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Budget gap could increase this year

By ASHLEY FOGLE
Staff Writer

State revenue shortfalls for the coming year may exceed those faced under last year's budget, a state budget analyst said.

David Crotts, senior fiscal analyst with the N.C. General Assembly, said the budget gap is predicted to be between \$900 million and \$1.4 billion. An exact figure is not available at this time, he said.

UNC administrators expressed concern over the prospect of the shortfall

and its potential impact on the University.

Donald Boulton, vice chancellor for student affairs, said the University could be hurt by the shortfall.

"In light of what has occurred in the last 3 to 4 years, we are at a point now that we have begun to be severely hurt," he said. "New resources have to be developed. We can no longer sustain cuts."

"It's time to stop reading lips and start raising revenue," he said.

"That may mean attacking the sacred

cow and taxing cigarettes. We can go ahead and do that. In my opinion, that's the way to go, not the lottery. That's a very unstable and mercurial kind of source (of revenue)."

"It's gotten to the point that we have to start making some decisions," he said. "Some things have to go."

"We could send 10,000 students home, but we're not going to do that."

Wayne Jones, associate vice chancellor for finance, agreed.

"We've wrung everything there is to get out of the budget and still get the

minimum level of services that we are providing," he said.

"We anticipate a period of budget stringency, but the degree of that stringency remains to be seen," he said.

"The bottom line is this — if things get worse we will have to cut programs."

Jones said he hoped state legislators would restore funds cut from the University's budget in the wake of last year's shortfall.

"I think that's going to be the top priority of the General Administration's budget requests," he said.

"It's going to depend ultimately on legislative action and how legislators deal with the shortfall," he said. "We certainly hold out hope of getting some of the cuts restored."

Jay Robinson, vice president for public affairs with the UNC General Administration, said restoring cuts would be a top priority of the UNC system.

"The first goal is to avoid additional cuts, and the second goal would be to

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Iraqi planes take refuge; POWs reported injured

From Associated Press reports

DHAHRAN, Saudi Arabia — More than 60 fighter-bombers from Iraq's hide-and-seek air force have slipped out the back door to refuge next door in Iran, the U.S. military said Monday, and American strategists are "delighted."

The Iraqis, meanwhile, reported that captured pilots have been injured in air attacks staged by their Desert Storm comrades on "populated and civilian targets in Iraq."

The terse Baghdad radio report, which gave no further details, was an ominous follow up to Iraq's earlier threat to turn Prisoners of War into "human shields."

The Iraqis, who say they hold more than 20 Americans and other prisoners, announced Jan. 21 they were sending

them out to potential targets to deter air attack.

The Baghdad government says more than 320 civilians have been killed in Desert Storm air raids — a figure used in a letter to U.N. Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar. Refugees fleeing Iraq said warplanes of the anti-Iraq coalition had bombed civilian convoys on the desert highway west from Baghdad to Jordan.

In another development, the U.S. command said its pinpoint air strike on Kuwaiti oil junctions may have turned off the source of the vast spill — the biggest in history — that is devastating the Persian Gulf.

The U.S. military said more and more Iraqi pilots were flying to Iran.

Iraq's 700-plane air force has mostly

lain low during the war, hidden away in shelters or hop scotching to other Iraqi airfields during the incessant U.S. and allied air strikes.

Over the weekend, the Iranian news media reported Iraqi fighters and other aircraft had begun landing at airfields in neutral Iran.

By Monday, the Pentagon said, more than 60 fighter-bombers and more than 20 transports, both military and civilian, had found refuge in Iran.

The aircraft leaving Iraq included some of its most advanced fighters, Soviet-built MiG-29s, the reports said.

The Iraqi pilots' motives — simply to defect, or to shield their planes from American attack to fight another day —

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Officer's court case delayed

By MARCIE BAILEY
Staff Writer

A civil suit filed by University Police Officer Keith Edwards against the University was motioned to dismiss Monday in Orange County Superior Court because of questions raised by the University's counsel about the statute of limitations and other technicalities.

The judge will decide next week if the case will continue to be heard. The suit lists seven University and police administrators as defendants in the case.

Alan McSurely, Edwards' lawyer, said the judge gave him one week to answer questions about two issues raised

by the University.

The University lawyer is questioning whether Edwards' suit exceeded the three-year statute of limitations for filing civil rights cases defined under the 1983 Civil Rights Action.

