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Employee pay hike part of town budget



BY JOHN FRANK

Chapel Hill residents and employ-

Mayor Kevin Foy said the budget is in line with town goals.

ees have reason to celebrate. Under the town manager's recommended 2003-04 budget released Thursday, residents won't have to endure another tax increase and employees will get a long-awaited pay rai

And they also have an event to cel-

ebrate — the \$25,000 Fourth of July of insufficient funds. fireworks celebration also was includ- Using reserve fur ed in the manager's budget. Last year, the town's budget outlook

was less optimistic. After Gov. Mike Easley withheld municipal reimbursements to deal with a \$1.8 billion state deficit, resi-dents were dealt a significant tax increase and saw their Fourth of July fireworks celebration canceled because

Using reserve funds set aside last year by the Chapel Hill Town Council and a reorganization of tax appropriations, Town Manager Cal Horton devised a budget that seeks to maintain

town services without increasing taxes. Anticipating tough economic times, the council reserved \$1.08 million last ear, \$723,506 of which is being used this year to fund top priorities in the

MANAGER'S PLAN DOESN'T CONTAIN TAX INCREASE town such as the fireworks celebration and a fire department training officer. The manager's budget recommenda-

tions include \$1.23 million to be used to raise town employees' salaries. Specific increases will not be finalized until the council's first budget workshop Monday.

The town's Capital Improvements Plan also received much-needed additional resources after many projects were delayed for a year last May. Horton's budget increases the CIP fund by \$649,000 to pay for major projects and infrastructure needs.

Items that were requested but didn't make it into the manager's top budget priorities include an additional three firefighters, more CIP money for the Greenway Commission, an additional \$40,000 for the Public Arts Commission and more than \$1 million worth of other projects. "Each one of those deserves fund-

ing," said town Finance Director Jim Baker, referring to the neglected prior-ities. "But if we funded all of them, we

Former

chairman

challenges

In a move that UNC officials say

was necessary for the Department of Romance Languages, Chancellor James Moeser in

February removed Professor Frank Dominguez as chairman and replaced him with an interim

many faculty and graduate students against administrators over the handling of the situation, which they said substantially tar-

which they said substantially tar-nished the department's image. Members of the department have repeatedly sent letters to University officials voicing strong

disapproval of the change in lead-ership, as well as concerns about

Darryl Gless, senior associate

Gless said. "(The committee) focused on the internal conflicts

among faculty and the problems they caused for hiring, for students

and for the department's morale." After reading the report, Gless

removal to Risa Palm, dean of the college. She in turn recommended the leadership change to Moeser,

who made the final decision. "This was something that needed to be done," Palm said. "It took a great deal of time and consideration,

But Dominguez — who served as chairman since 2000 — said he

as charman since 2000 – said he believes his removal might have resulted from his persistence in pointing out the lack of adequate faculty and funding within the

department. "I saw that the teaching staff was

reducing," he said. "My responsi-bility was to make (administrators)

and we need to move ahead."

recommended

Dominguez's

chairman from outside the

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BY ARMAN TOLENTINO

of Romance Chancellor James

Dominguez criticizes UNC's

Academic Plan

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Crime rates differ in complexes

Analysis shows crimes at large Carrboro apartments

BY ELIZABETH B. SHERMAN

When searching for an apartment, there are many facets to consider — price, location, amenities and safety

But how can you tell if an apartment complex is safe

Unfortunately, residents often don't discover exactly how safe their new neighborhoods are until

after they sign their leases. The Daily Tar Heel obtained crime reports com-piled by the Carrboro Police Department that show the number of crimes that took place in 2002 at the 12 Carrboro apartment complexes with the largest number of units

A chart of the crimes, broken down by type,

appears on page 6. Only crimes that were not solved on their initial calls were included in the report. The major cate-

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Kingswood tops town complexes in crime rate

