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## Bill would alter BOG

Size, term lengths to be considered

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The structure of the UNC system's governing board could see significant changes under a bill filed Monday in the General Assembly.

Rep. Phillip Haire's proposed changes would reduce the size of the Board of Governors by two members, lengthen terms from four to six years and eliminate the emeritus members who now serve on the BOG without a vote.

The Jackson County Democrat's proposal comes as state legislators look to finish the process of appointing 16 members to the board. He was unavailable for comment Tuesday.

BOG Chairman Brad Wilson said the expansion to six-year terms will help the board be more effective.

"(A six-year term) brings greater stability, continuity and takes out some of the process," he said. "You would only have to run two times and not three times."

Wilson estimated that it takes new board members 18 months to learn the often complex, nuanced processes of state universities. That leaves them only 2 1/2 years left to operate as "old pros" before they must run for re-election.

Under the plan, the House and Senate still would split the duty of electing BOG members.

Another proposed change would eliminate the seats of the board's two emeritus members, who draw on previous experiences with the board to serve as advisors.

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BOG Chairman Brad Wilson was generally supportive of possible change.

## Budget could cut faculty posts

755 POSITIONS SYSTEMWIDE MAY FACE CHOPPING BLOCK

BY ERIC JOHNSON  
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State lawmakers have warned for months that this year's budget situation will demand painful cutbacks in spending, even for priorities such as education.

But UNC-system officials were surprised Monday to learn just how deep those cuts might be.

A draft proposal from the legislature's joint appropriations subcommittee on education would slash almost \$45 million in fund-

ing for faculty, forcing a system-wide elimination of 348 filled and 407 unfilled positions.

University officials had been told that cuts of that magnitude were possible, but most said they expected the committee to suggest a more modest reduction.

"I think everybody is stunned that this has hit the campuses so hard," said Kevin FitzGerald, legislative liaison for UNC-Chapel Hill.

The draft also calls for reduc-

ing or eliminating funding to a host of other university programs, from the distinguished professors endowment fund to wages for private contractors.

Jeff Davies, UNC-system vice president for finance, said the proposal essentially would force the university to pay for its own enrollment growth. The draft sets aside \$72.8 million to fund enrollment increases for the 2005-06 academic year but pays for it by cutting other university spending.

Overall, even after it diverts money to enrollment funding, the UNC system would see about \$29.4 million less than it request-

"In essence, the university's budget goes down \$29 million and we get 7,000 new students," Davies said. "Reductions of this magnitude would be devastating to the university."

It is the cuts to faculty that pose the gravest concern, officials said.

"I'm disappointed and discouraged," said UNC-CH Provost Robert Shelton. Under the terms of the subcommittee's proposal, UNC-CH would lose 90 filled and about 80 vacant positions, he said.

"What this will mean is reduction in sections, reduction in course availability, longer time to degrees and a whole lot of frustra-

tion," he said. Shelton also cited the potential loss of millions in research dollars, because each faculty member brings in an average of about \$190,000 per year in grants and other outside funding.

