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## Graduate Students' Minimum Pay Gets Boost

Graduate students did a study showing the cost of living in relation to their salaries to support the raise.

BY ERIC MEEHAN  
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The minimum pay for graduate teaching fellows and teaching assistants will increase by \$300 next fall as part of an attempt to help UNC attract the best graduate students and provide them

with a competitive salary.

The increase, which was announced Tuesday, is the result of a collaboration between the College of Arts and Sciences and the Office of the Provost and raises the minimum stipend per course from \$4,100 to \$4,400 next fall. In the fall of 2002, that amount will rise to \$5,000 per semester.

Aimed at helping the University compete for top graduate students, the increase will take effect one year after a tuition increase designed to help the University recruit and retain faculty. Raising the minimum pay will

require \$525,000, which will be reallocated from faculty position funds.

One-third of the money for the increase will come from the Provost's Office, two-thirds from the College of Arts and Sciences.

The plan also includes tuition waivers for the



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majority of graduate students, as well as health insurance for all students.

Provost Robert Shelton, who started work at UNC last month, said graduate students played an active role in gaining the salary increase.

He said students presented a study that compared the cost of living in Chapel Hill with their salaries as evidence that a pay raise was needed.

The study indicated that graduate students' salaries are inadequate when Chapel Hill's cost of living is taken into account.

"(Graduate students) did a study and

showed the cost of living, so even before I came on the scene, the University had stated the goal of moving the salary to \$5,000 a semester," Shelton said.

Risa Palm, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said the plan has been developing for some time and is the result of cooperation between her and Shelton.

"It's been something we've been looking at for a long time," she said.

"We started looking very intensely and came up with this package."

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## Planners Seek Input On Growth

School officials expressed concerns about the effects of proposed development on already crowded schools.

BY GEOFF WESSEL  
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The University and its architectural contractor are using this week to work for cooperation with various groups that will be affected by the Master Plan.

Officials for the Master Plan, the University's blueprint for growth for the next 50 years, met with members of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education on Wednesday morning to discuss plans for the University's Horace Williams property.

The meeting was a precursor to a meeting with the entire school board.

A similar presentation to the

University community is scheduled to take place on campus Friday.

Wednesday's meeting allowed planners to update school officials on the plans and to receive input on concerns the school system would have with those plans.

Board members' questions included how the development would change traffic patterns around nearby schools and where children of new residents would attend school in a crowded system.

Jack Evans of the Ayers Saint Gross, the contractor responsible for developing most of the Master Plan, said there had been concern that the Horace Williams Master Plan was to be submitted soon to the Board of Trustees, which he said was unwarranted.

"While the campus Master Plan is rather well developed, there is a lot about (the Horace Williams plan) that still remains to be filled in," Evans said.

He said discussion with community partners such as the school board and neighboring residential associations would play a role in the development of the plan before it would be submitted to the BOT.

"Just because it's laid out here doesn't mean it's going to go overnight," said Master Plan Director Jonathan Howes. "It's going to be a long-term development, over the next 20 to 30 or even 50 years."

After Howes and Evans presented various aspects of the plan, school board member Nick Didow and Superintendent Neil Pedersen raised several issues that the plan could affect.

"As a board member, I do worry about what happens 30 years from now," Didow said.

Although the issues were not resolved at the meeting, participants said the meeting was successful in raising the issues and now they could begin to be addressed.

"I think that this is a very helpful first step in enabling us to provide (Master Plan officials) with some thoughts," Didow said. "We're very grateful for this step."

Howes said he was happy with the outcome of the meeting.

"The partnership with the schools is one that is very complex," Howes said. "I think we have an even greater appreciation of that now. These meetings will be very helpful for us as we move forward."

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## Curry Spurs Tar Heels To Win Against 'Pack

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N.C. State wanted to make it ugly and succeed. There the Wolfpack players were, bumping and grinding North Carolina on every inch of the Smith Center floor.

But the Tar Heels were ready to get physical.

Sparked by big efforts from football stars Ronald Curry and Julius Peppers, UNC knocked off the Wolfpack 76-63 Wednesday night.

The victory clinched at least a share of the ACC regular-season title for the Tar Heels, their first since 1995. UNC can secure the title outright if it beats Duke on Sunday.

"It definitely feels good that we're sharing the title," UNC center Brendan Haywood said. "But our goal is to win the title outright. We know our job isn't done, and we can't relax."

