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## UNC fighting budget cuts

### Senate to revisit key provisions

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RALEIGH — With weeks of negotiations still to come, university officials already are expressing deep frustration with the state budget approved last week by the N.C. House.

Citing a number of decisions they claim could have a "devastating impact" on the UNC system, university supporters are hoping the state Senate will make key revisions as the next step in the budget process gets underway.

"It's a four-step dance," said UNC-system President Erskine Bowles. "We're on step two."

Both in public comments and in private discussions, Bowles and his staff have characterized this legislative session as particularly difficult for the university system.

Though there are some high points — full funding of financial aid, for instance — many of the UNC system's top priorities were left out of the House budget.

"Our priorities going in were faculty salaries and research funding," said Kevin FitzGerald, legisla-

tive lobbyist for UNC-Chapel Hill. "We didn't do too well there."

Lawmakers and lobbyists alike noted a heightened degree of uncertainty during the first round of this year's budget drafting. The power structure in the state House was thrown into turmoil by the February resignation of longtime speaker Jim Black, who pleaded guilty to charges of public corruption and obstruction of justice.

"It's always tougher to communicate, particularly long-term needs, when you've got a whole new leadership team in place," said

### Drafting the Budget

► A budget draft is submitted by the Governor's office.

► The House and Senate alternate each year to decide which chamber creates the next draft. The House had first priority this year.

► The Senate will make revisions then both chambers negotiate to resolve discrepancies.

► Lawmakers hope to complete the process by July 1st, but that deadline is rarely met.

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DTH/TIMOTHY REESE  
UNC offense prevails against Navy in the first round of the NCAA tournament. The Tar Heels face Duke in the quarterfinals on Sunday.

## TAR HEELS DEPART

### Thousands bid farewell to UNC

BY LAURA OLENIACZ  
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Monica Holley had reason to be proud on Mother's Day.

Along with family and friends, she'd watched her third son graduate from college.

"I'm proud of all three of my sons," she said. "They came a long way."

Her third, Jesse Holley, is the former North Carolina wide receiver who recently put his Carolina days behind him and signed with the Cincinnati Bengals.

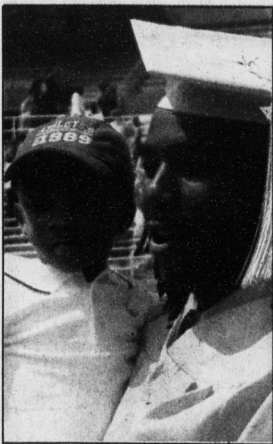
He was surrounded by godparents, brothers, coaches, uncles and aunts who traveled from Roselle, N.J. to pick him out of the crowd in Kenan Stadium.

As they talked and snapped and posed for pictures overlooking the field, the sea of Carolina blue caps and gowns disintegrated into sparse clumps, and folding chairs were stacked to be put away.

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DTH PHOTOS/TIMOTHY REESE  
Newly appointed alumni Terrence Hill and Kim Hales join in with the class of 2007 for their first singing of the Carolina Fight Song as graduates at the Commencement Ceremony on Sunday morning.



Jesse Holley holds Dylan Jasey, 3, the son of one of his godmothers, after the Commencement Ceremony at Kenan Stadium.

## Tar Heel lax sails through Navy defense

### Avenge regular-season loss

BY POWELL LATIMER  
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The No. 8 seed North Carolina men's lacrosse team played a scrappy, scrambling game to beat Navy 12-8 in the first round of the NCAA tournament Sunday.

The Tar Heels avenged their regular-season loss to the Midshipmen and forced the action into their kind of — as Navy coach Richie Meade said after the game — "unscripted offense."

The Midshipmen opened the game firing, taking three shots in the opening 90 seconds. Within two minutes, one of those shots found the net, earning Basil Daratsos his 17th goal of the season and giving Navy the early advantage.

The Tar Heels responded to the lightning-quick pace and scored less than 30 seconds later. And for the rest of the opening period, whenever Navy scored, UNC provided an answer all too quickly.

The Tar Heels' first three goals came within a minute of a Navy score, each time they won the face-off and caught the Navy defenders flat-footed.

