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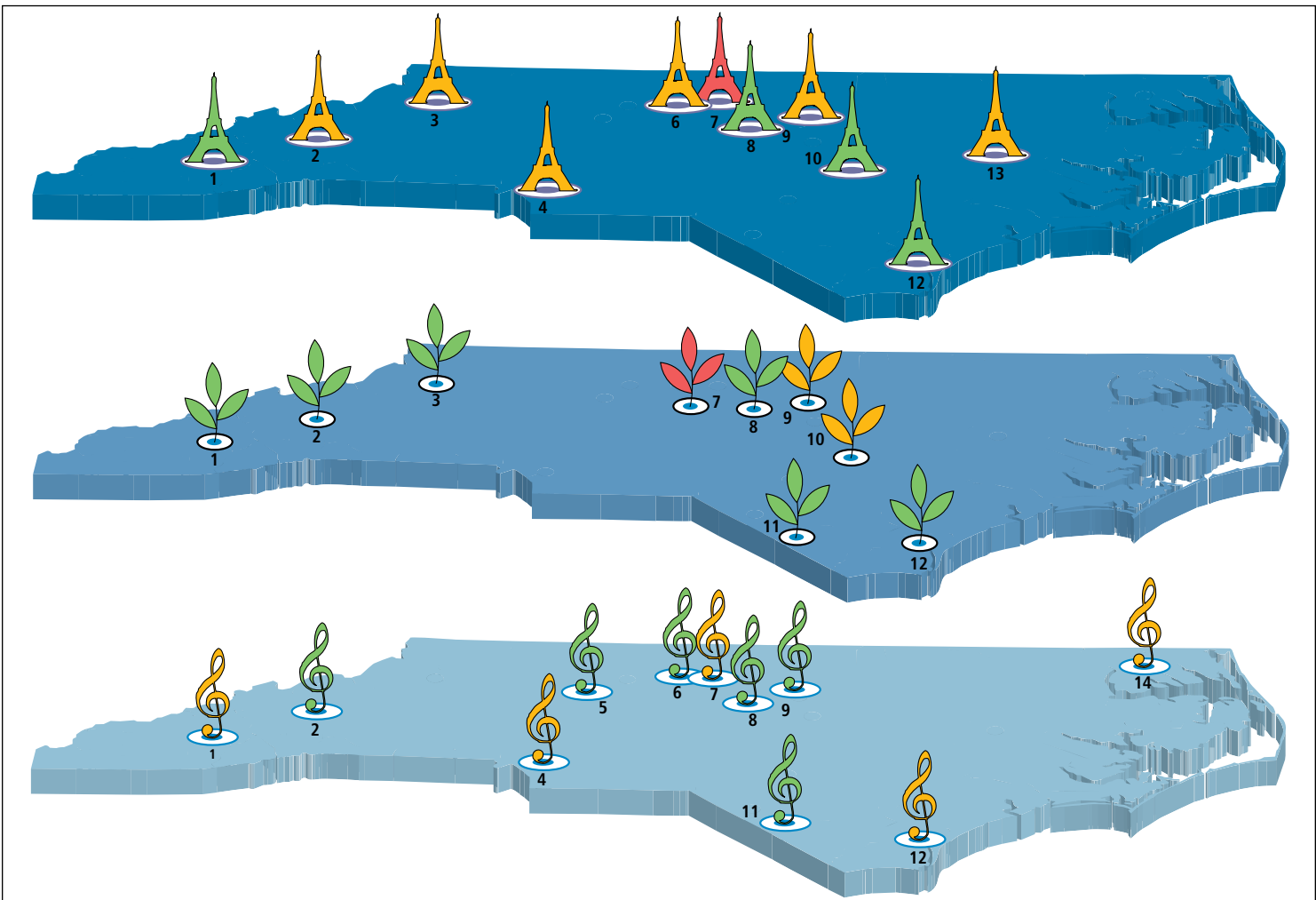
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To cope with a shrinking budget, administrators are looking to cut more degree programs.

WHAT WILL BE CUT NEXT?



FRENCH ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE MUSIC

The above maps show the status of three academic areas at UNC-system schools with degree programs that could be cut due to their proximity to similar programs and operational costs. Programs in yellow also have low enrollment, and programs in red were cut Friday.

CUT **LOW-PRODUCING** **GOOD STANDING**

1. Western Carolina University
2. UNC-Asheville
3. Appalachian State University
4. UNC-Charlotte
5. UNC-School of the Arts
6. UNC-Greensboro
7. NC Agricultural and Technical State University
8. UNC-Chapel Hill
9. North Carolina Central University
10. NC State University
11. UNC-Pembroke
12. UNC-Wilmington
13. East Carolina University
14. Elizabeth City State University

*Winston-Salem State University and Fayetteville State University do not have these programs.

SOURCE: UNC GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

DTH/RYAN KURTZMAN, NATASHA SMITH, MEG WRATHER

Student group protests tuition hikes after 60 programs were slashed

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About 30 student protestors marched from the Pit to the UNC-system Board of Governors meeting Friday, determined to bring attention to how students could be affected by budget cuts and tuition hikes.

Board members voted to eliminate 60 degree programs system-wide and increase tuition by an average of \$208 for undergraduate in-state students in an effort to offset the expected decrease in state funding.

"We must avoid permanent damage to the University," said UNC-system President Thomas Ross at the meeting.

There needs to be a balance between quality and access, he said. Although the board decided to approve the increases proposed by most campuses, tuition at UNC-system schools remains much lower than that at peer institutions nationwide.

"But I know that's no consolation to those trying to find the dollars," Ross said.

