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Preliminary census results now available

WASHINGTON — The United States has 245,837,683 residents, according to preliminary census figures released Wednesday.

California was the most populous of the states. New York retained its grip on second place, with Texas a close third as the last four state population reports were made public.

In the battle of the cities, Charlotte was officially ranked as larger than Atlanta.

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Indian bus accident claims 30 passengers

NEW DELHI, India — A bus plunged off a road in the Himalayan foothills and rolled down a gorge Wednesday, killing 30 people, news agencies said.

Twenty-three other passengers were injured in the crash in Himachal Pradesh New Delhi, according to Press Trust of India and United News of India.

The bus was carrying about 70 people when it toppled down the 650-foot deep gorge, Press Trust said.

Stay postpones trial for child molestation

EDENTON, N.C. — The North Carolina Supreme Court has issued a temporary stay in the pre-trial proceedings against seven defendants charged with sexually molesting 30 or more children at a former day-care center.

The order issued Monday gives the high court time to consider an appeal by prosecutors to reverse a judge's decision joining the defendants. The appeal to the Supreme Court was made Aug. 17 after the state Court of Appeals dismissed the original appeal without hearing the case.

"All we're asking the Supreme Court to do is stay, or hold up, the proceedings," Assistant Attorney General William Hart said.

Prosecutors want to keep the seven defendants separated for the trial. In February, Superior Court Judge Bradford Tillery granted a defense motion to join the Little Rascals Day Care Center defendants for trial. Hart and Chowan County District Attorney H.P. Williams objected, and asked Tillery to reconsider his decision.

At a pre-trial hearing in May, Tillery reaffirmed his original decision. The prosecutors then appealed.

Illinois tornadoes kill 24, injure hundreds

CREST HILL, Ill. — Rescuers on Wednesday searched a tornado-devastated swath of northern Illinois for the missing and the dead, while folks began salvaging belongings from homes the twisters shredded "like an eggbeater."

At least 24 people died and more than 300 were injured Tuesday by the tornadoes, which steamrolled across a region known as "Tornado Alley," about 35 miles southwest of Chicago.

Scores of people were left homeless. The storms struck virtually without warning Tuesday afternoon along an eight-mile path. Hit hardest were the small towns of Crest Hill and Plainfield.

— From Associated Press reports

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Budget cuts leave UNC in shreds

Economic future looks bleak

By ELIZABETH BYRD

Staff Writer

If UNC's budget woes continue, a major overhaul of the University's structure, including the elimination of several programs and a decrease in enrollment, will be necessary, Chancellor Paul Hardin said Wednesday.

"There's just no more fat to cut," he said. "If there are any further cuts we will have to change the nature of the University, reduce the number of things we're doing and reduce our enrollment."

Provost Dennis O'Connor said he did not expect an upswing in the University's economic situation for at least two years. "I'm not very optimistic for the next 24 months," he said.

If funding is not restored, the University will soon be faced with hard choices, O'Connor said.

"I don't think that we can maintain the quality of the University in the vast areas in which we are currently good," he said. "And that will take some tough decisions involving the entire University community, not just the administration. It involves students, faculty and

staff."

David Crofts, senior fiscal analyst for the General Assembly's Fiscal Research Department, said the state budget problems that prompted these cuts have no end in sight and may become more severe in coming years.

"I think there is a fair chance we are already in a recession," he said.

The Fiscal Research Department's budget for the 1992 fiscal year projects a revenue shortfall of \$484 million, based on expected revenues and expenditures for the year. The projection for this year's shortfall is \$336 million.

"I would say it's going to be tight at least through the mid-1990s," Crofts said. "And because of the state's revenue slowdown, the situation is getting worse."

The University could continue to experience a financial shortage, depending on where the legislature decides to make cuts.

Jim Newlin, also an analyst in the Fiscal Research Department, said some

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Campus services adjust to funding shortages

By THOMAS HEALY

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While University educators are dealing with the effects of budget-related cuts on curriculum, directors of crucial service departments are voicing their concerns and trying to minimize the effect of depleted staffs and reduced hours on daily campus operations.

Areas as wide-ranging as the educational services and the physical plant are feeling the effects of the state budget crisis, and the problems of each department will affect the whole campus, officials said this week.

Libraries to cut hours

Larry Alford, assistant University librarian for planning and finance, said Monday that the budget crisis would directly affect the library by reducing the total quality of services available, as well as its operating hours.

Alford said a 10 percent reduction in the library's full-time positions has forced library administrators to cut the operating hours of Davis Library by nine hours and those of the Under-

Reduced Fall Library Schedules

DAVIS LIBRARY

Monday - Thursday	8 a.m. - 11 p.m.
Friday	8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Saturday	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sunday	Noon - 11 p.m.

HOUSE UNDERGRADUATE LIBRARY

Monday - Thursday	8 a.m. - midnight
Friday	8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Saturday	10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Sunday	10 a.m. - midnight

graduate Library by 18 hours, an action he said would have a "profound effect on the ability of students to study and do research."

Although the library's budget for books and serials has not been cut, the state budget problems have left it unable to respond to inflation and increases in the costs of foreign journals which

fluctuate with the value of the dollar. John Shipman, University bibliographer, said Tuesday that these factors have resulted in a 8.7 percent reduction in book and serial purchasing power over the last four years. That will result in fewer books, cancellation of some

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Unexpected money preserves graduate jobs

By STEPHANIE JOHNSTON

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The University has pulled from reserve funds \$750,000 that could be used to combat the effects of state budget cuts on teaching assistantships, Provost Dennis O'Connor said Tuesday.

