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## State Debates Raising UNC Tuition

By GEOFF WESSEL  
University Editor

JULY 26 - State legislative proposals could lead to an unexpected jump in the cost of students' tuition, making their education even more expensive than the last round of tuition increases left it.

But University officials take comfort in knowing that even if another increase is added to the 4 percent increase approved last year by the Board of Governors, UNC-Chapel Hill and other

system schools would remain less expensive than peer institutions.

On the other hand, officials still want to keep any further increases to a minimum. "The way this state will thrive is to make sure its young people become educated," said Provost Robert Shelton. "The level of state support for the universities is a critical factor for any great public University."

As state legislators attempt to work out a budget for the state in the midst of one of the worst economic downturns since the early '90s, two proposals have emerged

for increasing tuition. The Senate proposal would raise tuition by an extra 5 percent for all UNC-Chapel Hill students for about a 9 percent total increase. The N.C. House of Representatives countered with a proposal to leave in-state students with no increase, but raise out-of-state students' tuition by 15 percent.

Shelton said UNC compares favorably with other public universities.

"The state has a horrible budget crisis," he said. "The state budget deficit is roughly a billion dollars. Secondly,

tuition is relatively low here."

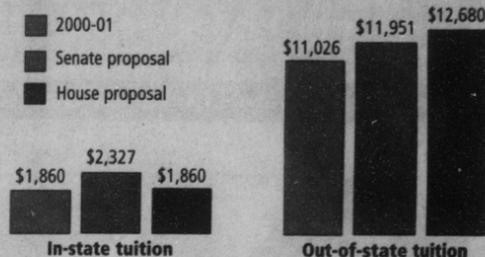
North Carolina's student enrollment costs in public universities are second-lowest in the nation, according to a Pope Center for Higher Education Policy research paper. Under the Senate proposal, UNC-Chapel Hill tuition and fees would total \$3,219, still the lowest among the 17 universities classified as its peer institutions.

But students are still concerned about

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### Breaking Down the Hikes

Tuition for both in-state and out-of-state students has been part of the ongoing budget debates, as both the N.C. House and the N.C. Senate have both recommended different cuts.



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## Legislators Examine NC Budget

House and Senate leaders engage in a summer-long budget debate, trying to come to a final agreement.

By MATT VISER  
City, State & National Editor

JULY 26 - The budget clock has been ticking louder by the second as legislators have continued to meet in an effort to find ways to clear up a bleak revenue picture.

On May 31, the N.C. Senate voted along party lines to approve their budget plan, 33-15. A month later, the House passed their version of the budget by a 91-27 margin and representatives boasted that they managed to avoid harsh cuts without increasing taxes.

"We have been able to present a balanced budget and we've been able to do it without raising taxes," said Rep. David Redwine, D-Brunswick, after the House approved the budget. "We actually think the Senate will like it a lot."

But Senators disagreed with many measures in the House-proposed budget and began pointing out several areas of strong contention.

"We're concerned with the revenue," said Sen. Tony Rand, D-Fayetteville. "We don't see how we can do these things with the revenue picture they have."

A conference committee was formed, comprised of leaders from both the House and the Senate, in order to hammer out the differences in the two budgets.

Perhaps the strongest area of concern has been how much money can be generated and which sources of revenue will be used. Although tax increases have not been favorable in the House, representatives have indicated they may be willing to accept some of the Senate's proposed tax-loophole closings.

Loopholes are areas of special interest where taxes can be increased. The Senate included nine loophole closings in their budget, amounting to \$190 million in revenue. The House originally removed all loophole closings from their budget proposal, but legislation passed in the House Finance Committee that would approve three of the Senate's nine tax-loophole closings, raising \$61 million in revenue.

Also being discussed among budget writers is an increase in the sales tax, which would be raised by a penny, generating an estimated \$700 million over the next two years.

Local governments would be given more flexibility in implementing sales-tax increases. In response, the state would cut funding to local governments by about \$300 million a year, with the money to be made up by the sales tax increase.

It is unclear at this point, however, if any tax proposal will pass in the full House. "A number of legislators are completely anti-tax of any sort," said Rep. Paul Luebke, D-Durham. "It's really unclear of whether the tax will pass in the House."

