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Panel Links Tuition Hike, Salaries

A tuition hike could help boost paychecks since UNC pays the least compared to its peer universities.

By LAUREN SHOUSE
Staff Writer

Students could face a tuition hike from officials eager to solve faculty salary deficits, student leaders said

Monday. A new panel, led by Provost Dick Richardson, is examining proposals that would beef up UNC faculty paychecks to compete with peer universities. The group proposes tuition increases or state support to acquire the proper funding.

The proposal and creation of the panel comes after UNC's recent drop in national polls from the third to fifth among top public universities and the loss of top professors due to low faculty salaries.

UNC lags behind all four of its traditional peers, the Universities of Virginia, Michigan, California-Berkeley, and California-Los Angeles, in average salary and benefits offered to



Provost Dick Richardson

professors, according to an Office of Institutional Research report.

Lee Conner, president of the Graduate and Professional Student Federation, and Nic Heinke, student body president, said they opposed any tuition increases and favored state support to provide funds.

Interim Chancellor Bill McCoy appointed the 16-member panel, the Committee on Faculty Salaries and Benefits, to develop a proposal that would allow UNC to remain competi-

tive with its peer institutions.

In Monday's meeting, the committee debated how to increase average faculty salaries. Tuition increase and state support dominated the discussion.

But Conner and Heinke said tuition increases would not be feasible for the University without legislative backing.

"Tuition by itself is not a long term solution," Conner said. He pointed to a \$400 tuition increase in 1995 and sug-

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Suspected Dealer Gets Defender

A woman accused of selling crack cocaine in Carrboro will have her next court appearance Oct. 11.

By JASON OWENS
Assistant City Editor

A Carrboro woman arrested for dealing crack this weekend was assigned a public defender at her first court appearance Monday in Orange County District Court in Hillsborough.

Rochonda Garshera Blackwell, 25, of Old Well Apt. W-6 at 501 Jones Ferry Road in Carrboro was arrested Friday shortly after 10 p.m. after police had to force their way into her apartment, said Carrboro police officer Ron Holmes.

"We knocked and she didn't answer," Holmes said. "We entered the door with our tools."

Police reports stated that Blackwell had 6.3 grams of crack cocaine, a small amount of marijuana and drug paraphernalia when police found her.

Carrboro police charged Blackwell with one felony count of manufacturing drugs, one felony count of possession with intent to sell and deliver drugs and one felony count of maintaining a dwelling. Police Capt. J. G. Booker explained the latter charge as the suspect maintaining a structure for the use and sale of drugs.

Booker said police had made several undercover and controlled buys from Blackwell in order to build a case.

When police made the purchases they said they had often seen a child present in the apartment.

"(The investigation) has been off and on for six months," he said. "There was known to be a child there. That evening, no children were present. I don't believe (Blackwell) has any kids. It was one of the other females' that frequents the house."

Booker said police made sure there were no children present during the

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WCW Finds Fewer Fans For Encore

A less-than-capacity crowd greeted Monday Nitro on its second trip of the year to the Smith Center.

