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ANALYSIS: AN IN-DEPTH LOOK AT HOW THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES USES FUNDING



MONDAY SPOTLIGHT

## UNC has funding to a science

### College's money spread to 45 units

BY HANNAH EDWARDS AND NATE HEWITT  
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Hours of extracting DNA in the lab can be tedious for students, but the bill that comes with such scientific processes can be equally overwhelming.

Among the 45 academic units in the College of Arts and Sciences, the science departments cost the most to fund.

Still, those departments do not always align with the most coveted majors.

Biology and psychology are the only departments that are both in the top five funded departments and in the top five most popular majors.

Administrators say the allocation of resources depends on meeting student demand and financing equipment.

### Divvying up the dollars

The college is divided into 69 units, 45 of which are academic

areas that offer majors.

The college's expenses for the 2006-07 fiscal year totaled more than \$214 million, as of March 6. The five most expensive academic departments — chemistry, biology, computer science, psychology, and physics and astronomy — account for 39 percent of the total costs incurred by the college.

Chemistry accumulated more than \$25 million in expenses — more than any other department in the college.

But biology, with about 1,700 undergraduates enrolled, is the most popular major in the college and the University as a whole.

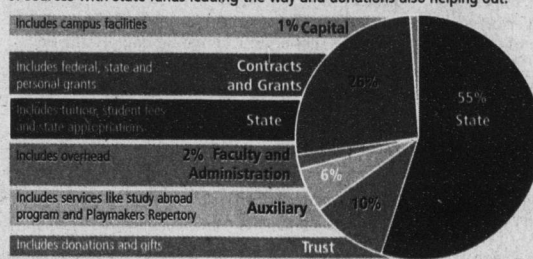
About 13 percent of students enrolled in the college are majoring in biology, while 4 percent are majoring in chemistry — two of the top majors for students who want to enter many health fields.

"An awful lot of students have pre-health profession goals," said Steve Matson, chairman of the Department of Biology. "Either biology or chemistry are going to give you the best academic background."

Matson said the biology department spends a large portion of its

### Several sources help fund arts, sciences

The College of Arts and Sciences receives its \$214 million budget from a variety of sources with state funds leading the way and donations also helping out.



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funds on providing enough classes to accommodate students.

And the money that goes to the Department of Chemistry also benefits biology majors.

A Bachelor of Science degree in biology requires five chemistry classes and two labs — all of which are funded by the chemistry department.

Sophomore Allan Sharpe, a Spanish major who plans to get a bachelor's in chemistry and go to medical school, said he has been able to get into all the labs he

has needed. He said the science resources at the University did not influence his decision to attend UNC, but since enrolling, he has realized the prestige of the science department.

The chemistry department's graduate program was ranked 16th in the most recent edition of U.S. News & World Report, while biological sciences were ranked 26th.

"I've heard the chemistry program is one of the best in the country, and

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### BIOLOGY LEADS LIST OF MOST-FAVORED MAJORS

BY NATE HEWITT  
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When students choose their majors, they're usually trying to explore their passions or lay the foundation for their dream jobs.

And different majors appeal to students for many reasons.

Biology, psychology, political science and communication studies — the most popular majors in the College of Arts and Sciences — have retained that title for the past 10 years.

Exercise and sports science, which wasn't a major in 1997, rounds out the top five.

Biology, which claims 13 percent of students in the College of Arts and Sciences, is a popular choice for students pursuing the pre-medical track.

"It's good preparation for any field that involves in-depth problem solving," said Marcia Harris, director of University Career Services.

### Most popular majors in the College of Arts and Sciences

Spring 2007

- Biology - 1,686 (13 %)
- Psychology - 1,357 (11 %)
- Political Science - 1,012 (8%)
- Communication Studies - 772 (6%)
- Exercise and Sports Science - 630 (5%)

On average, family practice doctors make between \$128,000 and \$163,000 a year.

Many biology majors also go into research, teaching or fields of ecology and public policy.

Junior Hayley White, a biology major, said she plans to

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## A hoppin' holiday



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The community had no shortage of Easter events this weekend. Above: Inmook Kang, 9, who moved from South Korea with his parents two months ago, celebrates his first Easter on Sunday at the Carolina Inn. Left: Wailing women and children surround Jesus, played by Anastasio

Gonzalez, during a Good Friday procession in Siler City. Middle: Lydia Spire takes part in a Sunday egg hunt at Peace Covenant Church in Durham. Right: Roxane Gwyn, of Chapel Hill, places flowers on an image of Jesus on Friday during a Carrboro procession. See pg. 4 for the stories.



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## Professor delves deep into drama

### Students praise Kable's knowledge

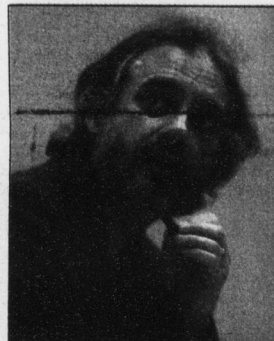
BY KATIE HOFFMANN  
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About 40 students watched Wednesday afternoon as Frankie Avalon and his rival British character, Potato Bug, lyrically duelled on-screen in efforts to win Dee Dee's affection in "Bikini Beach."

Ten minutes later they jumped to "Sweet Charity" and watched Shirley MacLaine attend a hippie group that meets in an underground parking garage and sings about the rhythm of life.

The students weren't at a film festival but in "Studies in Dramatic Theory and Criticism" with professor of dramatic art Greg Kable.

And while the students laughed at the film clips and joked with Kable about them, they said afterward that it was not just the fun



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Professor Gregory Kable teaches his DRAM 115 class about method acting March 20 by showing clips from classic films.

### Fall 2007 courses taught by Kable

- DRAM 115  
MWF 1-1:50, Hamilton 100
- DRAM 120 Play Analysis  
MWF 10-10:50, Alumni 207
- DRAM 282 Theatre History and Literature II  
T/Th 9:30-10:45, Alumni 207

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## Gardeners weather through cold snap

### Saturday morning includes snow mix

BY SAMUEL LAU  
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Barbara Stiles has been gardening with her sister at their house on Gimghoul Road since 1978, and she's seen her fair share of chilly temperatures.

But this weekend's unexpected cold front, which included snow early Saturday, left her worrying about her flowers.

"We'll just keep our fingers

crossed," Stiles said Thursday in anticipation of the weekend lows.

Gardeners like Stiles and her sister, Bernice Wade, had to take pre-emptive measures to ensure their flowers would continue to bloom as temperatures plummeted into the low 30s during the past few days.

Though it canceled its freeze warning for Sunday, the National Weather Service in Raleigh said a warning remains in effect from 2 a.m. until 9 a.m. today, predicting that young annual plants and

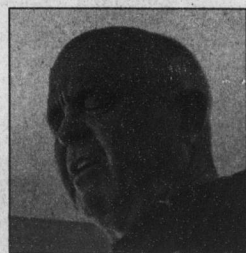
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#### WORDY HONOR

The owner of He's Not Here is named Hillsborough's first poet laureate, a job that includes reading poetry and serving as a town spokesman.

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#### BLEAK FORECAST

A local filmmaker screens his movie, which tells the story of Orange County in the future when gas prices rise above \$10, in Carrboro.

### this day in history

#### APRIL 9, 1965 ...

The word "state" is added to the name of N.C. University at Raleigh. UNC-CH's student body president says it goes against building "one great university in North Carolina."

### weather

Mostly Cloudy  
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