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## Ceremony Celebrates UNC 2001 Graduates

Though some faculty members criticized the choice of Stuart Scott as graduation speaker, Scott was praised by students.

By BRIAN FREDERICK  
Editor

MAY 31 - Vince walked. Stuart Scott spoke from the heart. Senior class president Jason Cowley raised a blue cup.

And UNC graduates of 2001, deprived of the traditional walk across the field in Kenan Stadium, were no less exuberant.

In a move that disappointed some students, organizers of the 199th annual UNC Commencement led undergraduates directly through stadium entrances to their seats.

In past years, students walked across the field, resulting in such craziness as games of basketball, waterslides and dancing.

"At first I was upset," said graduating senior Katie Wolford. "But it worked out really well in the end."

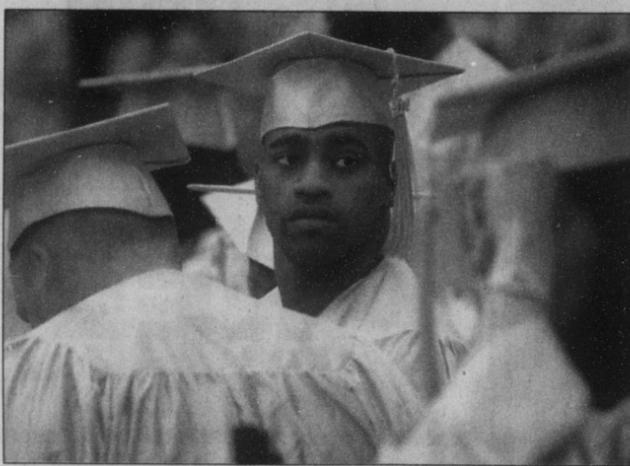
Students receiving graduate degrees were still seated on the field.

This year's ceremony was in the national spotlight because of former UNC basketball player Vince Carter's decision to return to Chapel Hill to participate. He left early to fly to Philadelphia for Game 7 of the NBA's Eastern Conference semifinals.

Carter, star of the Toronto Raptors, was criticized by some because of his decision to be away from the team. Still, others lauded his decision, claiming it helped emphasize the importance of graduating from college.

The Raptors ended up falling to the 76ers after Carter missed a last-second shot.

Scott, an anchor on ESPN's SportsCenter and a 1987 UNC graduate, began his speech by referring to the criticism of Carter, asking,



DTH FILE PHOTO

Former UNC basketball player Vince Carter (above) returned to Chapel Hill to participate in the graduation ceremonies. ESPN anchor Stuart Scott (below) urged the graduates to appreciate the diversity present on campus.

"Why is it we applaud a two-sport athlete who plays in a football game and a playoff baseball game in the same day?"

Scott then said he would be brief. "You've been up most of the night before gettin' your party on. The last thing you want is someone who's gonna take 45 minutes up here telling you 'go forth and prosper.'"

Instead, Scott gave the graduates "some things to think about."

He mostly focused on diversity. "Remember the different walks of life you've seen here on campus: all colors, all creeds, all religions, all sexual make-ups, athletes, scholars, hippies, frat boys, sorority girls. I hope you've accepted whatever is different from you as simply what it is - just different."

Scott also emphasized the power of communication. "Don't be afraid to use [the power of communication.] Whether you're reaching out to five kids at a summer camp or whether you're addressing Congress."

Chancellor James Moeser spoke highly of Scott. "I thought Stuart did a good job of connecting with the undergraduates. He obviously spoke from the heart."

Most students seemed happy with the choice of Scott as speaker. "I think everybody enjoyed [Scott]," said Mindi McAteer, a graduating senior. "He was more personal than most speakers would be."

Graduating senior Brandon Briscoe agreed. "Scott did a brilliant job of balancing humor and entertainment with serious comments demanded by the occasion."

The loudest cheers seemed to come during Cowley's speech, or rather, toast. While doing some research on North Carolina,



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Cowley said, he came across the official Tar Heel toast. He then raised a He's Not Here blue cup. The students roared in approval.

What followed was a humorous adaptation of the Old North State toast.

After the ceremony, students were allowed to walk around to the south side of the field, where they danced, played catch and hugged their friends.

