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New leaders accept their titles, duties

Prepare to carry on self-governance

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During the final minutes of their terms serving the student body, outgoing student government officers had a hard time letting go of their posts.

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After the freshly retired student leaders made their final speeches, 50 students vowed to uphold the University's commitment to student self-governance during the inaugu-

ration ceremony for the 2005-06 government of the student body.

Former Student Body President Matt Calabria said he could rest assured that successor Seth Dearmin's breadth of knowledge and depth of love for UNC will serve the new president well, despite the physical demands of the top post.

"This office will become a home, whether you like it or not," he said.

With appointed officers already under his belt, Dearmin said he looks forward to working from the top down to streamline student resources and to facilitate campus group happenings.

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DTH/BRANDON SMITH

Seth Dearmin (clapping) was inaugurated as student body president Tuesday night. The student body's new leaders took on their posts during a ceremony.

TEAM CELEBRATES IN SMITH CENTER, BUT RUMORS ABOUND ABOUT NBA A GLANCE BACK, A STEP AHEAD



Tar Heel fans hold up three fingers to North Carolina freshman Marvin Williams, encouraging him to play three more years at UNC. The ACC freshman of the year, along with three other Tar Heels, could leave for the NBA.

BY BRIANA GORMAN ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The North Carolina men's basketball team huddled around junior David Noel on the stage in the Smith Center.

And under the jerseys of some of the greatest Tar Heels to have ever played the game of basketball, the 2005 national championship team began to sing.

"Don't even worry, we're gonna make it," crooned Noel as his teammates sang backup, looking like a very tall gospel choir.

As Noel hit the high notes, the message the song sent to the crowd gathered to celebrate the champions' return

Tuesday was clear. The UNC basketball team will be OK next season, even with the departure of three seniors and potentially four other players.

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The seniors are definitely leaving, but question marks still surround the others on the squad.

News reports say junior Rashad McCants will declare himself eligible for the NBA

Draft, though there's yet to be an official announcement.

But Tuesday, McCants told the crowd of 15,000, "It's going to be great to look up in the stands and see '2005 National Champions.' Let's see if we can make it 2006."

Junior point guard Raymond Felton hasn't given much of an indication whether he'll stay. Felton won the Bob Cousy Award on Monday, given to the best point man in the country.

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State to eye tuition hikes

Plan is 1 idea in budget meetings

BY ERIC JOHNSON
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RALEIGH — A slight hike in resident tuition will be on the table as lawmakers begin debating this week how to trim more than \$107 million in funding from the UNC system.

Members of the joint appropriations subcommittee on education heard a proposal Monday to raise in-state tuition by 1 percent to help offset reductions in state funding for the university system.

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A 1 percent systemwide hike for in-state students would bring in an additional \$3.3 million in revenue and cost each in-state undergraduate at UNC-Chapel Hill \$32.

That's only a small portion of the \$107.4 million potential shortfall in university funding for the 2005-06 academic year.

The bulk of that shortfall is the result of a plan to fully fund next year's university enrollment growth — estimated at \$77.9 million — by cutting that amount from other areas of the system's budget.

Jeff Davies, UNC-system vice president for finance, told the committee Monday that the university is suffering from the effects of stagnant state funding at a time when enrollment is growing rapidly.

"The appropriated budget for the university has been relatively flat over the last five years," he said, pointing to a series of charts and graphs to illustrate the point.

"As we look at providing for 30,000 new students with the same amount of funding, I think we've become leaner and leaner."

Davies' presentation, which came between similar appeals from the community college sys-

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Junior class was the engine to the title

Felton, May, McCants carried scoring burden for UNC

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ST. LOUIS — Raymond Felton sat on the podium, hands clasped as he gathered himself, seeking a response that would speak to the reporter as powerfully as his play on the basketball court in Monday night's championship game.

His tone was calm. His words were sharp. His eyes were intense. "I'm just waiting to hear what everybody got to say at this point," Felton said. "I'm just waiting to hear it. We won the national championship. If everybody is still saying the same thing, at this point I really don't care."

"I think we came out tonight and we proved that we are a team, we are together. Who's going to win a national championship if they're not together? We also are talented, I believe in that part, but we also are together, too — as one."

That was the press conference equivalent of hitting a step-back 3 from NBA range with a national title on the line and a hand in your face — which the North Carolina

point guard actually did minutes earlier.

When Illinois finally tied the game at 65 after a 10-0 run, Felton started on the left wing and dribbled across the top of the key, pulled up and swished the 3-pointer cleanly through the hoop.

"Through adversity we stuck together, even when the outside world didn't really give us a fair shot."

SEAN MAY, CENTER

Once he released it, everyone knew the shot was going in. Felton inspires that kind of confidence.

"When I see Raymond Felton, I just see one big heart and the toughness to make the free throws, make the plays," said

UNC coach Roy Williams. "He's a tough little rascal."

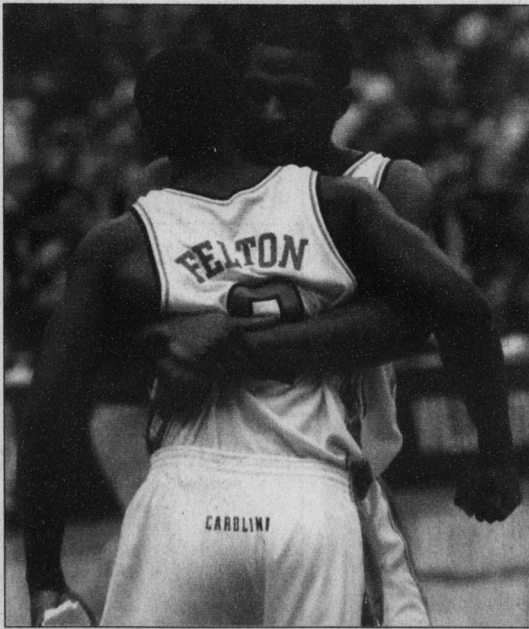
But Felton's not the only one. The junior trio of Felton, Sean May and Rashad McCants served as the propelling force behind North Carolina's fourth national title.

In the championship game, Felton, May — the Final Four's Most Outstanding Player — and McCants combined to score 57 of North Carolina's 75 points.

McCants did his damage in the first half, netting 6-of-11 buckets and scoring 14 points. When McCants went incognito in the second, May exploded, amassing 16 points in the period by shooting 5-of-6 from the floor and nailing 6-of-8 free throws. Felton spread his scoring evenly, with eight points in the opening frame and nine in the second stanza.

Having weapons as ballistic as McCants and May to pass to makes Felton's job easier. Once May caught fire in the second half, Felton sent the ball into his

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DTH FILE PHOTO/LAURA MORTON

North Carolina juniors Raymond Felton (2) and Rashad McCants formed one of the most feared backcourts in the country this year.

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