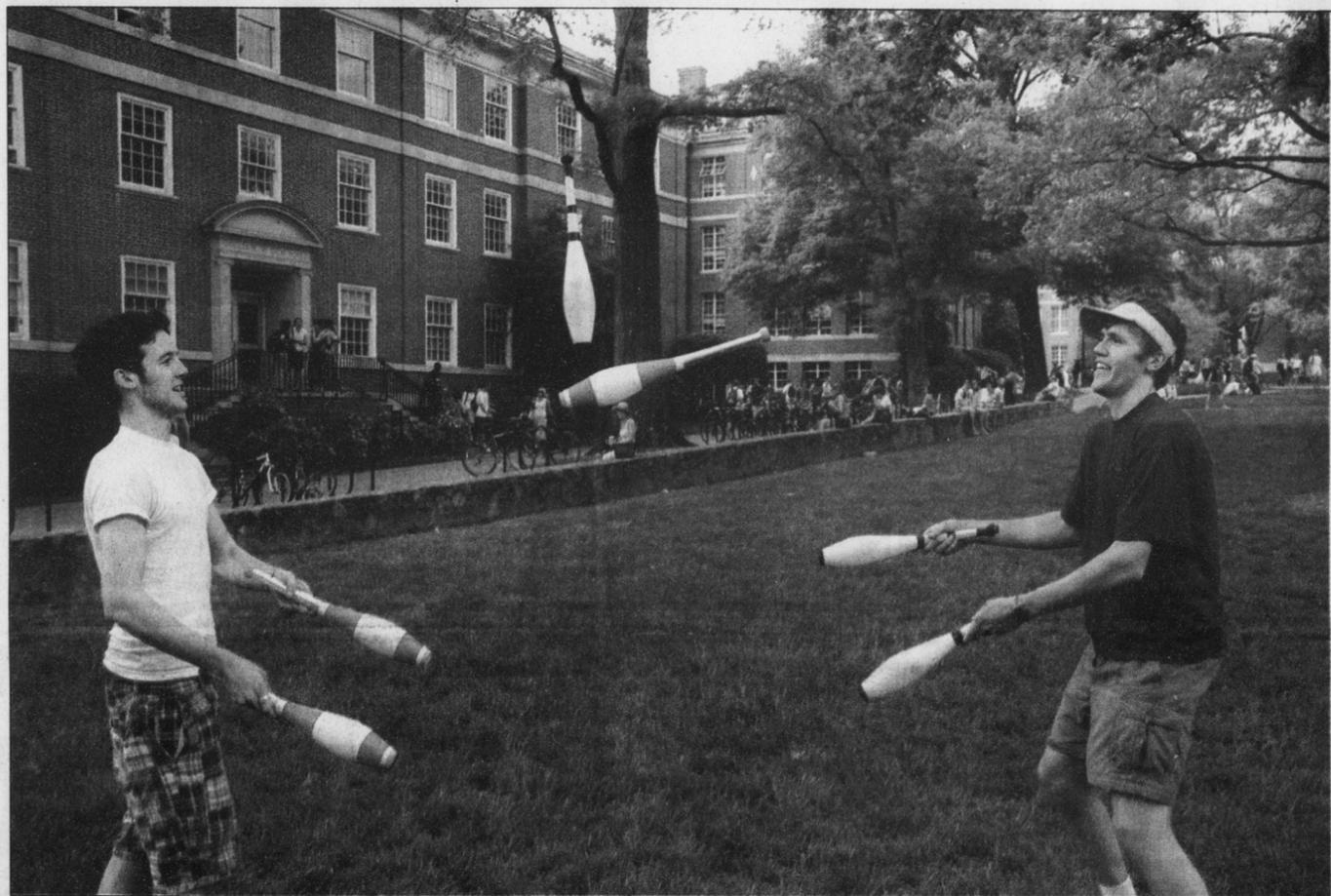
"That will have a huge impact on our research money," he said.

Other system schools are bracing for similar consequences. Andy Willis, assistant to the chancellor for external affairs at N.C. State University, said the campus could lose more than 130 filled positions.

"There's no way that you can't affect the classroom with these reductions," he said. "In past years,

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## PLAYS A MEAN PINBALL



DTH/BRANDON MAYNARD

Sophomore Will Leonard (left) and senior Miles Masci juggle in Polk Place on Tuesday afternoon. The first 80-degree days of spring have brought a blossoming of activity on campus, as many have hit the outdoors to study, play games and sunbathe. Temperatures were expected

to stay in the 80s today, with highs dipping into the 70s this weekend with the chance of thunderstorms on the horizon. The warm weather also could bring higher gasoline prices and other inconveniences, but for now, University students seem solidly focused on their opportunities to play.

## NCAA prez lauds Tar Heel teams

BY JOHN RAMSEY  
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The University exemplifies leadership in intercollegiate athletics, especially during the current period of academic reform, NCAA President Myles Brand said Tuesday evening in front of about 250 spectators in Koury Auditorium.