The protestors, members of N.C. Defend Education Coalition, chanted and held signs outside the Spangler Center — the meeting place of the board — until they were invited inside by board members.

The coalition is made up of UNC-CH students and drop-outs from across the UNC system, who were demonstrating against the tuition hikes, program cuts and faculty layoffs, among other issues.

The coalition is seeking the attention of the board because it is one of the largest lobbying groups in the state, said UNC junior Laurel Ashton and a member of the coalition.

"Higher education is not a privilege, it is a right — a right we're willing to fight for," she said.

The coalition was successful in securing a half-hour-long meeting with Hannah Gage, chairwoman of the board, and Ross.

Coalition member Eva Panjwani, 23, said she had to drop out of UNC-CH a year ago because she was no longer able to afford paying for tuition.

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DTH/MELISSA KEY

Students protest tuition hikes and faculty layoffs in the Pit on Friday. The group protested at the Board of Governors meeting as well.

System seeks programs to eliminate

BY ELISE YOUNG

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The UNC-system Board of Governors voted Friday to cut 60 degree programs, and other programs in the system might face a similar fate if an upcoming review deems them unnecessary.

The review, slated to begin after March 1, will encompass both undergraduate and graduate programs and consider student demand, operating cost and regional need.

Unnecessary programs might be discontinued, combined with a more productive program or converted to an online program, said Alan Mabe, senior vice president for academic affairs for the UNC system.

UNC-system President Thomas Ross request-

ed a study to look for unnecessarily duplicated degree programs to help the system cope with a potential 15 percent — \$405 million — budget reduction for the upcoming academic year.

"We know that it can be cost-saving," said Linda Seestedt-Stanford, interim provost and senior vice chancellor at Western Carolina University. "We know that it can enhance our programs."

Looking for unnecessary programs is not an entirely new concept for the system.

Every two years, the board asks each university to evaluate programs that graduated a low amount of majors. The 60 programs cut Friday, including 36 baccalaureate programs, were a result of the 2010 review.

But the search for unnecessary duplication

this year will be on a larger scale and will be conducted by a central committee headed by Jim Woodward, the former chancellor of UNC-Charlotte and N.C. State University, instead of individual schools.

"This is a chance to stop and look systematically at it," Mabe said.

Waiting on parameters

Administrators agree that program duplication is not always a bad thing.

The 16 UNC-system universities offer 17 English undergraduate degree programs and

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FRIDAY, I'M IN LOVE



DTH/LAUREN MCCAY

Former UNC-system president Bill Friday and his wife, Ida, who are both in their early nineties, have been married for 68 years. The two were set up on a blind date in the 1940s when Friday was a student at N.C. State and his wife-to-be was attending Meredith College. See our Valentine's Day features, including a Q&A with Bill and Ida Friday as well as Chancellor Holden Thorp and his wife, Patti, on page 5.

SBP results may come out Tuesday

Student court to consider dismissal

BY ANDY THOMASON

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The results of the student body president election won't be released until Tuesday at the earliest, said Jessica Womack, chief justice of the Student Supreme Court.

The court will hold a pre-trial hearing Tuesday at 8 p.m. to hear arguments on the issue of whether or not to dismiss a complaint levied by Deanna Santoro, former speaker of Student Congress.

Santoro resigned her post Feb. 7 and filed a complaint stating that the Board of Elections had misinterpreted the Student Code in a way that allowed Student Body Secretary Ian Lee to run for student body president.

Andrew Phillips, chairman of the board, filed a motion to dismiss the complaint on the grounds that Santoro does not have standing to file a complaint and that the 96-hour statute of limitations for complaints outlined in the code had expired.

He added that he was unsure of whether, in the event of a runoff

election following a dismissal, candidates would be given a full week for further campaigning.

Phillips said he would release the results as soon as possible after the hearing if the complaint is dismissed.

"Part of my job involves getting the election results to campus as quickly as possible," he said.

If the complaint is not dismissed, the trial would likely not immediately follow the pre-trial hearing, since the trial requires all of the members of the court to be present, rather than just the chief justice, Womack said.

Per the request of the court, both parties submitted briefs on Saturday.

In her brief, Santoro cites a student elections case last year — Holgate v. Gillooly — in which the chief justice decided in a pre-trial hearing to consider the case despite questions of standing, she said.

In his brief, Phillips cites the

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SBP election timeline

- Feb. 7: Deanna Santoro resigns as speaker of Student Congress and files a complaint to the Student Supreme Court against the Board of Elections.
- Feb. 8: Election results for SBP are withheld due to the court's injunction in response to Santoro's complaint. Andrew Phillips, chairman of the board, files a motion to dismiss the complaint.
- Feb. 10: Court grants requests from both parties to extend the deadline for submitting briefs.
- Feb. 12: Court, after receiving briefs, decides to hold a pre-trial hearing during which it will consider Phillip's motion to dismiss.
- Feb. 15: Court will meet to hear arguments and decide if it will dismiss Santoro's case. If it does, SBP results will be released immediately afterward, Phillips said.

SOURCE: STUDENT SUPREME COURT
DTH/JESSICA TOBIN

this day in black history

FEB. 14, 1936 ...

The National Negro Congress convenes for the first time. The group fought for black rights, but was accused of having ties to communism.



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WEEKEND FRIEND

Friday Night Friends, a program started by a UNC medical resident, provides free respite care to special needs children one night a week.



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HEELS HANG ON

The men's basketball team played sloppily in its first match since it lost to Duke, but pulled away from Clemson in the game's final minutes.

Today's weather



Aeolian processes gone wild
H 72, L 32

Tuesday's weather



Strong chance of yellow ninja stars
H 57, L 32