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## THE BEST MEDICINE

The unconventional doctor who inspired the film “Patch Adams” spoke about the importance of laughter and friendship Thursday.



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## BATTER UP

From getting pumped to representing their hometowns, members of the softball team have different reasons for picking their walk-up music.



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## BLUE VS. WHITE

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Facebook history documenter David Kirkpatrick revealed some inaccuracies from the movie “The Social Network.”

## this day in history

### APRIL 8, 1957 ...

Five starters and coaches of the men’s basketball national championship team are inducted into the Order of the Golden Fleece.

## Today’s weather

Relentless barrage of nature’s fury  
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## Saturday’s weather

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# SIT OUT, STAND UP



Chuck Brink speaks during the rally portion of the sit-out staged by UNC employees, students and community supporters on Thursday.

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## Workers unite to protest schedule change

BY CLAIRE MCNEILL STAFF WRITER

David Brannigan was thinking of his children Thursday on the steps of South Building.

Standing alongside dozens of coworkers, students and community members, Brannigan protested a scheduling change he said will change more than just his workweek.

“If you mess with my schedule, you mess with my children’s lives,” he said, in opposition to the building services department’s elimination of a compressed schedule option that allows for a 10-hour workday, four days per week.

Maintenance workers angered by the change joined student and community supporters to sit out from 9 a.m.



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to 5 p.m. and rally from noon to 1 p.m. Announced in January, the move will take effect July 1.

The protest was the latest step in a saga of worker and management negotiations, but Laurel Ashton, a member of Student Action with Workers, said the scheduling issue has become a symbol for the larger cause of workers’ rights.

Ashton, a leader in the protest’s planning, emceed the rally alongside facilities service worker Chuck Grant. At the rally, Grant addressed the crowd of more than

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# Looming budget cuts focus of BOG

## Look at downsizing class offerings, enrollment

BY ELISE YOUNG SENIOR WRITER

The threat of a federal government shutdown was a popular topic of conversation at the UNC-system Board of Governors’ Thursday meeting.

UNC General Administration officials assured members that a federal shutdown would have little short-term impact on universities, and N.C. Treasurer Janet Cowell said a state government shutdown was improbable.

But some chancellors said the system might be heading for its own catastrophe if cuts of 15 percent — or higher — are approved by the state legislature.

“The kind of numbers we’re hearing now are scary,” said N.C. State University

Chancellor Randy Woodson. “We just can’t keep doing this every year.”

### ‘Do not panic’

In the last three years, the system has cut a total of \$575 million, 23 percent in expenses and nearly 900 administrative positions.

N.C. legislators are facing a \$2.4 billion shortfall in the state budget, and speculations about cuts to the UNC system are running the gamut — from 5 percent to UNC-system President Thomas Ross’ estimate of 30 percent — as the higher education appropriations subcommittee prepares to release its budget proposal early next week.

“The message I keep hearing over and over again is, ‘do not panic,’” Ross said during the

meeting. “There may be time for panic later.”

### Can’t protect the classroom

If 15 percent cuts hit the UNC system, universities will collectively eliminate approximately 1,500 faculty positions.

Western Carolina University would eliminate 63 positions, 11 percent of its total faculty.

The decrease in faculty members would force WCU to offer about 147 fewer courses per semester.

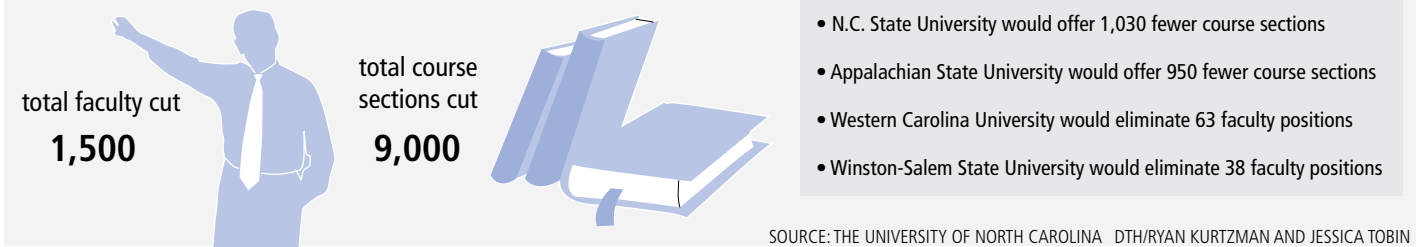
With the 15 percent cut, course section offerings would decrease by about 9,000 throughout the system.

