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UNC fares well in House budget

Proposal funds priorities for N.C. schools

BY STEPHEN MOORE

RALEIGH - Class sizes could stay small, course sections could stay on students' schedules and professors could make enough money to stay at state schools if the numbers in the lat-

becoming law. The state House's proposed budget, released early this week, funds all of the UNC system's top priorities. That means full funding for enroll-

ment growth and financial aid, as well as wage increases for staff and faculty. est legislative budget proposal wind up It also means none of the cuts to "dis-

cretionary spending" that UNC-Chapel Hill leaders dread because they force the University to offer fewer course sections and larger classes.

In combination with the state Senate's proposed budget, which also includes full funding for system priorities, the document has system leaders crowing.

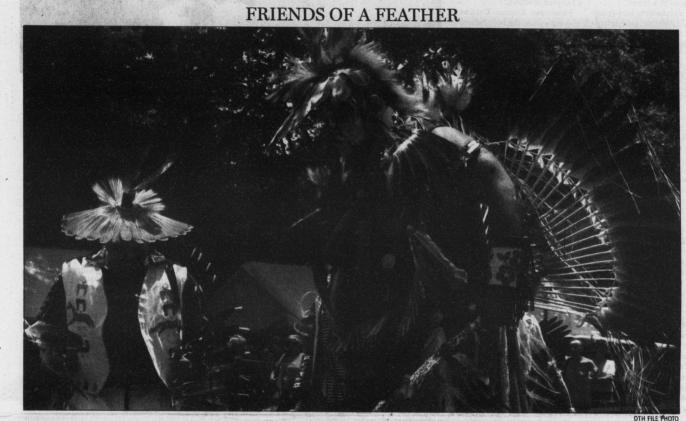
"Overall, it is a great budget that is not that different from the Senate's," said Peter Hans, a member of the system's

Board of Governors, during last week's board meeting.

Rob Nelson, UNC-system vice president for finance, reiterated the sentiment, noting that this is the first time in the past five years that the system has not suffered cuts.

"We're very pleased that they budgeted money for enrollment growth, financial

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Hillsborough. Anderson said he's participated in various Native Day will be held Friday and Saturday in the downtown area.

eith Anderson (right), a member of the Catawba. American events for nine years to celebrate his heritage. The Cherokee tribe of Native Americans, struts his stuff at festival, put on by the Occaneechi Saponi Tribal Association, was a Saturday's Native American Festival and Pow Wow in two-day affair - one of many in Hillsborough. The town's annual Hog

Former student leader is named BOG chairman

BY STEPHEN MOORE

Jim Phillips comes to the helm of the UNC system's policy-making body during a time of dramatic transformation among the system's leadership.

Voted in as the new chairman of the Board of Governors on June 9, Phillips is a major part of the reshuffling within the university's leadership that has come with recently installed system President Erskine Bowles

As a 1979 graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill, a

former Chapel Hill student body president, a member of the BOG since 1997 and a twotime chairman of the board's budget and finance committee, Phillips brings a wide assortment of skills to the table.

And he will need them as he negotiates the intricate challenges of tuition and enrollment growth, along with the increasing need for qualified teachers and nurses across the

"We've got to go back and think strategical-

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Three Tar Heels track down titles

three Tar Heels won individual titles in

years, finished their UNC careers

BY STEPHEN LARGEN

UNC athletes Laura Gerraughty, Sacramento.

In the process, all three cemented their place as some of the greatest individual performers the North Carolina track and field program has

with a bang. Gowda, who became the first Tar Heel man to win a national title in

Pit driver to appear in court Tuesday

Taheri-Azar condemns lawyer, UNC Muslims

BY GRAY CALDWELL CITY EDITOR

More than three months after driving a rented SUV through the Pit and striking nine people, Mohammad Taheri-Azar will appear in court Tuesday.

Taheri-Azar will appear for the first time in Orange County Superior Court and

will be represented by public defender James Williams, despite his desire - stated in letters to The Daily Tar Heel to represent himself. "It's not uncommon for some criminal defen-

dants to want to represent themselves," said Durham Mohammad attorney Butch Williams, **Taheri-Azar** adding that it is not necessays he plans to plead not guilty.

sarily a good decision. "I have never seen anybody represent themselves and get exoner-

ated," he said. Taheri-Azar wrote in one of his letters to the DTH that he plans to plead "not guilty" on Tuesday, despite repeatedly admitting to committing the act and feeling no remorse about it.

"Due to my religious motivation for the attack, I feel no remorse and am proud to have carried it out in service of and obedience of Allah," he wrote. Butch Williams said that if Taheri-Azar

pleads "not guilty," it will allow a jury of his peers to decide exactly what "guilty" means. "You don't know whether he's going to try and use an extravagant defense," he said,

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Vikas Gowda took home the NCAA title for the discus hurling it 198 feet, 8 inches — to win by 3 feet.

throw of 198 feet, 8 inches Friday night to win by 3 feet.

record holder in the discus and shot

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Men turn in best performance since '96

the same meet.

Justin Ryncavage and Vikas Gowda all won national titles at the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championsips last week in

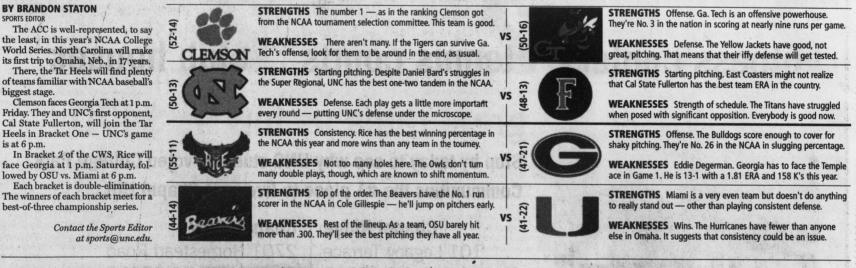
ever had.

The coup marked the first time that

In the team competitions, the UNC men tied for a ninth-place finish with 26 points, their best performance at the competition since 1996. The Tar Heel women finished in a tie for 14th

three years, won the discus with a with 18 points. Gowda and Gerraughty, quite the prolific tandem for the last four

He finished his career as a fivetime All-American and as the school-



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SHORT CUTS The 9th Hi Mom! Film Festival, a local event that focuses on short films, will be held this weekend in various venues around the area.

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