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N.C. budget talks could go on into August

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Close, but no cigar. It seems likely that after weeks of work and intense debate, the N.C. General Assembly will not have a completed budget by the end of July.

With the previous continuing resolution expiring Wednesday, a new resolution extending the budget deadline was needed.

To keep the state government from grinding to a halt, the General Assembly voted to extend the resolution at its current

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Budget process drags on through summer

A continuing resolution has extended the budget's deadline, meaning N.C. lawmakers could still be working on a final budget draft during August.

fiscal year	budget finished	total budget
2004 - 2005	State budget still being drafted*	
2003 - 2004	June 30, 2003	\$27.98 billion
2001 - 2002	Sep. 21, 2001	\$25.96 billion
1999 - 2000	June 30, 1999	\$23.97 billion
1997 - 1998	Aug. 28, 1997	\$20.42 billion

SOURCE: N.C. GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL RESEARCH DIVISION

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OTHER SCHOOLS MIGHT SEE TUITION AUTONOMY

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UNC-Chapel Hill and N.C. State University are no longer the only state universities that could gain tuition autonomy.

Speaker Jim Black, D-Mecklenburg, said Tuesday that a proposal dealing with a university's right to govern its own tuition practices would not be reserved for the two institutions.

"If it does (pass), it will include a couple of other schools," he said. "North Carolina has more than two research institutions." Black cited three other institutions he

said should be added: UNC-Charlotte, UNC-Greensboro and East Carolina University.

All three universities are research institutes, according to the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education system.

The debate began earlier this summer when the N.C. House excluded tuition autonomy from its budget version.

The Senate version included the provision, implying that both UNC-CH and

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Students look to impact council

Register to run for Town Council seats

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A UNC student and a recent graduate who both plan to run for the Chapel Hill Town Council cited transportation and housing as major student issues in the upcoming elections.

Jason Baker, a junior political science and mathematics major, filed for candidacy Monday. Walker Rutherford, who graduated in May, confirmed that he will file this week to run in the Nov. 8 elections.

The two likely will bring student issues to the forefront of the town council race.

Baker said he wants to make the town more pedestrian-friendly.

"A lot of students don't have the ability to go places without a vehicle, and not all of Franklin Street is really bikeable."

He suggested bringing in more diverse businesses downtown within walking distance of students, such as grocery or hardware stores — but not a giant Kroger or Lowe's, he said.

Rutherford wants to build upon the current public-transit system, by initiatives such as adding smaller buses to the fleet.

He also pointed to the need for adequate parking for downtown commerce and supports the installment of wireless Internet access.

Rutherford said that another important issue to students is housing and that he wants to improve relations between students and residents by encouraging dialogue.

"I feel there should be nothing wrong with being a student living (off-campus)," he said. "But I'm not trying to say students should inhabit all the neighborhoods and cause a ruckus."

Baker said there should be enough affordable housing in town for both students and residents. He also hopes to facilitate talks with the University to increase residence hall space.

"As a student I hope to be able to look at both sides of the issue," Baker said.

Though no longer technically a student, Rutherford also said he expects to fill such a role and plans to keep up an active communication with student government.

Student Body President Seth Dearmin said he has communicated with both candidates. He said students might take more interest in local elections with their peers in the race.

"I'll be working to ensure that students know who the candidates are and what the broader issues are."

Another of his jobs will be registering students to vote — "and making sure they actually turn out to vote."

Both Baker and Rutherford said they will promote awareness and voting among students. At the same time, they plan to address residents' issues and to assure those voters of their commitment to working on the council.

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Sarah Meola and her mother Josephine spend some time in Student Stores on Tuesday. Sarah's older sister Johnna will start at UNC in the fall as a freshman. DTH/ISAAC SANDLIN

SCHOOL SPIRIT

Orientation students and their parents usher in an influx of revenue to the University and local businesses during the slower summer months.

"The incoming students keep us from having to penny pinch. ... You can't go wrong with a summer situation like that."

GREG GERRANS,
MANAGER OF ALPINE BAGEL

BY KATHERINE HOLLANDER
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Thin summer crowds deflate the profits of Chapel Hill businesses, leaving some owners gasping for air.

But UNC's orientation programs are able to provide a light draft to help uplift these businesses until students arrive in the fall.

Carolina Testing and Orientation Program Sessions, a series of two-day summer orientations designed to acclimate students to campus life, brings thousands of potential consumers to Chapel Hill.

"The orientation programs will bring in about 3,700 students and 3,400 parents this summer alone," said Judy Deshotels, director of new student pro-

grams. "We have 13, two-day C-TOPS sessions, and two, one-day (Transfer Student Orientation Program) sessions scheduled."

Deshotels said more than 35 UNC departments are involved and benefit economically from the orientation programs.

Students who plan to use campus housing in the fall pay a fee of \$146 to attend C-TOPS. This fee allows C-TOPS to arrange special programs, such as renting the Student Union auditorium for speakers.

"Our standard fees are distributed to several different departments in order for the programs to happen," she said. "Food services, housing, the Union and parking — the list goes on."

Deshotels also said that while the profits for these departments might not be large, the orientation programs help these groups during the summer when funds characteristically remain low.

She said businesses outside of the University also gain from the orientation programs.

"While C-TOPS doesn't advertise for parents or students to seek out hotels versus staying in the dorms, local hotels and inns highly benefit from these visitors," she said.

John Jones, director of Student Stores, said the orientation program brings in profit through the Carolina Computing Initiative.

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Curriculum changes loom ahead

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With less than a year until the overhaul of UNC's curriculum, the Office of the Undergraduate Curricula is set to prepare the University community for widespread change.

The revision to the curriculum, approved in 2003, will be implemented to the freshman class entering UNC in fall 2006.

"So we'll have continuing sophomores, juniors and seniors that will follow the old curriculum, and entering first-year students that will

follow the new curriculum," said Bobbi Owen, senior associate dean for undergraduate education.

The Office of Undergraduate Curricula will be in the preliminary stages of implementing the changes throughout this year.

"Over the course of the next year we will start to educate the University community and the incoming students about the changes that will be in place," Owen said.

A major part of that will be revising the Undergraduate Bulletin.

After the revision, the General

College requirements will be divided into three types: 17 credit hours of Foundations, 25 hours in Approaches and six courses in Connections.

The Foundations aspect focuses on communication skills, both in English and foreign languages. The Approaches aspects deals with methods and reasoning and includes science courses.

The Connections aspect looks to instill a sense of how to integrate Foundations and Approaches

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CURRICULUM REVIEW PROCESS

FALL 2000

The process begins with public forum at which students, faculty, and alumni are asked to consider what makes a person educated.

JAN. 2001

Composed of 12 faculty and two students, the Curriculum Review Steering Committee meets to formulate goals for the new curriculum.

APRIL & OCT. '03

Numerous forums are held for College of Arts & Sciences faculty as well as students to encourage input into the review process.

APRIL 2003

The final draft of the University's extensive undergraduate curriculum review passes uncontested at a Faculty Council meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENT

SUMMER VACATION

This is the final edition of The Daily Tar Heel's Weekly Summer Issue. The regular publication of the newspaper will resume with a "Welcome Back" issue on Aug. 27.



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