Analysis shows major crimes at apartments

BY ELIZABETH B. SHERMAN

"It happens everywhere," said Heather Apple. The UNC junior is talking about crime in Chapel Hill, and although crime occurs in many places, it happens in Apple's neighborhood of Kingswood Apartments more often than it does in other Chapel

Apartments more often than it does in other Chaper Hill apartment complexes. Kingswood, the fourth-largest apartment complex in Chapel Hill based on number of units, had more occurrences of major crimes than any other Chapel

Hill apartment complex in 2002. The Daily Tar Heel obtained records of major crimes that occurred at apartment complexes in 2002 from the Chapel Hill Police Department and analyzed them to find which complexes had the most number of incidents.

The reports included all major crimes — including illegal acts against persons, burglary, larceny and motor vehicle theft — that occurred in apartment

the department's insufficient fac-ulty and funding. dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said administrators "looked at all sorts of factors for a very long time" and commissioned a May 2002 report by an external visiting committee of UNC profes-Psychology majors Melanie Wicher (left) and Emily Keifer enjoy senior night at He's Not Here on Thursday. The event, which was the last senior bar night before graduation, was organized by the senior class marshals. sors before reaching a decision. "Everything we've done has been based on the advice of wise and experienced faculty members,

SENIORS REFLECT **ON MEMORABLE DAYS**

For many, basketball, friends, tragedy define time at UNC

BY KIRSTEN FIELDS STAFF WRITER

ith classes wrapping up and graduation looming overhead, many graduating seniors are reflecting on their past several years at UNC.

Seniors have a variety of specific defining moments that stick out in their minds as being particularly memorable.

UNC men's basketball has played a big role in many seniors' most coveted Tar Heel moments. After UNC beat Duke her sophomore year, Missy Egan of Bedford, N.Y., ran out to Franklin Street with the rest of the crowd.

"We got on top of a building across from the Carolina Coffee Shop and watched everyone in the street," Egan said. "It was awesome."

History major Paul Scruggs said he was excited to hear that Roy Williams was becoming the



Of the 12 largest apartment complexes in the Chapel Hill area, Kingswood, Pinegate Apartments and Foxcroft Apartments ranked highest in total incidents -37, 36 and 22, respectively.

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new men's basketball coach.

"Hopefully we'll be winning the national championship," Scruggs said. "Now I'll be able to watch basketball games without throwing stuff at the TV."

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aware of that. When they weren't responding, I became louder and more persistent in pointing out the needs of the department." During the last five years, the

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Senior class gift value more than triples goal

"I am just delighted and overwhelmed. We far exceeded our expectations."

PAYMON ROUHANIFARD, SENIOR CLASS PRESIDENT

BY JENNY IMMEL

More than \$167,000 has been raised for this year's senior class gift — tripling marshals' original goal for the Undergraduate Library endowment. The announcement came Thursday from Senior Class President Paymon Rouhanifard.

The original goal was \$50,000, which is \$30,000 more than the nec-essary amount needed to create an endowment, Rouhanifard said. The goal was based on the idea that

each senior could contribute \$20.03 to Development Michele Fletcher. And events such as the Senior Ball And the class far surpassed this goal.

"I am just delighted and over-whelmed," Rouhanifard said. "We far exceeded our expectations."

The money was raised through donations from parents of seniors, friends of the University and faculty. Together they raised \$52,724 from a total of 1,030 pledges - 957 of whom have already paid.

An additional \$12,000 was raised and events such as the Senior Ball, senior bar nights and a telethon, Rouhanifard said.

"It's been an unbelievable experi-ence working with the marshals," he said. "This (endowment) is a tribute to our officers and our marshals."

The Friends of the Library also con-ibuted \$103,000, which tributed which Rouhanifard said was an overwhelm

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TODAY Rain, High 61, Low 56

Provost Robert Shelton (right) and Senior Class President Paymon

Rouhanifard listen to remarks during the class gift announcement.



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