

The Daily Tar Heel

State budget treats UNC system well

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RALEIGH — University officials always have been quick to praise the North Carolina legislature's generosity, even as lawmakers responded to tight budgets in recent years by enforcing cuts in funding for the UNC system.

Now, with state coffers buoyed by a surplus of almost \$2 billion, system officials are finding ample cause for gratitude.

The 2006-07 budget proposal put forward by the N.C. Senate on Tuesday would fully fund a host of major system priorities, including more than \$79.2 million to support enrollment growth and almost \$21.6 million for need-based financial aid.

Without major spending cuts looming, students at UNC-Chapel Hill shouldn't have to dread what have become inevitable increases in class size and cuts to the

number of course sections offered.

And in a move that surprised even the most optimistic system officials, senators are backing a pay raise of 8 percent for system faculty during the next academic year and the promise of annual 6 percent increases in future years. The system's Board of Governors had requested only 5 percent.

"We are very pleased," said Rob Nelson, UNC-system vice president for

finance.

"When we put the request together in January and February, we didn't realize the state is doing as well as it is.

"Had we known that, we would have asked for more."

Still, not everything on the system's wish list made the cut, and the General Assembly's budget approval process is far from over.

Once the Senate has finalized its pro-

posal, the House must draft its own version and negotiate to reconcile the two.

Lawmakers have set a target date of July 1 to complete the process.

But even at this early stage, lobbyists for the UNC system and individual campuses say this year's process is a far cry from recent, leaner budget years.

"For the first time in many years, we

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CONSTRUCTION CRAZE

Think it's hard getting around campus in the fall? Summer often means peak construction season at UNC. Here are some of the most prominent projects now under way.

West House Demolition

Project date: July 2006

Currently home of the Carolina Asia Center, West House is slated to be demolished this summer to make way for the planned Arts Common. Preservationists dispute the move.

Campus Y Renovation

Project dates: Dec. 2005-Jan. 2007

The renovation of the Campus Y building will create several new rooms, including faculty lounges and conference rooms. For \$100, students can have a personalized brick installed as part of a new sidewalk café.

Caudill Laboratories

Project dates: Dec. 2002-Aug. 2006

Caudill Laboratories is a new chemistry building located between Wilson Library and Dey Hall. The building is part of a larger science-complex building plan, which includes plans for New Venable.

Manning Drive Steam Plant Tunnel

Project dates: June 2005-Aug. 2006

Manning Drive temporarily will be shifted to build a new road underneath it that will house steam and utility tunnels. While the project has been under way since 2005, the phase that will shift part of Manning Drive does not begin until July.

Jackson Circle Parking Deck

Project dates: June 2005-Aug. 2006

Jackson Circle Parking Deck is located at the corner of Manning Drive and East Drive. It will consist of six decks, including about 800 parking spaces.

Ram Village Apartments

Project dates: Aug. 2004-Aug. 2006

Ram Village Apartments is scheduled to open for move-in this fall. The complexes will offer various room designs, with sizes ranging from one to four bedrooms.

South Building

Project dates: May 2006-Aug. 2006

Construction around South Building will replace underground hot-water lines behind the building, blocking pedestrian paths in the area. The project is scheduled to be completed before the fall semester begins.

Student Stores

Project dates: Aug. 2005-Jan. 2007

This project to improve students' first stop for buying textbooks, supplies, University gear and snacks will extend through the fall semester. The third floor will be open for textbook sales in August.

Raleigh Street

Project dates: May 2006-Aug. 2006

An important campus traffic artery has been closed to complete below-ground utility work. Detour signs re-route traffic onto Country Club Road and connecting to South Road.

North East Chiller Plant and Parking Deck

Project dates: Jan. 2005-Aug. 2006

The 10,000-ton chiller plant will bring improved chilled water distribution and a new electrical duct bank to campus. A five-level parking deck will provide 470 parking spaces.

Fetzer and Woollen Gyms

Project dates: April 2006-Jan. 2007

Construction work in the alley between Fetzer and Woollen gyms to repair underground steam lines has forced students to find an alternate to the well-travelled corridor from Eringhaus Residence Hall to South Road.