Brand, the keynote speaker for the Carolina Leadership Academy's first anniversary celebration, expressed his concerns about the future of college athletics.

After his lecture, he participated

in a roundtable discussion with other prominent figures, including Chancellor James Moeser, ACC Commissioner John Swofford and former UNC-system President Bill Friday.

"The Carolina Leadership Academy is quite special," Brand said, praising UNC-Chapel Hill's leadership school for student athletes. "If we can use it as a model, that would be terrific."

Brand, in his third year as president, outlined the NCAA's new tool for gauging student athletes in the

classroom, the Academic Progress Rate. Beginning in the 2005-06 academic year, all teams in all NCAA sports must meet minimum requirements or face sanctions, such as the loss of scholarships.

"We're serious about academic reform. You're going to have to be a student first and then an athlete," he said. "This is real reform, not just lip service."

On a scale of zero to 1,000, a score of 925, which represents a 50 percent expected graduation rate, will be the minimum necessary to avoid punishment. Preliminary reports were published this academic year, and UNC-CH's men's basketball team finished at the top of the rankings with a perfect score.

"If you want to conduct intercollegiate athletics the right way, look at Chapel Hill," Friday said.

Brand also expressed his belief that athletics departments need to demonstrate fiscal responsibility.

To do that, he said, departments must increase the responsibility of schools' presidents, slow the spiral of spending to encourage winning and integrate athletics into campuses as a whole.

But Moeser highlighted a key problem with fiscal prudence: Sports teams expect to win.

"I don't really see a way to control these spiraling costs because of the need to be competitive," he said. "There's an arms race. ... In every aspect of the University, we

compete for the best."

Brand said he advocates for fiscally responsible actions because when a university begins to be defined by its athletics, its academic mission faces a crisis. "(These actions) must add value to the university's mission," he said. "It means using the resources in ways that go beyond the job of winning."

The Carolina Leadership Academy, led by Jeff Janssen, aims to develop student athletes' leadership through interactive workshops, one-on-one coaching, peer mentoring and educational resources.

"Janssen and the things he taught us really influenced our success this season," said senior Carey Fetting-Smith, a member of the women's field hockey team that won the ACC tournament and finished 21-2 last season.

The last time Brand, Moeser and Athletics Director Dick Baddour met, they stood on the floor of the Edward Jones Dome to celebrate athletic excellence. Tuesday, they gathered to celebrate UNC's mission to instill a sense of leadership in its student-athletes.

"Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other," Brand said. "From the leadership of Bill Friday to Dean Smith ... the University of North Carolina is the example for leadership."

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## Shifts in budgets miff UNC officials

BY DON CAMPBELL  
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The continual decline in state funding to the University has evoked debate about the rising emphasis on and influence of private funding sources.

Even though UNC-system schools have suffered less than universities in many other states, the rising cost of higher education has created widespread budget cuts, Provost Robert Shelton said.

"I think there's been a gradual trend really for all public uni-

*"We're in an era now when taxpayers don't want to pay for the common good."*

ROBERT SHELTON, PROVOST

versities in the country that the state's share in their budget has gone down," he said.

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## Cardinals elect pope after short election

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

VATICAN CITY — Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger of Germany, the Roman Catholic Church's leading hard-liner, was elected pope Tuesday in the first conclave of the new millennium. He chose the name Benedict XVI and called himself "a simple, humble worker."

White smoke poured from the chimney atop the Sistine Chapel

and the bells of St. Peter's pealed at 6:04 p.m. (12:04 p.m. EDT) to announce the conclave had produced a pope. Flag-waving pilgrims in St. Peter's Square chanted: "Viva il Papa!" or "Long live the pope!"

The bells rang after a confusing smoke signal that Vatican Radio initially suggested was black but

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NCAA President Myles Brand speaks Tuesday on the University campus at a roundtable discussion on the state of intercollegiate athletics.



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A group of interested citizens takes a closer look at the town's efforts to provide public artwork **PAGE 3**



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Four baseball players hit home runs to lead Tar Heels to an 18-6 rout of East Carolina in Greenville **PAGE 9**

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