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Budget cuts impair UNC-CH education



About 1,100 University-system students gathered in Raleigh April 10 to protest budget cuts

Reductions hit most University services

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Daily Tar Heel headlines since August 1990 have not been optimistic about the state budget crisis and how it has affected the University's academic well-being: "UNC in 'agony' over budget cuts," "UNC-system cuts may total \$59 million," "256 fewer spring sections scheduled."

The UNC system, which is composed of 16 schools, is facing \$59.2 million in budget cuts in 1991-92, including almost \$17 million from the UNC-CH budget. That means fewer class sections, a faculty and staff hiring freeze and reduced purchasing power for the libraries.

The following is a list of the latest developments in the budget crisis:

■ The N.C. General Assembly is formulating a budget package for the 1991-92 fiscal year. Both the Senate and

House want to increase tuition at UNC-system schools, and UNC-CH will be one of the three hardest hit.

The Senate wants to increase tuition 40 percent for in-state students and 25 percent for out-of-state students over a two-year period. The House wants to increase tuition by 20 percent for in-state and 25 for out-of-state.

The bills are being reconciled in a conference committee that should be finished by June 30.

Student Body President Matt Heyd and Ruffin Hall, student government budget crisis coordinator, have begun a telephone campaign, calling in-state students and asking them to call their legislators before the final budget is passed.

In addition, the University has launched several letter-writing campaigns asking students to write to their legislators about how budget cuts are affecting their education.

■ Sen. Howard Lee, D-Orange, has

proposed a bill that would give the chancellors at each UNC-system school greater control over their budgets.

■ On April 10, about 1,100 students from the system schools (mostly from UNC-CH) met outside the Governor's Mansion in Raleigh to protest the budget cuts to the system. Their chants of "Educate, save our state!" and "We want Martin!" were answered by neither the governor nor legislators.

■ WUNC-FM lost its \$300,000 state allocation this spring, forcing it to try to raise about \$100,000 to keep operating. The public radio station raised about \$185,000 in private pledges and donations.

■ In April, the House Appropriations Committee proposed eliminating numerous faculty and administrative positions from the system schools.

Democrats suggested eliminating 180

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Fiscal mire forces bigger, fewer classes

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Until the General Assembly settles on a budget for the next fiscal year, University departments will be unable to determine how the state's fiscal crisis will affect incoming freshmen.

Departments across campus have cut class sections and eliminated teaching positions in anticipation of the worst.

"We aren't sure," said Stephen Birdsall, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. "We are trying to be prepared for the budget cuts, but we are hoping to be able to reinstate as many classes and positions as possible."

Under the various budget proposals, as many as 400 freshmen may not be

able to take introductory courses in the English department.

"We are not sure this is going to happen," Birdsall said. "It looks like we will be able to replace some of the funds."

Class sizes also will be enlarged, and faculty members in many departments will teach more class sections, he said.

Birdsall said these arrangements, which would help make up for lost sections, must be implemented on a temporary basis only. He said he hoped such arrangements would not have to continue after next spring.

These arrangements, he said, did not guarantee that every student would get every class requested. But that has never

been the case.

Last year, the University saw a greater number of students taking only 12 hours than in previous years. Birdsall said that this could be a result of the lack of classes and that he hoped this trend would not increase this year.

Birdsall said freshmen would be affected by the lack of classes because many of them would not get their first or second class choices.

"We hope they will look more broadly at the classes offered for fulfillment of requirements," he said.

He added that last year there were many General College requirement courses that still had spaces open throughout the semester.

New ID card combines many campus services

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"Can I see some ID?"

When asked this question, students often have to flip through their wallet in search of a plastic school ID, semester registration card, meal card, athletic pass, library copier card and/or bus pass.

No more. The UNC Department of Auxiliary Services is changing the concept of student identification by combining several of the cards mentioned in one neat, little card.

About a year ago, Rutledge Tufts, director of Auxiliary Services, contacted the campus card office to develop one ID that would basically "do it all."

Former Student Body President Brian Lewis created the idea for a general campus debit card that could be used for a range of activities, Tufts said.

"We want things to be as convenient as possible for freshmen, upperclassmen and parents," said Robin Eason,

who will be campus card office supervisor in the fall.

Last fall, new bar-coded ID cards were handed out to incoming freshmen and transfer students, Eason said.

The new card has the student's photo in the bottom right corner, with a label to the left that has the student's name and Social Security number above the bar code. This will be used by the libraries. On the back, a wide magnetic strip at the bottom codes information about the student's meal plan account balance.

In addition to these features, a second thin strip at the top of the back was added for the photocopying machines in the libraries. However, because the new ID cards are larger than the present library copier cards, only the law library will test the new cards' photocopying application, Tufts said.

Students who lived in Carmichael Residence Hall received ID cards last year that served as their front door key. Because the Carmichael pilot key-

card proved successful, the same feature will be added to the ID cards of students living in Hinton James and Morrison residence halls in the fall, Tufts said.

"Eventually the key-cards will extend to all the dorms on campus," Eason added.

Because of a new account, called the UNC-ONE account, Carmichael residents also were able to use the new card for vending machine purchases and the laundromat, Eason said.

This account is coded on the same wide strip that contains the meal plan account, but it is a separate account, Tufts said. Students can put any amount of money on this account to be used in the Student Stores and in any of the University-operated snack bars, he said.