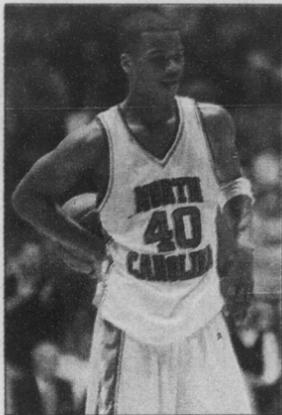
It was Curry who got the Tar Heels going Wednesday, leading them in scoring in the first half with 11 points.

He battled through flying bodies and basketballs — the two teams combined for 18 fouls and 26 turnovers in the first half — to hit all three of his field goals and all five of his foul shots.

"It was Ronald's day," said guard Joseph Forte, who finished with a game-high 27 points. "He was driving in the lane and scoring. We need him to be more aggressive."

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Curry was just that. He and Peppers helped UNC (23-4, 13-2 in the ACC) close the first half with a 6-2 run that swung the game's momentum.

Curry drove the lane for a layup with 18 seconds left to put UNC ahead 32-27, and then he and Peppers trapped Archie Miller and forced a turnover on N.C. State's next possession. Forte turned the miscue into a dunk to send the Tar Heels into the locker room with a 34-27 lead.

"We trapped a lot in the first half, and that really helped us," said UNC coach Matt Doherty, who became the first coach in ACC history to win or share a conference title in his first season.

Curry kept things going early in the second half, banking in a desperation 3-pointer as the shot clock was expiring to put UNC ahead 37-31. It was the team's only trey of the game.

After that, the game became a mess. The two teams were whistled for nine fouls, including technicals on N.C. State's Anthony Grundy and UNC's Jason Capel, in a two-minute stretch.

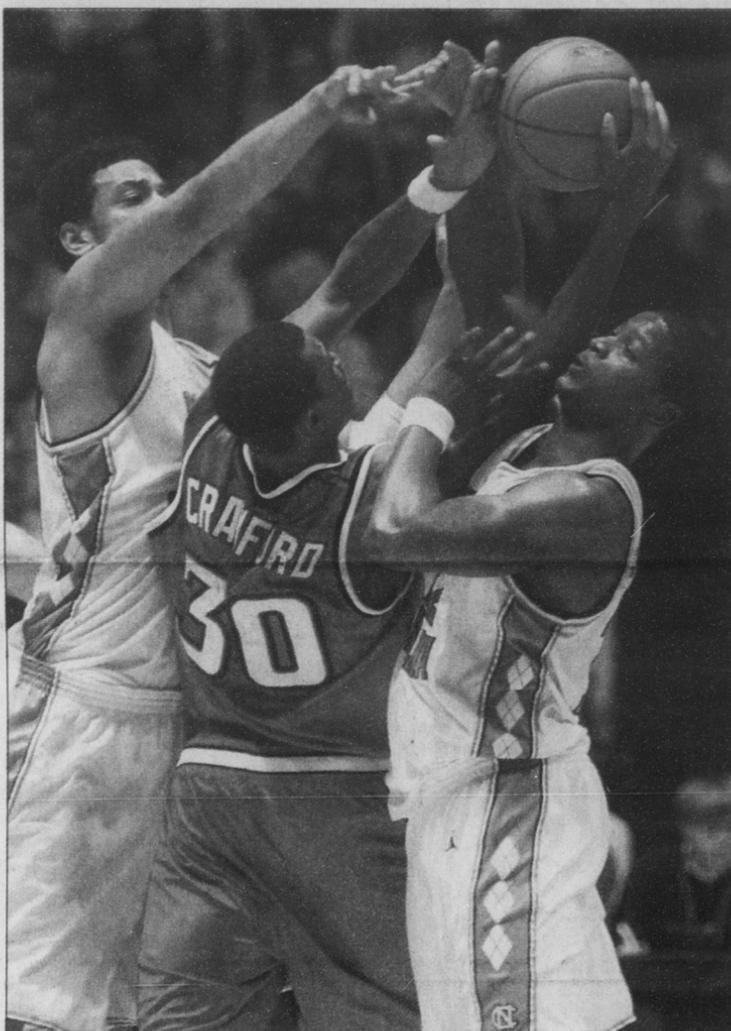
Enter Peppers. He put down a thunderous two-hand jam, converted a reverse layup and then assisted on a dunk by Haywood on consecutive possessions to give the Tar Heels a 48-38 lead.

It was part of a 12-4 run that blew the game open. UNC led by 16 with 9:49 to go, and N.C. State (13-14, 5-10) never cut the lead to fewer than 11.

