

JOURNALISM

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faculty and staff during his campus visit.
Walden, who has been at UNC for 20 years, recently was announced to be a finalist in a dean search at Arizona State University.
If chosen, she will become the first dean of the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication.
"If I remain at UNC, I will look forward to working with (Baldasty)," Walden said.
Baldasty competed against four other finalists for the post in Chapel Hill.
Joel Brinkley, a UNC alumnus, also was a contender for the deanship. He won a Pulitzer Prize for international reporting in 1980

and has worked for The New York Times since 1983.
Frank Denton served as editor of the Tampa Tribune for 11 months and as editor of the Wisconsin State Journal in Madison.
Terry Hynes, dean of the College of Journalism and Communications at the University of Florida, withdrew her candidacy in January.
Allison Alexander and Jeremy Cohen were added to the pool of finalists in the wake of Hynes' withdrawal.
Alexander is head of the Telecommunications Department at the University of Georgia. Cohen is the associate vice provost for undergraduate education at Pennsylvania State University.

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MORATORIUM

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"I believed I was the only man in the world that this was happening to," he said. "I have been told I was the 113th person exonerated from death row."
Hunt also said the problem must be fixed before other innocents die.
"I sat in prison because the system refused to do the right thing," Hunt said. "We have a chance and an opportunity to make sure this doesn't happen again."
"We as a people need to stop for a second and study this system so people don't go through the mental torture and death for something they didn't do."
To achieve this goal, Hunt said, the moratorium bill must pass.
Rep. Paul Luebke, D-Durham, a sponsor of the proposal, expressed his belief in the bill.
"I think we have a good chance to get the necessary majority," he said.

"I think the point that bill supporters are pushing is we need two years to develop legislation to correct flaws in the death penalty system."
"There are a lot of problems that many people on death row are poor and could not afford a lawyer and that racial bias played a role, along with other issues. We need to look into those."
A similar proposal passed in 2003 in the N.C. Senate but never came to a vote in the House.
Gell said the bill would appoint a study commission to propose ideas on how to restructure the death penalty system.
"I think we are going to get a vote this time, and we will get it to pass," Gell said. "We are in a lot better shape this year than last."
"I'd hate worse than anything in this world to see the moratorium not pass this time."

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FINAL FOUR

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not be traveling to St. Louis for the weekend, said the group failed to promote the opportunity properly.
He said the group could have advertised last week to let students know that there would be tickets available if the team won its games on Friday and Sunday.
Student Body President Matt Calabria said he and other members of student government did not learn about the process until Tuesday night.
He plans to investigate the situation to determine whether or not the lottery was conducted in an open fashion. "We need to make sure that in practice, as well as principle, the process was fair," he said.
This is not the first time this year that student officials have taken an interest in looking more deeply at CAA's methods of making tickets available to the student body.
In what many members described as a symbolic gesture, Congress voted down the association's ticket distribution policy in November — just a few days before the first distribution of the season.
The body ultimately rubber-stamped the policy but launched an examination of CAA's method.
Congress passed an amendment to the Student Code on March 22 requiring CAA to bring the method before the body for comment by its third full meeting.
Previously, the policy was required

to come before Congress only "in the event of major changes."
On March 10, conflicts reached their visible zenith before members of the Student Supreme Court — a body that had not convened in almost six years. The court ultimately rejected Congress member Domenick Grasso's complaint regarding CAA's allocation of 138 tickets to its members.
Title VII of the Student Code sets aside 40 tickets for the association and is slated for examination by the new session of Congress.
Strunk holds that CAA members were not given an unfair advantage in Monday's lottery.
"No member of the CAA is going to the Final Four differently than any other student," she said. "It was extremely fair and the most efficient way with such a short turnaround time."
It seems that many students who missed the message about the distribution aren't blaming CAA for anything but poor planning. "I don't think there was any malicious intent," Liles said. "I just think it should have been publicized a little more."
For those without tickets to the Final Four, the Smith Center will broadcast the Illinois vs. Louisville game, followed by UNC vs. Michigan State, on Saturday. Doors will open for students, faculty and staff at 5 p.m. and for the public at 5:30 p.m.

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MSU

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Izzo's starting lineup consists of three guards (Brown, Maurice Ager and freshman point guard Drew Neitzel), one power forward who used to play point guard (Alan Anderson) and a 6-foot-11 double-double machine manning the center (Paul Davis).
Davis, who's averaged 12.2 points and 7.8 rebounds, has logged a double-double in each of MSU's last three games.
"Paul's about as good as they get," said UNC center Sean May. "I think he'll try to do some of the same things he did with Sheldon (Williams) — maybe try to foul me out and attack me inside."
"But I always tell (Coach Roy Williams) that a good post player has to play both ends, they have to defend and play on the offensive end."

Michigan State is nothing if not efficient on offense: The Spartans led the Big Ten in shooting percentage, netting 49.4 percent of their attempts.
They also shoot an astounding 77.7 percent from the free-throw line, with four players tickling the twine at clip of better than 80 percent.
That's a number that's sure to scare North Carolina, in light of the numerous overtime games in last weekend's Elite Eight and the knowledge that stellar free-throw shooting by Duke and Wake Forest played a huge role in those two teams' victories against the Tar Heels earlier this season.
One way the Tar Heels can avoid another similar performance is to make sure that it's them at the line and not the Spartans, and one way to do that is run, run and run some more.
"Most of the time when we do our running, we try to get the big men out of the game," said UNC forward David Noel. "And if we can run Paul Davis and get him in early foul trouble, I think that'll take a lot away from them. ... It'll definitely be a situation where we run, but we're going to run smart."
North Carolina will have to play smart in order to minimize the effects of Michigan State's bruising defense, which the Spartans are using to limit their opponents to only 64.8 points per game.
But at this point, maybe all MSU needs to do is believe.
"We knew we could make it to the Final Four, but we just had to prove it to ourselves," Davis said. "Now, we feel like we belong here."
"This is where Michigan State University belongs. Now, we have to take full advantage of this opportunity."