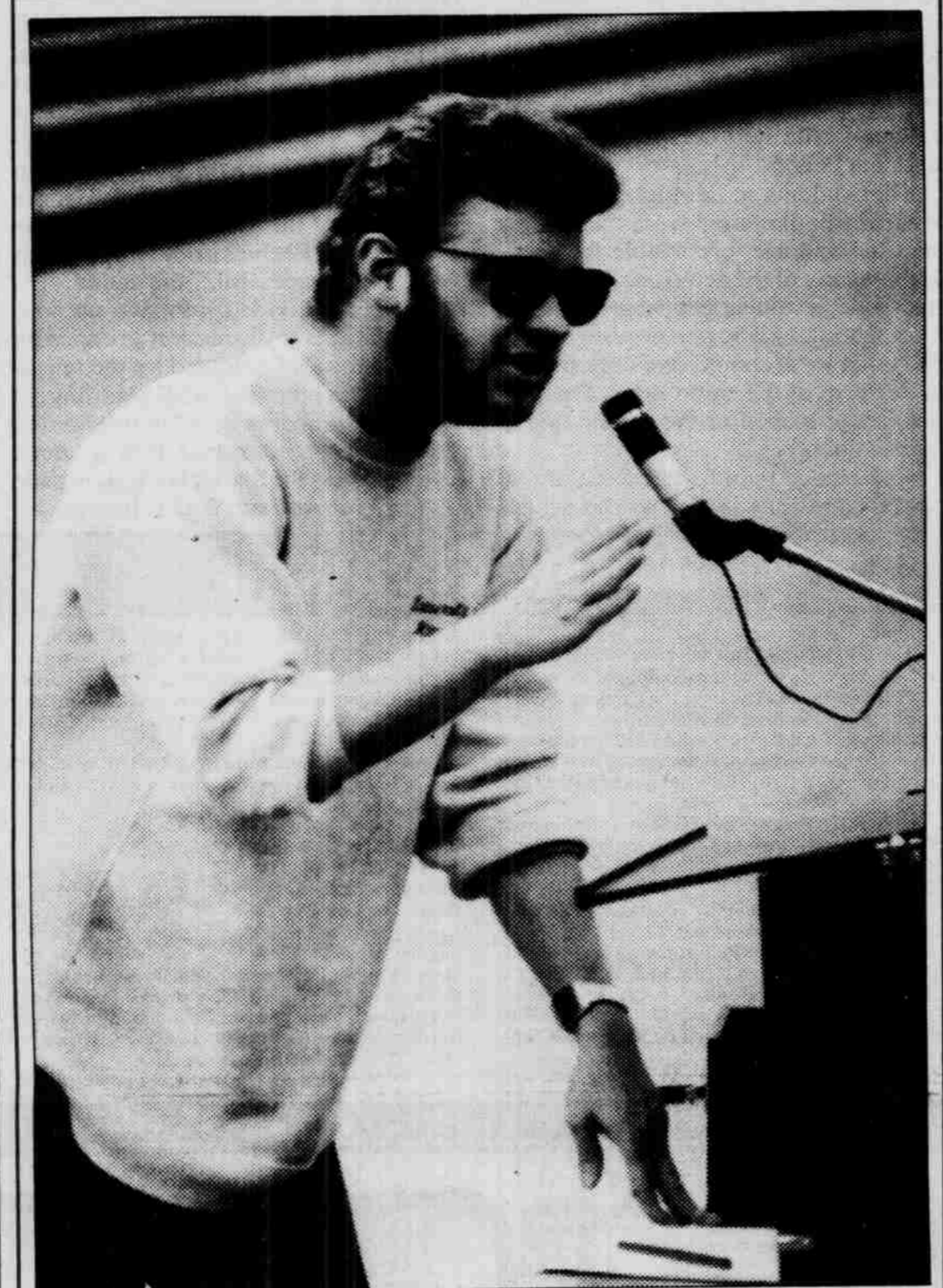
Lars Nance, the University's lawyer, said the judge would decide next week if Edwards' first grievance filing date of June 22, 1987, is the official beginning of the process. If the judge rules that June 22, 1987, was the official beginning, that would mean the statute of limitations had expired. The judge could decide to extend the deadline because Edwards pursued administrative remedies since she filed the grievance.

Edwards has filed numerous grievances against the University alleging that she was discriminated against on the basis of race and sex when she was passed over for a promotion that was given to a white male officer with less experience. She has also filed two lawsuits against the University.

Nance said the case will go to trial, depending on the rulings next week.

