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## Employee pay hike part of town budget



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

### MANAGER'S PLAN DOESN'T CONTAIN TAX INCREASE

BY JOHN FRANK  
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Chapel Hill residents and employees 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 raise.

And they also have an event to cel-

brate — the \$25,000 Fourth of July fireworks celebration also was included 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, residents were dealt a significant tax increase and saw their Fourth of July fireworks celebration canceled because

of insufficient funds.

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 year, \$723,506 of which is being used this year to fund top priorities in the

town such as the fireworks celebration and a fire department training officer.

The manager's budget recommendations 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 funding," said town Finance Director Jim Baker, referring to the neglected priorities. "But if we funded all of them, we

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## Crime rates differ in complexes

Analysis shows crimes at large Carrboro apartments

BY ELIZABETH B. SHERMAN  
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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 compiled 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

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"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 Hill apartment complexes.

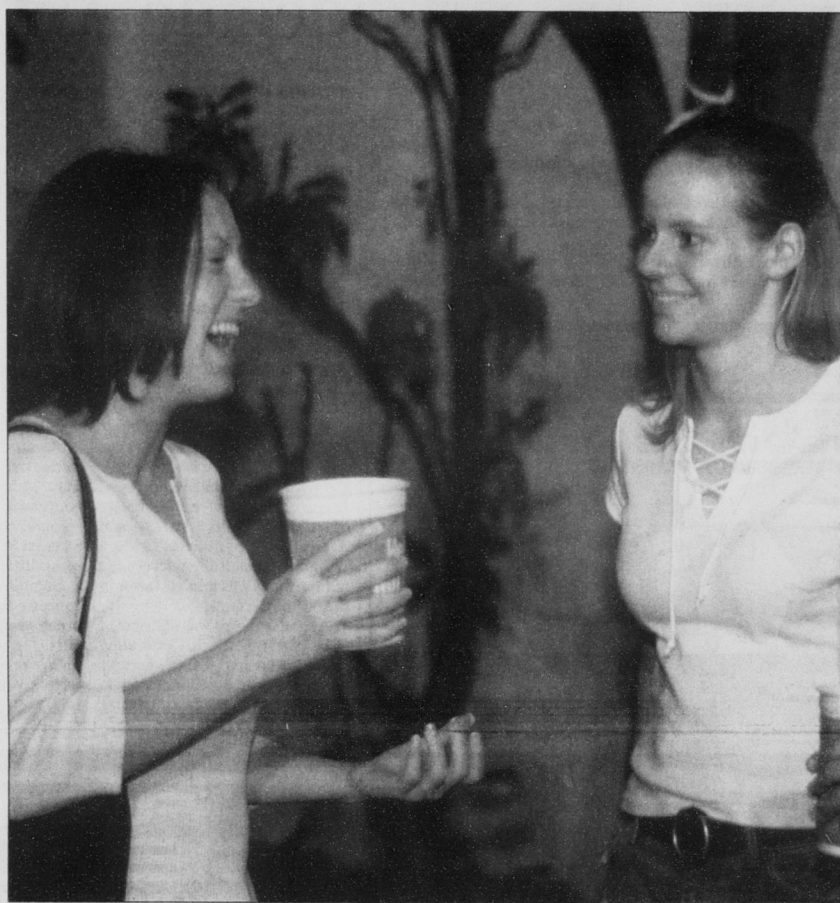
Kingswood, the fourth-largest apartment complex in Chapel Hill based on number of units, had more occurrences of major crimes than any other Chapel Hill apartment complex in 2002.

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 complexes.

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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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.

## SENIORS REFLECT ON MEMORABLE DAYS

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

BY KIRSTEN FIELDS  
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With 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 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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## Senior class gift value more than triples goal

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PAYMON ROUHANIFARD,  
SENIOR CLASS PRESIDENT

BY JENNY IMMEL  
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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 necessary amount needed to create an endowment, Rouhanifard said.

The goal was based on the idea that

each senior could contribute \$20.03 to the endowment, said Director of Development Michele Fletcher.

And the class far surpassed this goal.

"I am just delighted and overwhelmed," 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 during the year through T-shirt sales and events such as the Senior Ball, senior bar nights and a telethon, Rouhanifard said.

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

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

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Provost Robert Shelton (right) and Senior Class President Paymon Rouhanifard listen to remarks during the class gift announcement.

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### SPORTS

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Women's lacrosse survives scare from UMass. in 9-8 win at Henry Field. PAGE 9

### WEATHER

TODAY Rain, High 61, Low 56  
SATURDAY Mostly Cloudy, High 73, Low 50  
SUNDAY Partly Cloudy, High 70, Low 49