The money did not come from state funds, O'Connor said. "It (the money) is a result of donations or interest earned on accounts," he said.

Because of a 5 percent cut in the state's allocations to the University, some class sections had to be cut. As a result, some graduate students were told funds for their teaching assistant salaries might be eliminated.

One of the reasons the University reappropriated the funds was to protect the reputation of the graduate school, O'Connor said. "Reputations are lost more quickly than they are built," he said. "Our graduate school has a fine reputation, and we want to preserve that."

With the additional money, the University will now be able to honor all promises made to graduate students for funding, said Henry Dearman, dean of the Graduate School.

"For example, say the Romance languages department normally hires 50 TAs," Dearman said. "All of a sudden, they are told by the dean of arts and sciences that the budget dictates they

only have 40.

"There are 10 people high and dry. These funds the provost has put together in emergency funds are designed to restore those commitments."

But all of the funds can't be used to pay graduate students to teach because of the nature of the funds, Dearman said. "Maybe out of the 10 graduate students, two will be TAs and eight will be research assistants who are still paid."

Graduate students said they were also hurt because classes that normally would have been added during registration would not be offered because of budget cuts.

"To us people who would have been funded (after classes are added) are still layoffs," said Cindy Hahamovitch, past president of Graduate Students United and a graduate student in history.

The use of reserve funds is a one-time solution to the problem, graduate students and administrators said. "It's a Band-Aid solution," said Jerry Bradshaw, GSU co-president and an economics graduate student.

"Next year we may not be so lucky unless the legislature makes up the 5 percent cut," said Robert Johnson, a philosophy graduate student.

Graduate students said the UNC-system General Administration should

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GSU members Rob Withers, Ngina Chiteji and Jeff Konz protest outside drop/add

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Cuts' impact worries faculty

By THOMAS HEALY

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In addition to concerns about canceled classes, some UNC educators are stressing the deeper effects of budget cuts and pointing out the need for greater faculty interaction with the University administration and the General Assembly.

Faculty leaders and administrators both say the combined effect of low salaries and a deteriorating support environment resulting from budget problems could have a negative effect on the ability of the University to retain quality faculty members.

"I'm concerned about faculty retention because I get calls from friends of mine on the West Coast who say 'hey, we're going after a couple of you — fill in the blank — chemists, biologists,' whatever," Provost Dennis O'Connor said in an interview this week.

The real issue in retaining quality faculty is the support the faculty received, not necessarily the amount of their salaries, O'Connor said.

"The support environment is important, and it's what is hard to maintain with budget cuts," he said. "It's like you're going to be the captain of the Navy with no ships."

Harry Gooder, professor of microbiology and chairman of the faculty council, said faculty morale is bound to be despondent because of the lack of fiscal planning by the state legislature.

"The current financial situation will obviously make it more difficult to retain some faculty," Gooder said.

As part of the 1990 budget, University faculty members received a 6 percent pay increase, but Colin Palmer, professor and history department chairman, said that increase

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Hearing set to contest grievance decision

By JENNIFER PILLA

Staff Writer

Arguments contesting a judge's decision that UNC discriminated against UNC Police Officer Keith Edwards will not be heard until October at the earliest, according to an associate state attorney general representing UNC in the case.

The State Personnel Commission will hear the University's arguments and could overturn Judge Delores Nesnow's decision. That decision, which was handed down last month, came more

than three years after Edwards' grievance was filed.

"There is the potential that the commission would hear arguments during their Oct. 2 date," said Lars Nance, who will represent the University in the case. "But there are quite a number of other cases that could be heard ahead of it."

Nance said that the commission meets eight times annually and that two meetings remain for the commission — in October and December.

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Indian Circle leader shoots, kills intruder

By SHANNON O'GRADY

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Morehead Scholar and Carolina Indian Circle President James Cedric Woods shot and killed a man who broke into the home of his girlfriend Aug. 20 in Lumberton, police said.

Lumberton police were unable to give a full account of the shooting, Captain Benson Phillips said. "There is only so much I can tell you right now. A complete investigation is under way."

Woods, a senior, admitted to shooting the man, Phillips said.

Woods, a resident of Pembroke, was visiting his girlfriend, Victoria Oxendine, at her Lumberton home when 27-year-old Gene Berry Clark broke into the house. "There were signs of forced entry," Phillips said. "Glass was broken in the bedroom window."

Woods and Don Bullard, his attorney, declined to comment.

In an unconfirmed report, the Raleigh News and Observer said Clark roamed through the house before finding Woods and Oxendine hiding in a bathroom. The newspaper reported that Clark kicked down the door and was then shot several times with a small handgun.

No other weapons have been found in the investigation, Detective John Moore said. "The only thing we discovered is a handgun that the victim was shot with," he said. "No knives or any other weapons have been found."

Moore said the police department was waiting for several reports before disclosing any more information. "We are going to have to wait on the autopsy report and some other physical evidence from the lab before we say anything," he said.

No charges have been filed at this time.



Cedric Woods, a UNC activist for Native American rights, is under investigation for a man's death

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Once more into the breach. — Henry V