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1,100 march on Raleigh to protest cuts



UNC-system students gather Wednesday in front of the legislative building to voice opposition to budget cuts affecting education. DTH/Kathy Michel

By Stephanie Johnston
University Editor

RALEIGH — "We vote too! We vote too!" students standing in the lobby of the state legislative building and spilling out its doors chanted Wednesday.

"Educate, save our state!" they said as security officers formed a line to keep them away from the red carpeted stairs leading up to the second floor. "We want Martin," they yelled earlier while standing outside the building.

But neither Gov. Jim Martin nor any state legislators came out to meet the approximately 1,100 students attending the march and rally in protest of budget cuts to the UNC-system. The General Assembly is planning to cut at least \$59.2 million from the system's budget for 1991-1992, including \$15.5 million at UNC-CH.

The students met at the Governor's Mansion shortly before noon. There they chanted, "What do we want? Money. When do we want it? Now," and "Education, save our nation." Many held signs with messages to the governor, legislators and people passing by the group.

Some signs reflected many students' belief that legislators should transfer money from the \$8.8 billion Highway Trust Fund to education. Some signs read:

"Less Roads, More Rhodes Scholars."

"Is I-40 worth more than UNC?"

"Will the oldest University survive the 21st century?"

The students marched from the

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mansion to the legislative building. Student government leaders, graduate students and representatives of the U.S. Student Association, a group that lobbies the federal government for education, spoke to the crowd. They encouraged students to let their legislators hear from them.

"We are in a crisis," Beth Hammond, former UNC-Charlotte student body president, told the crowd. "Not only is this state in a fiscal crisis, but we the students are because it's being taken out on us."

Although event organizers hoped students from all system schools would attend, most students were from UNC-CH.

Anita Reeves, a UNC-CH freshman from Swansboro, said she felt especially sorry for next year's freshman because the decrease in class sections probably would mean it would take them five years to graduate. "Alumni should start putting money into classes instead of athletics," she said.

Adrian Vassallo, a UNC-CH junior from Carboro, said the march took priority over classes. "If you don't say

something now, you may not have those classes next year," he said.

Some of the participants were seniors who were worried about the UNC system and the value of the diplomas they would soon receive.

Kristin Parks, a UNC-CH senior from Whispering Pines, said: "I'm worried about how far down the drain our schools are going. I think that starting now and in the next few years the caliber of graduate students are going to decrease."

Chris Crute, a UNC-CH senior from Dunn, said he was in Raleigh to show support. "In the future if the school is downgraded, it will affect me in the job market," he said.

Teaching assistants, many of whom could lose their jobs because of the cuts next year, also marched in Raleigh.

Jon Gordon, a political science TA, said he marched "because I wanted to save my job."

If students did not march, no one would listen to them, he said.

Tim Steigenga, a political science TA, said: "There's no easy way about it — raise taxes or tuition."

Security officers at the legislative building told students they could visit their representatives and senators' offices if they did so in an orderly manner. They also could attend the meeting of the House appropriations sub-committee, the officers said.

Hilary Thomas, a UNC-CH freshman from Greensboro, and Angela Crisp, a UNC-CH sophomore from Gastonia, met with Rep. John Gamble Jr. of Lincoln and Gaston counties (Dist.

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UNC officials ask Spangler for flexibility

By Birch DeVault
Staff Writer

University administrators have asked UNC-system President C.D. Spangler for flexibility in deciding where budget cuts should be made if the N.C. General Assembly passes budget reduction proposals now being considered.

House and Senate education appropriation subcommittees are considering cutting the UNC system's budget by \$59.2 million, including \$15.5 million at UNC-CH.

Spangler recently instructed all 16 UNC-system chancellors to report to him about the effects the budget cuts would have on their campuses.

In their report to Spangler on Tues-

day, University administrators said the proposed cuts in the UNC-system's budget would damage UNC-CH's ability to teach its students and remain competitive in research.