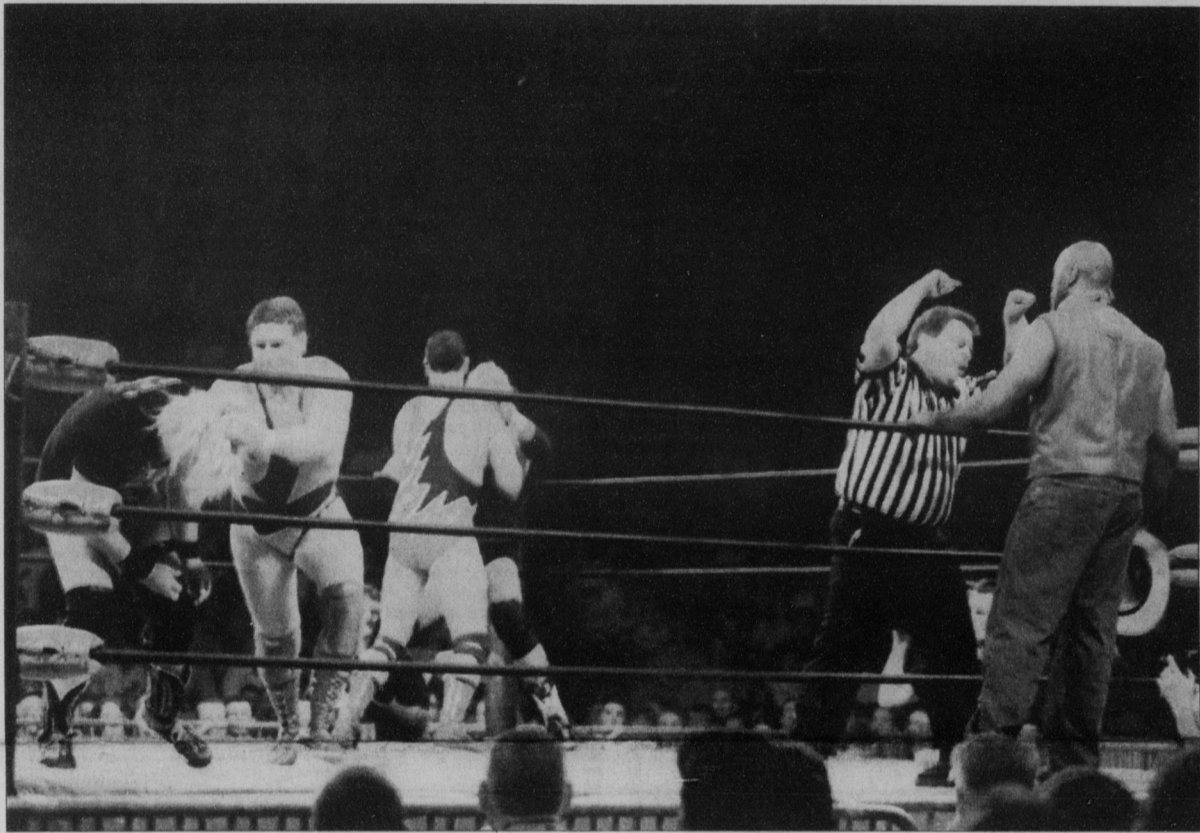
By HUGH PRESSLEY
Senior Writer

Fifteen-year-old Brian Declue had seen it all live once before and had caught it on television countless other times. You know, the metallic silver World Wrestling Championship logo, the meandering, multicolored spotlights, the hilarious signs (i.e. "Got Nookie?" and "Hogan for President") and the voluptuous Nitro Girls.

But when "The Nature Boy" Ric Flair walked in with his patented, Southern swagger down the Smith Center's jet-black runway Monday night at WCW's Monday Nitro, Declue couldn't help but cock back his blond head, yelp out a high-pitched "Woooooooh!" and deliver a four-fingered salute.

"It's wild," said Declue, who lives in Creedmoor and made the trip with his

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DTH/MILLER PEARSALL

Thousands of fans flocked to the Smith Center on Monday night to watch wrestlers duke it out at World Championship Wrestling's Monday Nitro. The event, which rolled through Chapel Hill for the second time this year, attracted fewer fans than the Nitro that came to the University on March 1.

Effects of Landmark Busing Case Still Hazy

By MIKE JONES
Staff Writer

An appeal in a recent Charlotte busing court case could force educators in four states to rethink educational policies.

The full effects of the Friday decision, which ended race-based busing in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg school system, hinge on the system's decision to appeal.

John Deem, spokesman for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg school system, said the Board of Education had not made that decision. By law, the board has 30 days to file an appeal.

Plaintiffs from the 1969 Swann v. Board of Education lawsuit that ushered in race-based busing have indicated they would file an appeal if the board failed to do so, Deem said.

He said the appeal could target two parts of the ruling, which claimed Charlotte-Mecklenburg used race as the basis for busing and that the system was sufficiently integrated.

In addition to upholding the ruling against Charlotte-Mecklenburg's busing, an unsuccessful appeal would bind North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia and Maryland to the ruling.

"The judge, in effect, returned control

of the schools back to the board," Deem said. "This is a landmark case in the country ... (it sets) a new direction in education."

Under the terms of the decision, necessary changes must be made before the start of the 2000 school year.

Julius Chambers, chancellor of N. C. Central University and a former civil rights lawyer, said that although the ruling set a precedent in the Charlotte area, it did not ban attempts at desegregation.

"This decision is disappointing, but I am not overly pessimistic about the eventual outcome," he said.

Chambers said an appeal to the 4th

U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals' could have far-reaching effects on other school districts, but the U.S. Supreme Court would make a final decision.

"The motivation to appeal is the possibility that the decision would be overturned," Chambers said. "There is nothing to lose in appealing."

Although many educators paid close attention to the Charlotte case, local officials said its ultimate outcome should not affect local schools. "Our schools are pretty well-balanced," said Randy Bridgers, superintendent of Orange County Schools. "Except for a couple of cases, they don't require any busing."

Stella Shelton, spokeswoman for Wake County Schools, also said the case held little relevance for the Wake County system.