Morrison Residence Hall

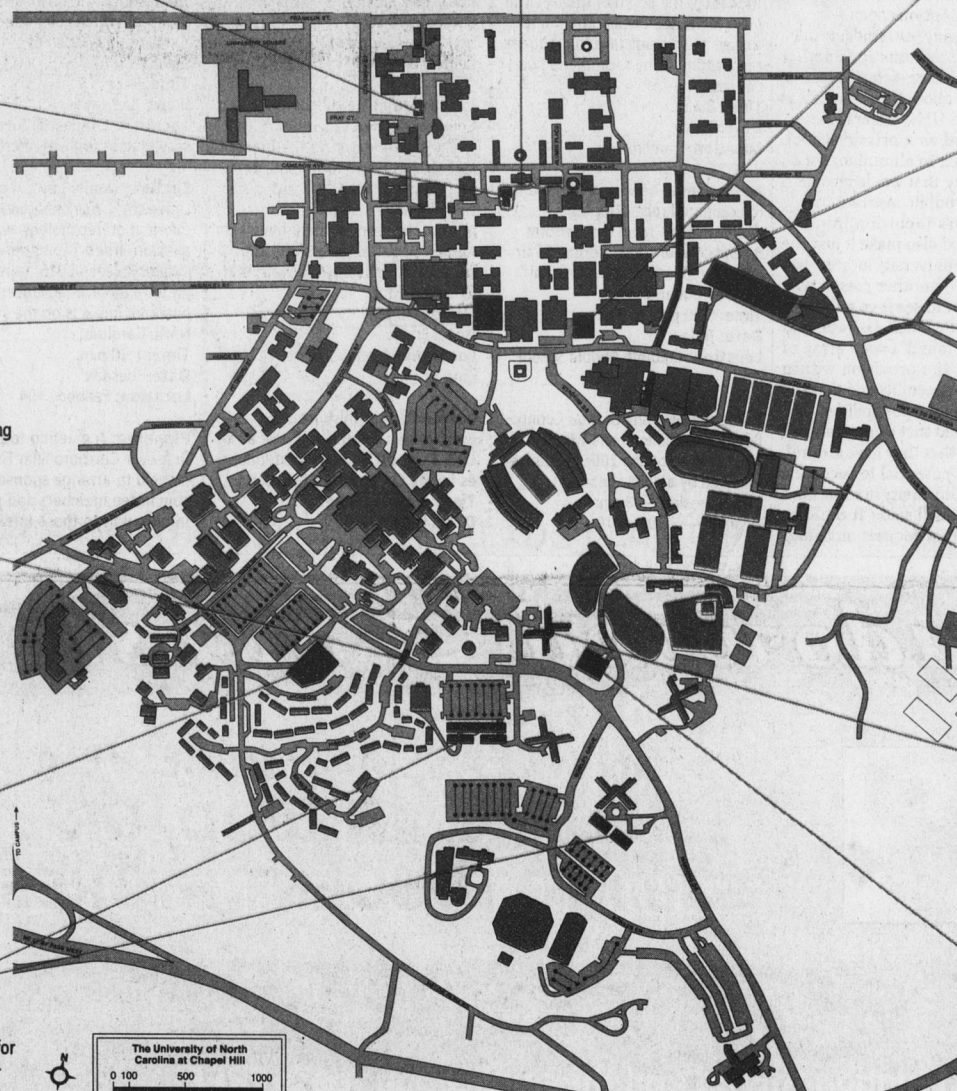
Project dates: May 2005-July 2007

Renovation on one of the University's largest dorms, constructed in the 1960s, will bring rooms up to date with modern standards. New piping and lighting also will be installed.

Student Academic Services

Project dates: June 2005-April 2007

In the old location of Chase Dining Hall, this new building will house various academic services relocated from North Campus.



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Victory celebrations to carry on as usual

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Fans of post-game bonfires on Franklin Street can breathe easy.

After a week of consideration, the Chapel Hill Town Council decided Monday not to take steps to prevent the Franklin Street gatherings that break out after key Tar Heel victories.

Town leaders also decided Monday to continue the Festifall arts and crafts fair, though the future of the popular Halloween celebration will be decided at a later meeting.

"I have little interest in messing with nature," Mayor Pro Tem Bill Strom said regarding post-game cel-

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Students crowd onto Franklin Street to party and jump over fires after the UNC basketball team beat Duke on March 4.

New system: Swipe to print

By fall semester, campus printers all will include One Card readers

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The University will install One Card readers at every printer on campus during the summer, according to student government officials.

The readers, which require students to swipe their One Cards before printing documents in their queues, will be in place for the start of the fall semester.

Widespread concern about students' printing habits arose last year, coming to a head when The Daily Tar Heel discovered that students print enough paper in a typical month to create a stack 10 times as high as the Bell Tower.

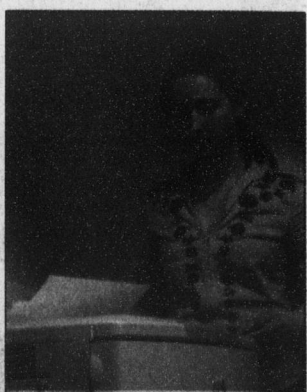
A number of student govern-

ment committees joined in working together on the problem, and Student Body President James Allred included dealing with the issue as a platform plank in his election campaign.

The original proposal, drawn up by academic affairs committee chairman Warren Cathcart and environmental affairs committee chairwoman Logan Yonavjak, suggested that each student be subject to an annual printing quota — and that students be charged for exceeding it.

Members of Allred's cabinet decided not to implement the charges without a trial run of the

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Environmental science major Catlin Cox prints out lecture notes for her first-summer-session chemistry course Monday at the Undergraduate Library.

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PUMP YOU UP

Chapel Hill was voted one of North Carolina's "most fit" towns — thanks to the University's gyms and the town's park system.

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The Daily Tar Heel's review of "The Da Vinci Code" echoes complaints that the story just doesn't translate from the page to the screen.

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BALLIN'

The Tar Heel men's baseball team is competing in the ACC Tournament and will come home for the NCAA regionals June 2.

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