Legislative proposals to reduce the amount of research grant money allocated for overhead costs that universities are allowed to keep, to increase student-faculty ratios and to cut staff positions would "strike at the heart" of the University's ability to teach and would promote a general loss in research areas, according to a memorandum accompanying the report, which Ben Tuchi, vice chancellor for business and finance, sent on behalf of Chancellor Paul Hardin.

"These proposed reductions will severely affect our effort to provide qual-

ity education, research and service to our students and the people of North Carolina," Tuchi said in the memo.

Spangler said Wednesday that although he supported giving administrators flexibility, the real problem concerned state income.

"Having more flexibility will not solve the problem the state is facing with the lack of income, though if a tax is the answer, it is an answer I have already proposed," he said. Last week Spangler proposed a 1 cent sales tax increase to help reduce the budget crunch.

Tuchi said Wednesday that he wasn't sure how the flexibility request would fare. "That problem must essentially be resolved through a legislative procedure. During the formation of the report, we

discovered that procedure through the state legislature was the only way to gain that flexibility."

Proposed cuts also would limit UNC-CH's ability to manage complex programs and make it uncompetitive in the Research Triangle Park job market, the report stated.

The \$15.5 million reduction in state appropriations would have a devastating impact on UNC, Tuchi said.

The loss of 145 to 155 faculty and staff positions would be felt at UNC, one of two research universities in the system, in 1991-92. Though most of the positions are now vacant because of the state hiring freeze, 20 to 33 are among the teaching ranks.

UNC officials are not sure if the cuts will result in layoffs, Tuchi said.

Lenoir dining hall receives 'B' health rating for 10 days

By Ashley Fogle
Staff Writer

Numerous violations of health regulations temporarily lowered the sanitation rating for Lenoir Dining Hall this month, health department officials said.

Mike Scheffres, operations instructor for Carolina Dining Services, said Lenoir was given a B sanitation rating on March 22. A second inspection restored the A grade on April 1.

Chris Derby, Carolina Dining Services director, said the inspection was routine, and Lenoir had always received an A rating. A state health inspector accompanied the county inspector March 22 and dropped the rating.

"There was a different person looking," he said. "The state inspector came along and felt that Lenoir should have a grade-B rating. We were given a list of corrective actions. We worked over the weekend and called them Monday and asked them to come back. The 'A' was put back a week later.

"Several concerns were facilities concerns due to the age of equipment, ceiling, floor and wall tiles needing repair," Derby said he discussed the problems with the University's Auxiliary Services office, which is responsible for maintaining the building.

Tony Lawf, Orange County's environmental health director, said institutions are given a rating based on their performance in 17 different categories. Lenoir lost points in 8 of the 17 categories. Points were lost in the following areas, Lawf said:

■ Protection of food. Food was stored at improper temperatures, and some sort of vermin was spotted. Scheffres said food temperatures were taken in the hot and cold food lines.

"The hot items were fine, but there were two items on the salad bar that were not 45 degrees," Scheffres said. "I think (the inspector) saw a dead cockroach and he told us to make sure the exterminators came out."

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■ Good food handling procedures and hair restraint. Scheffres said two catering personnel who were not part of the normal kitchen staff were seen without proper hair restraints.

■ Clean equipment and utensils. Scheffres said points were lost for cutting boards with cut marks and can openers that were not clean.

■ Handling of utensils and storage in a clean place. The inspectors found a grease residue on the shelves where clean pots are stored, Scheffres said.

■ Drinking water facilities and storage of ice. A scoop device with a handle was needed to load ice into drink dispensers, Scheffres said.

■ Walls and ceilings clean and in good repair. Scheffres said a dust residue had built up near the ceiling vents.

■ Ventilation system cleaning. Some filters in the ventilation system needed changing, Scheffres said.

■ Premises kept clean and neat. "The inspector was really irate about the ceilings and walls because of the dust that had come out of the vents," Scheffres said.