North Carolina controlled the face-offs early on, winning 11 of the first 16.

While the Tar Heel offense took care of business, the Midshipmen's attack sputtered and failed in the home stretch, allowing UNC to end the game on a 6-1 run to seal the deal.

One reason for Navy's stagnant offense was the play of UNC goalie Grant Zimmerman. After giving up 17 goals in the first matchup, Zimmerman held the Midshipmen to just eight in

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JOHN HAUS, UNC COACH

his own peculiar, scrambling fashion. In the opening minutes of the game, Zimmerman sprinted behind the net and dove headfirst to maintain possession, barely beating out the Navy attacker.

Zimmerman's play was a microcosm for the rest of the team's performance. Twice in the closing minutes, UNC scored off rebounds from missed shots.

"If you look at this game on film, what you'd find is that seven or eight of their goals are off unsettled situations," Meade said.

"Ground balls, missed shots, balls that bounced to them — and that's the unscripted offense that they have the ability to get. And we weren't good enough to get to the ball first or catch it."

North Carolina advances to play conference rival and No. 1 overall seed Duke, who defeated Providence on Saturday. During the regular season, the Tar Heels gave Duke a scrappy game before bowing out 9-7.

"We'll be excited, it'll be a great opportunity for us," Coach John Haus said.

"Duke's the number one team in the country ... we'll practice hard, we'll put things together and we'll go on up to the United States Naval Academy and the Tar Heels will play hard."

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## Orange, Chatham counties may build joint park

### Recreational center would cover about 80 acres

BY TRACEY THERET  
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By summer next year, Orange County residents and their neighbors in Chatham County might be able to enjoy a day outdoors at an 80-acre park south of Southern Village.

The Southern Community Park will include three full-sized recreational fields, two basketball courts, an in-line hockey court and two picnic shelters. A dog park is also included in the plans.

"It's going to be a tremendous recreational outlet to the county," County Commissioner

Moses Carey Jr. said.

Carey added that the three sports fields would be particularly valuable to the southern end of Orange County, as demand for soccer fields has grown steadily in recent years.

Chapel Hill's Interim Director of Parks and Recreation Bill Webster said the construction of the first phase of the park is estimated to begin in late June or early July and would be completed by summer 2008.

"The caveat is that the soccer fields won't open until August of 2009," Webster said, adding that grass growing cycles would prevent the fields from being available earlier.

Webster said the 80-acre lot along U.S. 15-501 was purchased by the town of Chapel Hill in the late 1980s for about \$1.7 million. The idea of constructing a park was brought before the Town Council in the 1990s but was postponed due to uncertainty caused by an economic recession.

But the project became live again in 1997 and again in 2001 when county bonds allowed for the consideration of a concept plan. The bonds commit \$3 million from Orange County to the park.

Webster said the total project budget is around \$5,857,000 with \$4,708,000 going towards the total bids for Hy Tech Construction, the company charged with the project.

Chapel Hill also has asked for \$925,000 to be shifted from funds designated for a project that would extend the Bolin Creek Trail.

"We just think this is a far more important project at this time, and the other is a few more years down the road," Webster said.

At a joint Orange and Chatham counties commissioner meeting on May 8, the idea of a financial contribution from Chatham County was briefly discussed.

"The park is within a mile of the Chatham County line and that means a lot of Chatham residents also will be using the facility," Carey said.

Chatham County Commissioner Mike

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### Southern Community Park will include:

- three full-sized recreational fields
- two basketball courts
- one in-line hockey court
- two picnic shelters
- one 1.5 acre dog park
- one greenway trail
- one water play area

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The Daily Tar Heel is looking for writers, designers and copy editors for the summer edition. Stop by Union 2409 or e-mail the editor to apply.

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### IMPROV

Dirty South Improv will be hosting an extensive program of events, both for entertainment and education in improvisation comedy.



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### HUMAN TRAFFICKING

The Chapel Hill Town Council endorsed a resolution to support local, state and national efforts to fight crimes such as prostitution.

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### UNC ONLINE

University officials will be making a push to advertise for the online courses being offered at the 16 schools in the UNC system.

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