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## Graduate Schools Earn High Marks

By JAMES PHARR  
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Graduate programs at UNC-CH earned high marks as four schools earned spots in the top 25 of U.S. News & World Report's latest rankings.

The Kenan-Flagler Business School scored highest, placing 16th among the nation's business schools. Also in the top 25 of their respective disciplines were the schools of Medicine, Education and Law.

The business school fell one place from a four-way tie at 15 last year. Each of the other three schools improved its ranking from last year. The law school reached 21st, while the education school ranked 22nd and the primary care medical school tied for eighth.

Emily Adcock, publicist for U.S. News, said rankings incorporated comprehensive criteria in the evaluation of each graduate school discipline. Each ranking also took into account the reputation of each program among its peers and those outside of graduate education.

Adcock said that along with reputational factors, U.S. News compiled sta-

tics to evaluate the input qualities of students entering the graduate school. Statistics are also collected to determine how well schools prepared students.

Alison Adams, spokeswoman for the business school, said the school was excited to see it had done well in the rankings. "These rankings are very important to admissions," Adams said.

She said the ranking could in part be credited to the success of the school's MBA students.

"If you deliver a good program and have good students, the rankings will follow," she said.

In a prepared statement, UNC School of Law Dean Judith Wegner stated, "We're happy to know that others recognize the quality of our program here at UNC, but believe that such quality is best articulated through other means."

Wegner stated that the rankings might not tell the whole story.

"The effort to quantify the diverse characteristics of law school in an overly simplistic fashion does not provide

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## The Nation's Best And Brightest

UNC graduate and professional schools exhibited overall improvements from last year's U.S. News rankings.

### Business Schools

1. Stanford University
2. Harvard University
2. Northwestern University
2. University of Pennsylvania
5. Massachusetts Institute of Technology

16. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (tied for 15 last year)

### Law Schools

1. Yale University
2. Harvard University
2. Stanford University
4. New York University
5. Columbia University

21. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (tied for 25 last year)

### Medical Schools - Primary Care

1. University of Washington
2. Harvard University
3. Mayo Medical School
4. Oregon Health Sciences University
5. University of Mass. - Worcester

8 (tie). University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (tied for 6 last year)

SOURCE: U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT

## BOG, Students Await Vote on Tuition Hike

### A Board of Governors' committee approved a 4.9 percent tuition increase for undergraduate students.

By CATE DOTY  
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RALEIGH - The UNC Board of Governors is expected to pass a tuition increase plan today which would raise tuition across the system and have the greatest impact on graduate students at UNC-Chapel Hill and N.C. State University.

The proposal adopted Thursday on the N.C. State campus by the Budget and Finance Committee includes a 4.9 percent increase for all students across the system, as well as an additional hike of 3.5 percent for graduate and professional students at UNC-CH and N.C. State. The added 3.5 percent would equal an extra \$122 on top of the 4.9 percent increase. University graduate

students are vowing to continue their fight against the proposal.

Outgoing president of the UNC-CH Graduate and Professional Student Federation Bryan Kennedy said the battle to keep tuition down would persist as the proposal headed to the legislature.

"It's not over now, and it's not over until the legislature says it's over," Kennedy said. "We would have liked to have killed it at the BOG, but we will take measures at the legislative level."

GPSF President-elect Lee Conner said he did not agree with the philosophy behind the increase.

"This money is not earmarked to come back to us," Conner said. "We understand and accept the privilege of having the BOG set tuition levels, but we as students will not see the effects of the money."

BOG Committee member Ray Farris said the revenue generated from the tuition increase would be transferred into the UNC-system's general fund. This recommendation is the board's first attempt at suggesting tuition levels to the

legislature, he said. In November 1998, the board adopted a policy which requires tuition to be determined by October each year, giving students time to plan for increases in tuition.

BOG student representative Jeff Nieman, who does not hold voting power, said he headed into the committee meeting with the express purpose of conveying student opinion to the board.