Right now, UNC-ONE can only be used by those residents with the key-card feature, but soon the account will be available for dining halls and the

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Caroline operates schedules, keeps UNC students busy

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Caroline is the most frequently mentioned name on this campus. Is she the most popular woman on campus? Well, it depends on how important your classes are to you.

First of all, Caroline stands for Computer-Assisted Registration On Line. In simpler terms, Caroline refers to the telephonic registration system begun last spring at UNC.

The first telephonic registration system in the United States was developed years ago at Utah's Brigham Young University, based on the voice response systems that banks used for customer service, said Donna Redmon,

UNC's assistant registrar.

"The system was implemented at this university because the administration wanted to keep up with state-of-the-art systems," Redmon said.

Through Caroline, the registration process was divided into seven steps. "The administration wanted to provide as much convenience for both students and faculty," Redmon said.

First, a registration notice is mailed to each student with a scheduled call-in date. Any holds on a student's financial account will be listed on this notice.

The second step is for students to go to the cashier's office to clear holds. Once this is done, or if there were no holds listed, the third step is to pick up a Directory of Classes in the basement

of Hanes Hall and plan a schedule.

After this is done, the fourth step is for students to set up an advising session before their scheduled call-in date. During this appointment, advisers will give students their PIN, or personal identification number. Every student must have a PIN to register through Caroline.

In this way alone, Caroline has had a positive effect on this campus, Redmon said. "Telephonic registration has enforced the advising issue on this campus, because a student cannot register until they receive their PIN number, which their adviser holds."

Once PINs are obtained, the fifth

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Dormitories help students meet others, explore campus activities

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In the fall, about 96 percent of all Carolina freshmen will call campus housing their new home. This new home offers more freedom, since Mom and Dad won't be down the hall, but it also entails the responsibility of getting along with a new roommate and following housing policies.

A student begins his adventure with University housing by completing and mailing a housing contract. Once all contracts have been received, a computer will assign students to a room according to their listed dormitory preferences and social security numbers. Those whose numbers fall closest to and above the random number printed in the housing manual, Hallways and Highrises, will be more likely to receive one of their top preferences. This year's number is 7358.

Housing Director Wayne Kuncel said students were not necessarily guaranteed one of their top dormitory preferences. "That's not a choice, it's purely a preference," he said.

Kuncel said the University reserves about half of available housing for freshmen. All freshmen and sophomores are guaranteed on-campus housing if they want it.

Students will not live in Old East and Old West residence halls for the next two years. The University is renovating the two buildings and will finish the work in time to start the bicentennial

celebration, Kuncel said. Old East was the first building constructed at a U.S. public university.

Advantages to living on campus

Living on campus offers many advantages to students, Kuncel said. "Freshmen have a high need to meet other people and get to know the campus," he said. "The residence hall gives them somewhere to relate to." Dormitory life helps scale down the large university to smaller segments.

Freshmen who choose to commute or live off-campus may not become as comfortable with the campus as quickly as students living in residence halls, Kuncel said. "They (off-campus freshmen) don't have the same feeling of community. The socialization process is a lot easier (for on-campus freshmen)."

Residence halls also offer such advantages as study rooms, television lounges and computer rooms. The computer rooms in Hinton James and Craige residence halls offer access to the campus computer networks. A new lab also will open soon in Ehringhaus Residence Hall. "It's important when students in South Campus don't have to walk to North Campus to access a computer," Kuncel said.

Although University-operated dormitories do not offer cable television services yet, they may in the future. "Cable is still being studied for sometime in the future," Kuncel said. "It will come sometime."

Erica Rouzer, a residence assistant in Olde Campus, said her dormitory offered many programs about campus organizations and social options for residents. "RAs provide so many social programs," she said, "(and) you can always watch TV (in the TV lounge)."

Kuncel said the key to taking advantage of all the opportunities the dorms offer was participation. Freshmen should join such activities as orientation programs, RA-sponsored programs and UNC football games when a dorm's

residents get block seats together.

Residence Hall Association

The RHA has several projects in the planning stages. Scott Peeler, co-president of RHA, said one of RHA's biggest projects is to create ethnic and cultural diversity in all campus dorms.

In the past, about 90 percent of black residents have lived on South Campus, Peeler said. The students do not choose to live on North Campus because "they feel as if they would be that lone pio-

neer," he said.

The RHA is working on a new housing proposal that would change this situation for the 1992-93 academic year. Peeler said RHA would release its proposal at the end of July, but the plan could not go into effect this fall since housing policies are made a year in advance.

RHA also will look out for rate increases for residents. This year residence hall rent increased 8 percent. "Rent rates are quickly approaching the cost of apartments," Peeler said. RHA wants to find ways to keep prices down and still provide adequate services, he said.

Peeler said RHA also will work on a plan to change the visitation policy in the residence halls. The University now allows students to visit the room of a member of the opposite sex from 9 a.m. to 1 a.m., Sunday through Thursday. These hours are extended until 2 a.m. on Friday and Saturday. RHA leaders are not sure how they will alter this policy, Peeler said, but they hope to find "the best way to change it without infringing on roommates' rights."

Roommates

Kuncel said freshmen who live on campus may experience some difficulty adjusting to the new experience of sharing a room. "Each of us have our idiosyncrasies," he said. This can make living with another person, whether a roommate chosen at random or a high school friend, difficult.



Dorm rooms provide a refuge from the fast pace of campus life

No room assignments can be changed within the first two weeks of school. Kuncel said roommates should sit down during this time and discuss such things

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