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Senate budget favors higher education

University-system officials express relief

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RALEIGH — To the widespread relief of university officials, the N.C. Senate turned in a budget draft last week that would reverse most of the funding cuts proposed by the House.

The Senate's earmarks for the UNC-system are almost \$137 million greater than what the House put forward, meaning legislators will have a lot to talk about as they begin work to reconcile the two drafts.

"There's a very wide variance in the two packages," said Andy Willis, UNC-system vice president for government relations. "In the past, you could probably have had \$130 million in difference between all three sectors of the education budget, let alone just the university."

The release of the Senate draft capped an intense month of lobbying by campus administrators and university supporters. There was near-universal dismay among system officials at the House budget submit-

ted last month, which included almost \$95 million in targeted spending reductions and little new money for research priorities.

System President Erskine Bowles went so far as to suggest the House "didn't get it" when it came to long-term investment in higher education. But officials have had nothing but praise for the Senate, where Majority Leader Tony Rand (D-Cumberland) closely echoed one of Bowles' most frequently repeated themes.

"The university is key to the economic development of the state and key to where we need to be in the 21st century," Rand said. "We're just trying to make sure the universi-

ties are protected."

In addition to more than \$32 million in new research funding, the Senate draft reverses a last-minute provision in the House budget that would eliminate funding for all job positions vacant longer than six months.

Chancellors have said that such a move would be disastrous for universities, which use the salaries from those vacant positions to pay for teaching assistants, building repairs and a variety of other odds and ends not covered by regular funding.

The House used the savings from those

Proposed budget

- > Salary — House would give 4.25 percent to all state employees; Senate would give state employees 4 percent and UNC-system faculty 5 percent
- > Retention and graduation programs — House funded \$313,136; Senate funded \$5,393,000
- > Research — House funded \$2.4 million; Senate funded \$32.4 million

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Orientation leaders demonstrate a potential roommate conflict to incoming freshmen during The Heel World on Monday evening.

Freshmen get feel for campus, fellow students

BY DANIEL PRICE
STAFF WRITER

The Pit. The Union. Lenoir. They're everywhere.

Freshmen.

New-student orientation began this week and hundreds of new Tar Heels got their first experiences as such, as the orientation staff helped future Heels become comfortable with the many facets of their new school.

With most high schools just now wrapping up their calendars, it might seem a bit early to be introducing next year's students to campus already.

But with 17 orientation sessions, orientation leader Emily Fannin, a rising junior, said the early start is a necessity.

Some students at orientation have yet to graduate from high school.

Carmen Castanet, an incoming freshman from Charlotte, will not graduate until Sunday.

After graduation, Castanet said she will be a summer camp counselor, but she is also excited about coming to Chapel Hill in the fall.

"I'm pretty excited about summer," she said. "But I just finished registering for classes, so I'm really excited about getting started."

But orientation isn't only for students.

Castanet's mother, Cathy Youngblood, said the parents' orientation was a great benefit to her.

"I think it was very well organized," she said. "We got a whole ton of information."

As far as being ready to see her daughter leave home and enter the pseudo-adult world, Youngblood said it has been a process.

"I think I am ready," she said. "I've been preparing this last year."

Perhaps the highlight of orientation was "The Heel World," when orientation leaders offered comedic interpretations of Tar Heel life, complete with arguing

New students meet Carolina

- > 17 two-day orientation sessions
- > Started June 4
- > Ends Aug. 17

At CTOPS, students:

- > Take placement exams
- > Receive One Cards
- > Configure CCI laptops
- > Register for classes

roommates, an introduction to the P2P and bad acting.

"They were funny," incoming freshman Matt Harris said. "I appreciate all the time that they put into it."

One thing many of next year's freshmen agreed upon was that the most helpful part of orientation was registration counseling.

"I would have had no idea what classes I wanted to take," said Andrew Hartnett, a journalism major from Centreville, Va.

First-year orientation leader and rising sophomore Thomas Byrd said it's no coincidence that he became an orientation leader.

"I loved the experience I had at my orientation," he said. "That's what made me want to do this for the University."