Edwards said Monday's hearing consisted mainly of discussion about the lawsuit and the charges against the University. The University's employee contracts and details about employees'

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DTH/Debbie Stengel

Open for 'em

Graduate student Matthew Stewart speaks out during an open forum on the Gulf war held by the Ad Hoc Committee for Peace in the Middle East.

Investigation results may affect federal funding

By BURKE KOONCE
Staff Writer

A federal investigation of racial and sexual discrimination charges against the University could affect federal funding of programs.

Eleanor Morris, director of the Office of Scholarships and Student Aid, said if the U.S. Department of Education decided the University had violated discrimination laws and failed to meet government standards to remedy these violations, federal funding could be cut.

Wayne Jones, associate vice chancellor for business and finance, said, "We don't expect that it's going to come down to that."

The University receives more than \$100 million annually from the federal government. The majority of this money funds contract and research grants, he said.

The second-largest portion of federal funding is invested in student aid, largely in the form of loans, grants and jobs, he said.

Morris said the student aid program received about 70 percent of its funding from the federal government. In the 1989-90 school year, the program received almost \$22 million of its \$30 million total income from federal funding, she said.

The University receives federal aid

through many different institutions, including state education agencies and banks, so pinpointing where funding cuts might occur is difficult, she said.

Banks offering student loans with federally funded interest could stop offering the loans if such funding became unavailable, she said. But federal funding channeled through state agencies might not be affected, she said.

"I'm not going to say it's an empty threat," she said. "It's a hammer they like to hold over our heads."

Morris said she was unsure if cuts in federal funding could affect federal loans that were awarded directly to students instead of through the University.

Susan Ehringhaus, director of legal affairs, said the University had been investigated by federal agencies before, but had never experienced any cuts in federal funding. The University is taking the investigation seriously, she said.

After the 135-day investigation period, the University will have time to make any necessary reconciliations, she said.

That time period is 60 days, as stated in a letter sent to Keith Edwards, a University police officer, who requested last December that the education department's Office of Civil Rights investigate 11 allegations of racial and sexual discrimination.

Town council votes down Greens' sanctuary proposal

By JENNIFER DICKENS
Assistant City Editor

The Chapel Hill Town Council rejected a proposal Monday night that would have declared the town a sanctuary for Persian Gulf War resisters, deciding that such a declaration would not be appropriate for local government.

The Orange County Greens petitioned the council to declare Chapel Hill a sanctuary for those refusing military service in the war, for deserters, for war-tax resisters and for those opposing the war through nonviolent civil disobedience.

The council voted against the petition in a 6-2 vote, with council members Joe Herzenberg and Joyce Brown, a Greens member, dissenting. Mayor Jonathan Howes was absent due to illness.

Last week, the Carrboro Board of Aldermen refused to consider the same resolution.

Council member Alan Rimer said the council should not occupy itself with the issues of the war and that the Greens' idea was not worth discussing.

"If we receive it, it seems to me by our procedure we're supposed to do something with it, and I don't think it deserves the light of day," he said.

But Brown said adopting the resolution would fulfill the council's responsibility to serve all residents.

"We need to stretch ourselves as far

as we can to encompass all citizens," she said.

Greens representative Dan Coleman presented the resolution and Rev. Buddy Olney, minister of the Community Church of Chapel Hill, supported the Greens' proposal.

The church's Board of Directors voted unanimously Jan. 15 to designate the institution a "sanctuary church."

Olney said he feared the public's enthusiasm in support of the troops serving in the Persian Gulf has caused citizens to forget a person's right to resist participation in the war.

"I urge the council to give both the space and provision, the tolerance and the compassion to our young men and women who want and who need to struggle with this matter of conscience," he said. "I urge the council to support our children here at home as equally as we intend to support our troops abroad."

Chapel Hill residents Joe Elinoff and Phillip Sullivan presented the opposition to the Greens' proposal.

Elinoff said polls showing public support for President George Bush's decision to use military force in the Gulf imply that a majority of Chapel Hill residents also support the policy.

"Since the proposal in question is probably unconstitutional and certainly unenforceable, it would, therefore, only be an empty statement," Elinoff said.

"It's passage would accomplish nothing but to give Chapel Hill a negative image throughout the United States."

But those who wish to protest the war have every right and opportunity to do so, Elinoff said.

Sullivan, dressed in red, white and blue, said effective and protective laws exist for conscientious objectors in the U.S. "There is no sanctuary needed for legal conscientious objectors," he said.