Lawf said the score Lenoir received March 22 was an 85.5, in the middle of the 'B' range. Scheffres said the score improved to a 94.5 after the second inspection. Lenoir was the only campus dining facility that received a 'B' rating.

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ON CAMPUS
Health Fair will be held 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Pit and Great Hall. Sponsored by Wellness Resource Center.

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Congress Speaker Moore turns down \$1,200 stipend

By Jennifer Mueller
Staff Writer

Student Congress Speaker Tim Moore said after a congress meeting Wednesday night that he had turned down the \$1,200 stipend usually given to the speaker.

He wants to use some of the money to fund special projects in congress, Moore said.

At the meeting, the 73rd Student Congress selected officers.

Junior Gaines Weaver, junior James Norment, freshman Gretchen Prochaska and freshman Denny Skipper were appointed as parliamentarian, organization treasurer, assistant clerk and clerk of Student Congress, respectively. None of the students are congress members.

Prochaska said she held secretarial positions in high school. Student Congress would be her first extra-curricular priority, she said.

Norment is a junior transfer from Catawba College, where he was in charge of the media board. He is a member of N.C. Student Legislature and has had some experience with the Student Activity Fund Office, he said. "I belong to that rare breed of people who enjoy economics," he said.

Weaver said he was chairman of several organizations and was familiar with parliamentary procedure.

The parliamentarian is traditionally a congress member. "It is better that I am not (a congress member)," Weaver said. "Very few legislative bodies have appointed officers as members of the body. This frees up members of the body and means that I am a more partial adviser."

Prochaska, Norment and Weaver were unanimously appointed by voting members. Two members abstained.

Skipper turned in his application for the position of clerk after the Student Affairs Committee met Monday night. He was presented to congress members by Moore Wednesday.

Skipper is now secretary-treasurer for Ehringhaus Government. He heard about the position from Carl Clark, Dist. 18, a personal friend, he said. He was appointed with only Clark abstaining.

Some congress members raised questions about the selection process for officers. Moore said posters in the Student Union and Suite C announced the open positions. "A lot of it was word of mouth," he said.

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Cellular phoney

Senior Ray Carroll raises money Wednesday by serving time in "prison" for the Jail 'n Bail fund-raising campaign sponsored by Delta Sigma Phi fraternity and the March of Dimes.

Triangle J Regional Calling Plan would discount area long distance

By Nicole Peradotto
Staff Writer

If the N.C. Utilities Commission approves a plan filed by Southern Bell last week, Triangle residents would be charged half of what they now pay for area toll calls without an increase in their monthly service rates.

The Triangle J Regional Calling Plan would also adopt seven-digit dialing in participating exchanges, eliminating the

1-919 long-distance prefix, according to a Southern Bell news release. The exchanges include Apex, Cary, Chapel Hill, Creedmoor, Durham, Hillsborough, Knightdale, Raleigh, Wendell and Zebulon.

Residents would receive regional directories of all locales in the area toll region instead of a local phone book.

"We feel at Southern Bell that there is a great advantage to the program in that area residents will be able to use the

seven-digit dialing," Mark Collins, Southern Bell's manager of corporate and external affairs, said.

If the utilities commission favors the plan, Southern Bell would need 12 months to prepare before residents could use the discount calling, Collins said.

Southern Bell would propose a "thrifty caller" option that could cut the basic monthly service charge to \$5.50, Collins said.

The state utilities commission ap-

proved Wednesday the Triad Regional Calling Plan, a similar discount for exchanges in Forsyth and Guilford counties, said Daniel Long, assistant attorney for the commission.

"The biggest cities affected by this plan are Winston-Salem, High Point and Greensboro," he said.

Pamela Davison, director of economic development programs at the Triangle J Council of Governments, said she supported the reduced rates.

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Today's politicians are living proof we need better education. — Sign at budget cut march