Said Briscoe, "I thought the new policy brought an appropriate amount of dignity and speed to the ceremony, but still allowed seniors to celebrate on the field."

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## Town Council Approves UNC Rezoning Plan

After much deliberation, the town has approved UNC's rezoning proposal that will allow for more expansion and development.

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JULY 26 - The Town Council approved a University rezoning proposal July 2, placing UNC one step closer to the implementation of its Master Plan.

In an 8-1 vote, the council adopted a new Office/Institutional-4 zoning district. In a separate 8-1 vote, the council moved to rezone UNC, placing it in the newly created district. Councilwoman Joyce Brown cast the lone dissenting vote in both measures.

"The new ordinance has the potential to be much better," Brown said. "I think there are some gaps."

The OI-4 zoning frees the University from the 14 million-square-foot floor-area limit that restricts UNC in its present OI-3 zoning. The University already occupies 13.6 million square feet, but seeks to add an additional 5.8 million under its Master Plan.

Most of the growth is planned for a large housing expansion that will be built to accommodate a projected increase in enrollment. The expansion focuses on the southern part of campus, where the University plans to build additional undergraduate and student family housing.

Approximately 500 new units would eventually replace the Odum Village apartments and enable for more undergraduate housing to be built.

University officials have made several compromises from their original proposal, however, by eliminating some of the tracts they had initially submitted for rezoning.

Originally, the University requested all of the property on the main campus be rezoned, and the town divided the area into nine separate tracts.

After several town-gown meetings and a heated public hearing, the University's nine-tract proposal was scaled back to four.

"The University has tried very hard to be responsive to community concerns," said Nancy Suttentfield, vice chancellor for finance and administration. "We urgently need to move ahead with the next step of our partnership."

The next step came with the submission of the University's development plan, which was submitted on July 5.

The development plan addresses issues such as the general location and size of planned development and allows the town

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Town Councilwoman Joyce Brown said the rezoning ordinance could have been stronger.

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## UNC Names Waldrop as New Research Vice Chancellor

By GEOFF WESSEL  
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JULY 5 - Former Morehead Scholar and UNC track star Tony Waldrop has been tapped as UNC's new vice chancellor for research, university officials announced June 28.

"I am very excited about coming back to UNC," Waldrop said. "First of all, it is a great institution. And secondly, it's a place I have a lot of great memories of."

Waldrop, who holds three UNC degrees, is now vice chancellor for research at the University of Illinois at

Urbana-Champaign.

He said his experience at Illinois would serve him well at UNC. "I've dealt with some of the same issues, looking at technology transformation, research park activities and new research into genomics and protonomics."

Provost Robert Shelton said he is pleased by Board of Governors Personnel and Tenure Committee's approval last week of Waldrop's appointment, which will begin in mid-August.

"We had a number of excellent finalists for the position, and (Waldrop) was an overwhelming first choice," Shelton said. "We're just thrilled that we can

bring him here. I think he'll be terrific."

Shelton said UNC will have a wide variety of research opportunities in the years ahead, with studies of the human genome among the most highly visible research projects.

"There are just so many things going on on the campus," he said. "The new positions associated with the genomics initiative are a good example. They're not only in the biological sciences; there are positions in the physical sciences, computer science, the law school and the business school. What that initiative shows is that we need to draw on all of our disciplines here."

He said the range of research going on at UNC is among the University's strengths as a research institution.

"One of the keys to Carolina's greatness in the area of scholarship is the breadth of high-quality research," Shelton said. "It's a highly competitive world."

Waldrop also said he sees the position as an important one for the University.

"It is an important post, first of all, because research is one of the key ingredients on campus, given the amount of research expenditures," he said. "It's one of the three main missions of the University, along with education and public service."

The proposed Horace Williams Master Plan, which would direct future construction on the University's nearby Horace Williams property, includes extensive plans for research-oriented development of the tract. Waldrop said he is enthusiastic about the possibility of expanding UNC's research facilities.

"I would like to see growth in the arena," Waldrop said. "I'm delighted to be coming back now as someone who trained at UNC, and now will be able to contribute to UNC."

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In the depths of winter I finally learned there was in me an invincible summer.

Albert Camus