The proposal is not an appropriate matter for the council to decide, Sullivan said. "Enticing members of the U.S. armed forces to desert or to go AWOL (absent without leave) is illegal big time," he said.

More than 150 people crowded into the council chamber to support both sides of the issue.

Several residents carried American flags and signs, including some which read, "Follow Martin Luther King's dream and not George Bush's nightmare," and "Chapel Hill, N.C. supports our troops. Bring them home alive now. We also support free speech."

Chapel Hill resident Vaughn Jett carried a sign that read, "Read my lips, stop the War!" He said he was in favor of the Greens' proposal.

After several outbursts from the audience, Mayor Pro Tem Nancy Preston insisted that the meeting proceed in an orderly fashion.

Attention candidates: Read this!

Candidates running for student body president, Residence Hall Association president, Daily Tar Heel editor, Carolina Athletic Association president, Student Congress seats and senior class offices should plan to have their pictures taken for announcements immediately following the mandatory meeting Thursday.

Reporters covering the election will arrange an interview time for announcements at that time. Anyone failing to arrange a time or stay for pictures will not be given a make-up time.

SBP, RHA, DTH, CAA and senior class president/vice president teams should turn in two copies of their platforms to the DTH letter box by no later than 5 p.m. on Feb. 1. They should be no longer than 500 words. Announcements and platforms will run in a special elections insert in the Feb. 5 edition of the DTH.

If candidates have questions about this procedure, they should either come by the DTH office in the Student Union and ask the receptionist for information or call Laura Williams at 962-0245.

The DTH will print two letters of endorsement for each SBP, RHA, DTH and CAA candidate, and one for each senior class team. The letters should be 300 words or less, typed, double-spaced, etc. They are due in the DTH letter box by noon Feb. 4. Each letter can only be signed by two people; placing names in the middle of the text to try to get around this will disqualify the letter.

The editorial board will hold interviews with SBP, RHA, DTH and CAA candidates on Feb. 9 before making endorsements. Candidates will be given five minutes to speak, and board members will ask questions about their platforms and campaigns.



Somali officials surrender to rebels

NAIROBI, Kenya — The whereabouts of longtime Somali leader Mohamed Siad Barre remained a mystery Monday, more than a day after he fled the presidential palace in a tank. Rebels appealed for calm in the war-ravaged capital of Mogadishu and promised a return to democracy.

According to a radio broadcast of the Somali National Movement, the oldest of the three major guerrilla groups fighting to oust Siad Barre, loyalist troops and officials from the old regime were giving up through much of the Horn of Africa nation.

"Reports reaching Radio SNM say that in various parts of our country, remnants of Siad Barre's soldiers and officials are surrendering en masse to the bases of the liberation movements," the broadcast said Monday.

For the first time since the rebel offensive began Dec. 30 against Siad Barre, a spokesman of the humanitarian medical team Doctors Without Borders said his colleagues in Mogadishu reported no fighting overnight.

Rebels asked for foreign medical aid and issued an appeal for utility and other workers to come back to their jobs so the city can resume a semblance of normalcy.

17 killed in Haitian clashes by extremists

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — The army on Monday accused extremists of stirring up street protests that led to violent clashes with soldiers and the deaths of at least 17 people.

In a statement broadcast by independent Radio Haiti Inter, the Army High Command said subversive groups, which it did not identify, were trying to pit Haitians against its security forces and destabilize this poor Caribbean nation.

The army "reiterates its commitment to respect the constitution and the will of the people," the statement said.

Haiti Inter also said at least 17 people were killed and 14 wounded in Sunday's disturbances, seven higher than tallies of a day earlier.

Government and military officials said the unrest was provoked by unfounded rumors of a plot to free Roger Lafontant and 15 other Duvalierists captured after a Jan. 6 attempt to overthrow the interim government of President Ertha Pascal-Trouillot.

Judge rules to throw out Noriega drug case

MIAMI — A federal judge Monday rejected the defense's call to throw out Manuel Noriega's drug case, ruling the deposed Panamanian leader's rights had not been jeopardized by government tapping of his prison phone calls.

The defense had asked U.S. District Judge William Hoeverler to dismiss the indictment on grounds of government misconduct.

Noriega's attorneys accused the prosecution of improperly recording calls between their client and their office, one of which was later leaked and telecast by CNN.

But prosecutors responded that Noriega had signed documents acknowledging his calls were being monitored and taped.

Hoeverler said Monday that the trial will go on as planned.

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Laughing well is the best revenge. — Fido Dido