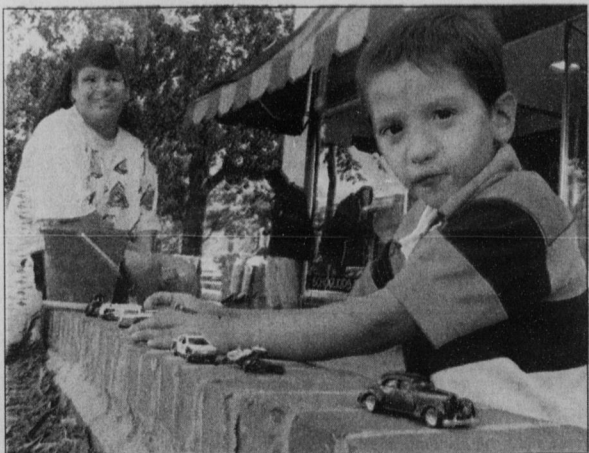
Wake County's system of magnet schools voluntarily desegregate students, she said. "The application process is based on socioeconomic, not race."

Bridgers said, despite the ruling, ethnic balancing was still important.

"I certainly hope they (the court) aren't saying that diverse schools aren't significant in education."

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VROOOM!



DTH/GREG WOLF

Lazaro Martinez, 6, has a little fun while he and his mother, Maria, wait for the bus on Franklin Street. Maria and Lazaro moved from Chicago to Durham eight months ago.

Woman Files Suit vs. County

By KATE TURGEON
Staff Writer

Maybe "Jane Doe" can succeed where "Publius Heterodoxus" failed.

"Doe," the alias of the 23-year-old woman who was raped in a bathroom at the Orange County Courthouse one year ago, filed a civil lawsuit Friday against the county, claiming that it failed to provide adequate courthouse security. "Doe's" attorneys are seeking damages in excess of \$10,000.

Rodney Jenkins, who pled guilty to the rape, assault and battery, is also named as a defendant in the lawsuit.

Carl Fox, Orange County district attorney, said it was rare for a person to file a case using a pseudonym.

The most recent attempt failed in 1998 when Judge Catherine Eagles ruled that "Publius Heterodoxus," filed by Jack Daly of the N.C. Foundation for Individual Rights of Raleigh, could not

anonymously sue the town of Chapel Hill.

"Heterodoxus," the Chapel Hill resident who challenged a town policy that extends health benefits to partners of homosexual town employees, dropped his suit rather than proceed using his name. Daly has since filed another suit against Chapel Hill and Carrboro, in which 12 plaintiffs have identified themselves.

The sensitive nature of "Doe's" case led the 23-year-old paralegal, who was stabbed in the head and beaten after she was raped, to pursue the lawsuit anonymously.

In an affidavit, "Doe" said she felt that going public might affect her family in a negative manner.

She also said that if her name became public, she might receive unwanted phone calls.

"If my name is used, all of my personal choices about who to tell and who

not to tell, and my road to recovery, would be undermined," she stated in the petition.

Her lawyers from the firm Pulley, Watson, King and Lischer also made a motion for a protective order, which is a gag order, making it illegal for anyone involved in the case to reveal her name.

Fox said it was "Doe's" responsibility to demonstrate a need to keep her name a secret.

"I read ('Doe's') reasons," Fox said. "They are understandable. But are they any more compelling than the reasons someone else might give to not have their name in litigation? I don't know."

"It certainly will be interesting to see if the reasons will withstand the test," Fox said.

Fox said the situation was delicate because the defendant's name was public, and some people believed that if he

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INSIDE Tuesday

Get Your Tickets

Wristbands for the Florida State football game will be out Wednesday and Thursday. Students can bring extra ONE Cards for a total of six tickets. The Carolina Athletic Association will pick a random number Friday and tickets will be distributed Saturday.

Fuming Floyd

Hurricane Floyd barreled toward Florida on Monday, bringing 155 mph winds and destructive powers comparable to those of historic Hurricane Camille. See Page 5.

Don't Miss the Bus

Town bus drivers say they are already working long hours to make up for driver shortages and high passenger volumes. But some students are still being left waiting at local bus stops. See Page 11.

Leaving a Legacy

Until Thursday, seniors can offer their input on the class gift at the DTH's online site at the following address: www.unc.edu/dth. The results will be published Friday. Ballots are also available at the DTH front desk in Suite 104 of the Student Union.

Today's Weather

Sunny;
Low 80s.
Wednesday: Rain;
Mid 70s.

Anyone who tries to understand the money question goes crazy.

Frank Vanderlip