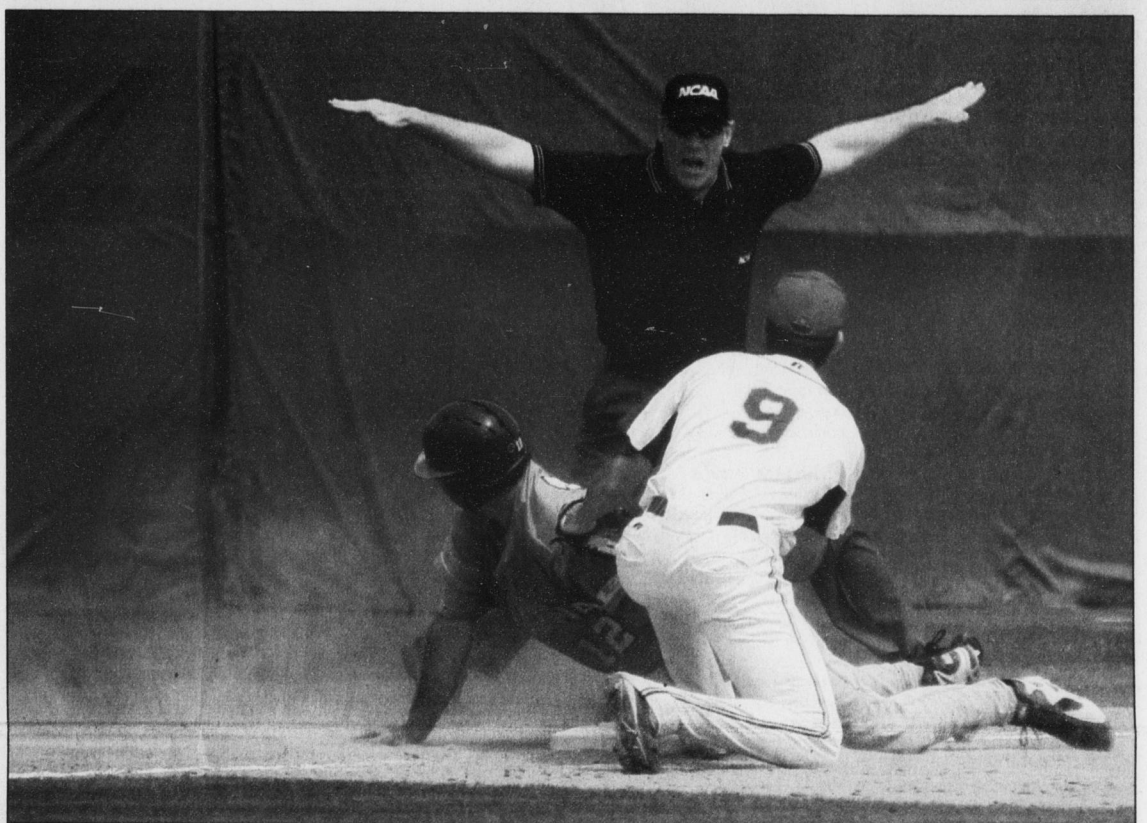
But Byrd said one thing could really enhance the orientation experience — an extra day.

"It would be great if we could have more time," he said.

After meeting several new students and interacting with his small group Monday, Byrd said he believes the fresh crop of Tar Heels will do just fine.

"We have a good group of freshmen coming in."

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Josh Horton looks for the call of "Safe!" after sliding into third base in the top of the ninth inning on Monday afternoon in the final game of the NCAA Regionals against Western Carolina. Horton's single to get on base resulted in the game-winning run for the Tar Heels against the Catamounts.

CARDIAC 'HEELS

North Carolina upends Western Carolina in ninth

BY DAVID ELY
SPORTS EDITOR

The North Carolina baseball team stood in the dugout, caps turned around, watching a tenacious team only three outs away from upsetting the Tar Heels. It seemed just like déjà vu.

Two days before, East Carolina led the Tar Heels 10-8 heading into the bottom of the ninth inning in Game 4 of the Chapel Hill Regional.

But as many champion teams do, UNC (51-12) fought back to win the game 11-10 and advance to the regional finals thanks to good eyes at the plate and freshman Dustin Ackley's

walk-off single.

Monday afternoon at Boshamer Stadium against Western Carolina (42-20), the Tar Heels went into the top of the ninth trailing 5-4 to a Catamount squad set on forcing a do-or-die elimination game.

Just like the other day, however, North Carolina had other plans. With runners on third and second and representing the final out, shortstop Josh Horton slapped a 3-1 pitch to right-center field to score Mike Cavasinni and Ackley. UNC went on to win 6-5 to advance to the NCAA Super-Regionals against South Carolina starting Friday at 7 p.m. in Chapel Hill on ESPN.

"I don't take these for granted," Tar Heel head

coach Mike Fox said of the regional win.

"I was trying to get the players to get excited at the end. There haven't been that many regionals won in this program ... there's so much parity in college baseball — nothing's guaranteed."

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Check out a slideshow of last weekend's action in Chapel Hill.

crunch time.

After drawing a walk in the second inning and then scoring the first run of the game, Horton proceeded to ground out to first base to end the third. He then hit a chop-

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Roller derby team gaining popularity

BY DAVE PEARSON
STATE & NATIONAL EDITOR

To be a superhero, one must meet the following requirements — work to improve the community, wear a cool outfit and have a secret identity.

The women who make up the Carolina Rollergirls fulfill all three.

The Carolina Rollergirls are part of the Women's Flat Track Derby Association and are ranked sixth in the nation in roller derby, with their final regular season bout Saturday at Dorton Arena in Raleigh.

"It's a hell of a lot of fun," said Kama Suture, aka Tajhia Whigham, who does the league's public relations and marketing.

The Carolina Rollergirls began in 2003, after league founder Celia Fate saw

an all-girl roller derby in Austin, Texas.

"I thought it was going to be cheesy, like you see on TV," Fate said. "I found out it was a sport, and I said, 'Oh wow, this is awesome.'"

Fate said that the sport is not like the roller derby of the 1970s and that leagues have sprung up around the country attracting new members and franchises.

"We never realized it would be a national thing," Fate said.

She said the growth has come with difficulties, however, as leagues developed in isolation.

"We all interpreted the rules differently," Fate said, adding that this led to a board of

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The Carolina Rollergirls, sixth in the nation, compete in their final regular-season match Saturday in Raleigh.

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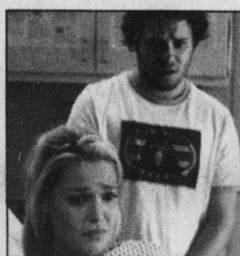
Due to an editing error, the thumbnail in last week's story, "Council wants finance reform," incorrectly identified Verla Insko — the intended subject and the name listed in the caption. The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the error.

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EFFECT AND CAUSE

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