"I wanted to make sure that the committee knew that they did not have graduate student assent," Nieman said. "But I think with this proposal it's a sign that ... we reached a controlled, moderate decision that made sense."

The projected tuition hike deviates from the past decade's trend of an average 8 percent annual increase. Had the BOG gained control of tuition increases a decade ago, tuition at UNC-CH and N.C. State would be approximately \$750 less under this plan, Nieman said in a previous interview.

Creators of the policy chose 4.9 per-

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## Re-election To Feature New Policy

Students who vote in the RHA presidential re-election will be checked off a roster listing all students' names.

By SHANNON SNYPP  
Staff Writer

Following the Student Supreme Court trial Wednesday, new Elections Board chairwoman Whitney Wright will conduct the re-election for Resident Hall Association President.

Wright stepped into office after former chairwoman Heather Faulk voluntarily resigned after the trial.

In the trial, plaintiff Jermain Reeves, former RHA presidential candidate, said the defendants, former RHA President-elect Murray Coleman and Faulk, compromised the validity of the Feb. 9 election results.

Coleman will remain a write-in candidate for the re-election, which is set for March 30.

Wright said the Elections Board would organize and conduct an efficient and well-run re-election by utilizing a checklist of everyone who voted.

"We are planning to use a roster of all undergraduates and graduates who live on campus and are eligible to vote in the RHA election instead of the computer system that was used last time."

To ensure that everyone votes only once, the rosters will be compared after the elections, Wright said. The rules and regulations will also remain the same as they were in the first election.

"The candidates could actually begin campaigning (Thursday), but you will probably start seeing most people out next week," Wright said.

Faulk and Wright said they did not yet know if the candidates would get more money for their campaigns but would check the Student Code.

Both candidates said they were ready to trek down the campaign trail again. "I will definitely be out there in full force campaigning," Coleman said.

Reeves said he was glad he and Coleman would have the chance for a

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## TAKING A STROLL



DTH/LAURA LEIGH PAGE

Susan Murphey unbuckles her dog, Rasper, from the baby stroller in which he rolled down Franklin Street on Thursday afternoon. Murphey, who is from Albany, New York, took advantage of the day's warm weather to explore Chapel Hill.

## Dean Proposes Increase In Law School Tuition

By JIM HARRIS  
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Future students at the UNC School of Law could be digging deeper into their pockets to pay for a proposed tuition increase that many faculty and students say will improve the school's overall resourcefulness.

UNC School of Law Dean Judith Wegner submitted the proposal March 12 to the UNC Board of Governors. The tuition increase, if fully implemented, would net the law school an additional \$2.9 million by the year 2003.

If the proposal makes it through the BOG, it would then have to be approved by the N.C. General Assembly.

Wegner said the increase would be phased-in slowly during a three-year period beginning in 2000. In-state tuition would rise by \$5,000 while the out-of-state tuition would rise by only \$1,000.

"Several additional faculty members would be added in areas of growing importance and the library and student services would be improved," Wegner said.

"In addition, the school believes the proposal is

shaped in a way that will allow mitigation of any adverse effects on students, for example, through the delayed phase-in and provisions for financial aid."

Provost Richardson said in order for University to stay competitive with other large state universities, the ratio between out-of-state and in-state tuitions needed to be comparative.

The law school has generally been ranked among the top 20 American law schools by reputation, Wegner said.

In the new rankings released Thursday, U.S. News and World Report placed the law school number 21 among other law schools in the nation. That is four spots higher than last year's ranking of 25.



Law School Dean Judith Wegner said a tuition increase would improve resources offered to students.

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## Inter-Faith Council Plans Expansion

By KIM DRONZEK  
Staff Writer

The Inter-Faith Council will petition the Chapel Hill Town Council on Monday to support an addition to the Rosemary Street homeless shelter and community kitchen.