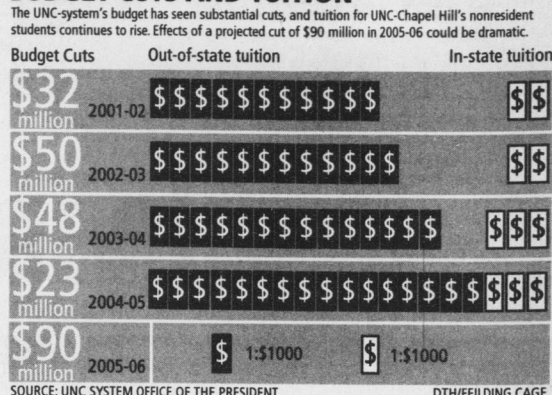
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SHORTFALL

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the possible implications of slash-funding this year.
"Any significant cut that is passed by the legislature this year would affect the classroom," Fleming said.
The proposed cuts would result in fewer classes taught by tenured faculty, higher student-faculty ratios and a smaller, less diverse selection of classes, according to a UNC-system report to the General Assembly.
"The cumulative effect of the cuts we've experienced the last couple of years added with the fact that we've added enrollment to each of our 16 campuses (is that) they're cut to the bone," Fleming said.
A record 189,615 students enrolled in the system this fall, an increase of 3.4 percent from fall 2003.

Although the state accounted for increased enrollment each year, it has subtracted an almost equal amount of existing funding, said Jeff Davies, UNC-system vice president for finance.
These previous cuts are straining the offices of system schools, making the idea of additional reductions hard to swallow.
Julie Mallette, director of scholarships and student aid at N.C. State University, said her office was hit hard by past cuts.
"(In) the last round of budget cuts that happened last summer, we lost three positions," she said.
While the office improved technology to help cover the losses, she said, it's now as efficient as it will get: "We can't afford to lose another body."
Shirley Ort, UNC-Chapel Hill director of scholarships and student aid, said her office also is feeling the strain.
While cuts this year wouldn't affect scholarship or financial aid money, they would affect Ort's operating budget, possibly decreasing it by \$35,000.
Since no more people can be spared, Ort said, the cuts would mean fewer employee conferences and less travel, as well as less distribution of scholarship information.
Although this year's exact cuts haven't been decided, officials say, they've already reached maximum efficiency.
"(Another round of cuts) would be hugely detrimental to the environment of the university," Davies said.
All of this comes at a time when the system has expanding priorities, such as providing financial aid and training more teachers and nurses to work in the state.
"There are so many needs for increased funding," Fleming said.

BUDGET CUTS AND TUITION



"Yet here we are, talking about shortfalls."

Ghost from the past

The impact of this year's \$1.3 billion deficit seems to echo from a time few still around seem to remember.
In 1991, tuition was increased by 25 percent systemwide. At UNC-CH, in-state tuition rose 20 percent, while out-of-state tuition rose the full 25 percent.
Still, system officials who worked at the time repeatedly underscored that the situation wasn't that bad.
Felix Joyner, vice president for finance of the UNC system at the time, said that everyone felt the crunch and that money for new projects was especially rare.
But, he insisted, the cuts "were not terribly drastic."
While some legislators have focused on this year's similarities to the 1991 situation, system officials focus on the differences.
C.D. Spangler, UNC-system president in 1991, noted three distinctions: dwindling resources, the attitude of the General Assembly and the state's financial situation.
"The General Assembly had a more favorable response to the university at that period of time," Spangler said. He added that the system benefited from growth in the state as a whole.
But the biggest difference is the lurking effect of N.C. Gov. Jim Hunt's tax cuts during the late 1990s, Spangler said.
Some say the cuts, which were designed to lower taxes while allowing the state to ride out on economic growth, have proven financially harmful.
"It's come back to haunt us for a number of years, especially when the recession came in," Atwater said.
The timing of the current cuts — just as the economy begins to recover — is problematic for some.

"To issue a 4 percent cut when the economy is on the rebound, that's another very difficult thing for the university to deal with," said William Burns, a member of the system's Board of Governors.
Joyner also noted that the nature of system funding has changed since the early 1990s.
"One major difference between now and then is the ability to get money from students," he said.
Since 1991, the UNC system has relied more on tuition increases than state money for revenue.
Last year, the system used more than \$112 million in campus-based tuition revenue to retain faculty and pay for enrollment growth.
But Atwater said a potential tuition freeze obstructs that option. The BOG approved last month a halt on all in-state tuition hikes for the 2005-06 academic year.

Bridging the gap

Despite the dire situation, legislators are optimistic about their ability to complete a manageable budget.
Stevens pointed out that the deficit is much smaller now than it was in 1991. He said the cuts and taxes in 1991 amounted to \$1 billion each, as opposed to \$500 million each this year.
And Hackney indicated that possible sources of revenue are available.
"The gap this year is 40 percent, closed simply by extending the (half-cent) sales tax," he said. He added that support for a cigarette tax and the possibility of an education lottery also brighten the picture.
Hackney also said the UNC system isn't without its supporters.
"I think there's a realization that our number one priority is public education."

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