurant and contribute to a charity at the same time, she said.

Dwyer said he heard about the program through his church, the Newman Catholic Student Center.

"I think it's good for the businesses to give back," he said.

Briggaman said the program, now in its 16th year, had a record number of 255 Triangle restaur-

ants participating this year.

"My goal is to see everybody sign up," she said. "It makes such good sense."

She said she hopes the program will collect \$45,000 this year.

Freshman Pooja Gupta, dining at Aladdin's Grill & Catering, raised her thumbs in approval of the idea of eating for charity.

University sophomore Brendan Kereiakes said that while the program is a great idea, it could be done more often. "I think they could easily do it once a semester," he said.

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Freshman Carrie Stroud sips her drink while eating with friends Tuesday at Carrboro's Armadillo Grill, one of many restaurants involved with RSVVP.

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