The addition will allow the IFC to combine its administrative offices and shelter into one center. The IFC's administrative offices must be relocated by the spring of 2000 because the land it leases on Wilson Street was recently sold by the United Church of Christ.

A bigger IFC center will also provide more services like crisis intervention and medical clinics, said Chris Moran, IFC executive director.

The advantages of having the building next to the current shelter include easing overcrowding pressures, integrating the agency, and providing more social services, he said.

"Whether people are hungry, need medical attention, or crisis intervention, we want to have more service opportunities for them" Moran said.

However, a North Carolina Department of Transportation road construction project could threaten the IFC's shelter expansion plans.

The state's Thoroughfare Plan would make Pittsboro Street and Columbia Street a one-way pair of streets and

make traffic run parallel to North Columbia. This route would run straight through Walker's Funeral Home, Granville Towers and the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity house.

The IFC's petition will call for the state to remove the Pittsboro Street Extension from the Thoroughfare Plan. "The route being proposed will affect certain buildings and the Old Municipal Building (IFC Shelter) will be affected," Moran said.

The Town Council has already vetoed the state's plan, and town officials say it is unlikely that the state will build the road.

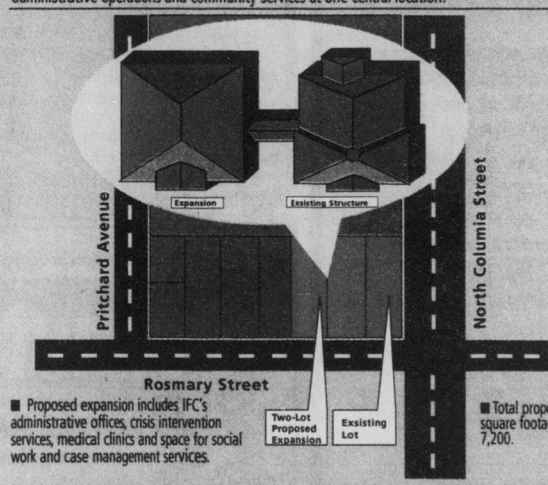
"The state and the town have thoroughfare plans, and this plan was vetoed and removed by the town a long time ago," Capowski said. "For the road to be built it has to be on both the state and town plans. To me it is not a big deal, the road won't be built."

Moran said the petition would bring more pressure on the state to kill the Thoroughfare Plan. "I'm sure the thoroughfare would never happen so it is reasonable to take it off," Moran said.

The petition also suggests that a 25-year long-term lease be acquired for both the Old Municipal Building, where the IFC kitchen and shelter are currently located, and the property immediately west of the building, where the proposed addition would be built.

## Proposed Addition to Homeless Shelter

Inter-Faith Council officials say the proposed expansion would allow the center to combine administrative operations and community services at one central location.



The Town Council will briefly discuss the petition Monday to see if the members have an interest in the issue.

"I think that IFC has a unique relationship with its public entities and the essence of having this kind of

public/private relationship is very important for many low income individuals," Moran said.

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## INSIDE Friday

### Center Faces Deficit

Although the Orange County Rape Crisis Center is facing a budget deficit, officials say they are confident that funding will be found to continue the center's services. See Page 2.

### Teaching Teachers

A national task force, on which UNC-system President Molly Broad is a member, recommended revamping teacher-education programs at American colleges. They suggested more hands-on experience for prospective teachers. See Page 4.

### Today's Weather

Sunny;  
Lower 60s.  
Weekend: Partly Cloudy;  
Lower 60s.

### Time's Almost Up

Applications for DTH Editor and the DTH Editor Selection Board are due today. Editor applications are due in the office by noon, and selection committee applications are due by 5 p.m.

If you're interested in running for editor or helping select the next editor, drop off your application in Carolina Union Suite 104. Call 962-0245 if you have questions.

*Inflation is determined by money supply growth.*

Roger Bootle