UNC-Greensboro absorbed 100 percent of its permanent budget cut last year in administrative and staff positions, Chancellor Linda

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## The estimated impact of 15 percent reductions on UNC-system schools

The UNC-system Board of Governors released the estimated impact of a 15 percent budget cut on universities in the system. With a 15 percent cut, the following changes would occur throughout the UNC system:



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# BOG discusses student involvement, degree programs

BY ELIZABETH JOHNSON STAFF WRITER

As members of the UNC-system Board of Governors prepare for drastic state budget cuts, university chancellors are being forced to compete for attention and funding.

Campus administrators and student leaders were present at Thursday’s board meeting to voice concerns about student involvement in the decision making process, research funding and the looming threat of program elimination.

## Student involvement

A committee of student leaders

and administrators from across the system presented recommendations for increasing student involvement in the tuition and fee setting process.

At the request of system President Thomas Ross, the committee presented five core principles to the board.

These recommendations include measures, such as utilizing social media, to bridge the gap between students and administrators when discussing tuition.

“It’s important that students are informed on decisions the administrators are making that are ultimately going to affect them,” com-

mittee member Matthew Victory said.

Victory, student body president at UNC-Wilmington, said UNCW’s policy sets the precedent for student involvement.

“Half of our tuition and fee setting committees are comprised of students,” Victory said. “This ensures that students won’t be outvoted by administrators.”

## Unnecessary duplication

Board members have been using the phrase “unnecessary duplication” since January when Ross initiated a review of the system’s 2,000 degree programs.

While the phrase’s definition is still unclear, former UNC-Charlotte and N.C. State University Chancellor Jim Woodward has already begun the research phase of his review.

But pressure is being put on the board to formulate the plan in a timely manner.

Hannah Gage, chairwoman of the board, said by fall there should be enough information for the board to begin more serious conversations about which programs to eliminate or combine.

Woodward will speak to provosts and look at what’s being done in other states in terms of consolidation and duplication.



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## Funding for research

In an economy where schools are having to cut back on research projects because of tight funding, the UNC system raised a record of nearly \$1.4 billion for new projects.

Despite almost \$200 million of the awarded funding coming from stimulus money, UNC faculty have explored additional funding sources.

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# Student recounts night of robbery

## D’Joseph claims that robbery was a setup

BY C. RYAN BARBER UNIVERSITY EDITOR

Dylan D’Joseph said he knew the man only by nickname.

But “Ace” was a friend of a close friend — and that, he said, was enough to be trusted.

Late Sunday night, as he worked on a film project with a friend, D’Joseph said Ace’s phone number appeared in the iridescent glow of his cellphone screen.

He answered the call. And “Ace” asked to come over.

“Ace called me and said he wanted to hang out,” D’Joseph said. “I got another call and I couldn’t understand really what he was saying, but I heard him say something like ‘I’m outside.’”

As he walked downstairs from the third floor to the lobby, D’Joseph said he fully expected to find Ace waiting outside Morrison Residence Hall. Yet as he peered out into the midnight darkness, his acquaintance was nowhere to be found.

“I just thought, ‘What the hell,’” D’Joseph said. “... Why is he not here at this moment?”

Instead, it was Luther Oneal Allison, 24, of Hillsborough, and Michael DeAngelo Williamson, 26, knocking on the window, telling him they were friends with Ace, D’Joseph said.

Once inside, police said the two men robbed D’Joseph and four others at gunpoint in an incident the 19-year-old student described as the “most traumatizing thing” of his college career.

Ace would arrive shortly, they assured him. “I didn’t doubt it,” he said. “I don’t know, I’m just too trustworthy of people.”

Ace never came, he said. And after hearing that Allison, in his statement to police, identified Ace as the driver, D’Joseph said the robbery was a setup.

Randy Young, spokesman for the Department of Public Safety, said he could not confirm or deny D’Joseph’s narrative, as it is part of campus police’s ongoing investigation. He said an arrest warrant has only been issued for Williamson, who fled the scene early Monday morning and remains free.

Earlier in the week, Young said D’Joseph was acquainted with the suspects involved, a factor police weighed in deciding against alerting the campus community via siren and mass-text of the incident.

By opening the door, D’Joseph said he began a nightmare that would keep him awake for 60 hours — and leave him facing one felony drug charge and two misdemeanors. D’Joseph said he is not a drug dealer.

“After a second of confusion on one of our faces, the one guy, DeAngelo, he could sense we were all like, ‘Wait, what the f---?’” D’Joseph said.

“That was when he robbed us.” Towering over the room with a build similar to a football player, Allison ransacked the room in search of valuables, D’Joseph said. Meanwhile, Williamson pressed a gun to D’Joseph’s head, taking only a brief respite to point the gun at the four students lined up in a row.

“He went in a line and said ‘I have two (bullets) for you, two for you, two for you,’” D’Joseph said.

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Police charged Dylan D’Joseph with one felony and two misdemeanors Tuesday