A large reason why was the re-emergence of UNC's defense. The Tar Heels allowed Virginia to shoot 47 percent from the field Sunday but limited the Wolfpack to 37.3 percent.

Grundy, N.C. State's leading scorer, shot 5-for-15 for 12

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Ronald Curry (right) tries to strip the ball from N.C. State's Clifford Crawford (30) with help from Jason Capel. Joseph Forte (at left) holds the ball as the clock winds down in UNC's 76-63 victory.

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## 2 CAA Cabinet Members Fired

BY KIM MINUGH  
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On the heels of a caustic and controversial race for Carolina Athletic Association president, the organization itself is continuing to struggle with internal conflict.

CAA Press Secretary Tiffany Black and Homecoming Co-Director Devyn Spence were dismissed from the CAA Cabinet on Tuesday night, allegedly for violating organizational policy.

CAA President Tee Pruitt said Black and Spence allowed their allegiances to the campaign for former CAA president candidate Michael Songer to interfere with their CAA responsibilities. "They explicitly did things they know and have been told are wrong, and if you're going to do it you, have to suffer the consequences," Pruitt said.

But Black said the reasoning for her and Spence's dismissal — which she says Pruitt has failed to thoroughly detail — has no grounding in policy. "It's because I had an opinion, and I wasn't afraid to express it even if it was different from Tee's," Black said. "Everyone (in Cabinet) is

scared of them, and I refuse to be scared. I refuse to let people walk all over me."

Pruitt said CAA has a policy that Cabinet members reserve public criticisms as a last option to express their frustrations with the group.

He contends that Black is familiar with this policy and has given presentations about CAA public relations while acting as press secretary.

But Pruitt said Black and Spence's Point of View column in Monday's Daily Tar Heel supported Songer and criticized current practices of the CAA, thus violating the policy. "Within (that) column there were some pretty inflammatory remarks that we're not too happy with," he said. "I don't feel that's in the best interest of the organization, especially since ... everyone has been crystal clear



CAA President Tee Pruitt said he has no sympathy for Tiffany Black and Devyn Spence.

about our expectations of them when it comes to outward expression."

Pruitt cited Songer's dismissal from the Cabinet in late January, which stemmed from internal conflicts with the organization. "Trying to mar the image of this administration is not in the press secretary's direct responsibility," he said.

Pruitt said Cabinet members are allowed to support candidates as long as their duties in CAA come first. Pruitt indicated his support for Reid Chaney during the election, testifying on his behalf during a Board of Elections investigation.

But Black said that such a policy is cosmetic, and that Pruitt has an agenda to push — with or without the support of his Cabinet. "I'm frustrated with CAA, period," she said. "Anything (Pruitt) wanted to do, he went right over our heads."

Spence agreed, saying that a lack of communication plagued CAA. "Everyone knew there was tension without knowledge of the source," she said. "There wasn't ever a time that the air was cleared and people knew what was going on."

Black said Pruitt's tendencies to act as

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## Bush's Budget Plan Earns Mixed Reviews

Bush won wide praise for his address to Congress, despite the questions raised about his proposed tax cut.

BY APRIL BETHEA  
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While political pundits agree President George W. Bush appeared personable and well-organized during his first televised speech before Congress on Tuesday night, they disagree on the merits of his budget plan.

The plan, dubbed "A Blueprint for Progress," was formally presented to Congress on Wednesday and includes a \$1.6 trillion tax cut, while increasing spending for education and defense.

But the proposal calls for reductions in the budgets of several top government departments — including justice and transportation.

UNC political science Professor

George Rabinowitz said he believes criticism over the tax cut centers on its size and concerns over who would benefit most from the plan. "I think one of the main concerns is the extent of the tax cut and the extent to which the tax cuts benefit the wealthy as opposed to the lower income," he said.

Bush's plan calls for reducing taxes in all tax brackets, which now range from 15 percent to 39 percent. Each would be lowered by roughly 5 percent.

Opponents have argued the cut would disproportionately benefit the wealthy, despite the similar percentages.

Rabinowitz also said he questions Bush's use of 10-year projections in outlining his budget plan and said he thinks it is better to re-evaluate the economy every two years. "It makes more sense to have a short-term horizon," he said.

But Chad Cowan, director of communications for the fiscally conservative think tank Americans for Tax Reform,

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If you want to test a man's character, give him power.

Abraham Lincoln