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Cuts may endanger academic programs

Officials react by eliminating sections

By Brian Golson
Staff Writer

Department chairmen and chairwomen are preparing for the worst in state budget cuts by eliminating a large number of class sections for the fall and spring of the 1991-92 school year.

David Lowery, political science department chairman, said 22 sections

would be cut based on the funds the department was allocated. About 1,000 students will not be able to take political science classes due to the cuts, he said.

"These cuts will have a very, very traumatic effect on undergraduate education," Lowery said. "The only question remaining is how to degrade the education. Every time people have seen the consequences of this scale of cuts,

we've been at least in part bailed out. I can only hope it happens again."

The class sections must be eliminated because of cuts in lapsed salary funding, or salaries paid to graduate students and temporary faculty, Lowery said.

Each department in the College of

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History department may lose assistants

By Steve Politi
Assistant University Editor

History department administrators said Monday they expect to lose about 20 teaching assistants (TAs) and research assistants (RAs) next year because of a cut in available salary money. The number of discussion groups in undergraduate courses will be limited

because of the cut, said Frederick Behrends, director of graduate history studies.

"Where this really hurts us is in discussion sections for our big survey classes," he said.

A sharp cut in lapsed salaries, or money left over from salaries of faculty members who take a leave of absence, is expected. In recent years, departments

have used lapsed salaries to hire graduate students and temporary faculty members.

In a memo sent to history department graduate students, Behrends said the department was told by Gillian Cell, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, to expect the cut.

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8 percent housing rent hike approved by advisory board

By Burke Koonce
Staff Writer

The Housing Advisory Board on Tuesday approved the University housing department's proposed \$12.9 million budget for 1991-1992, including an 8 percent increase in residence hall rent.

Housing officials originally planned for a rate increase of 10 percent to 12 percent, but shaved \$1.2 million from the proposed budget to arrive at the final figure, said Larry Hicks, University housing's associate director for business affairs. "We will guarantee that it will not be higher than that," Hicks said.

University housing Director Wayne Kuncl said cuts were made in the budget. "We eliminated \$1.2 million from the wish list."

Residence Hall Association President Gretchen Diffendal, who serves on the

board, said although she had wished an increase would not be necessary, she was happy with the overall decision.

Hicks said the budget still could be modified. "It's not a cut-in-stone document. It's a set of parameters and guidelines by which to manage \$13 million. We track and manage it continuously."

The rent increase was kept to 8 percent through extensive cuts in the department's preliminary budget, he said. Cuts were made in the following areas:

- Major projects, \$500,000.
- Housekeeping and maintenance, \$200,000.
- Department administrators, \$100,000.
- Resident assistants' remuneration, \$32,000. This cut denies a \$400 meal plan that had been offered to first-year resident assistants.

Hicks said the decision to eliminate the meal plan for first-year RAs was the last cut made. "It was not a whimsical, throw-it-out-the-door decision," Hicks said.

About 70 percent of the University housing budget is unchangeable, he said. Full-time employees' salaries make up 40 percent, utilities more than 22 percent and debt service more than 8 percent of the total budget.

A portion of the remaining 30 percent will fund renovation projects, including the massive two-year renovation of Old East and Old West residence halls and facility repairs.

Although other University departments will fund most of the \$4.2 million Old East/Old West project, University housing is paying \$1.2 million over three years for architectural fees and

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Iraqi soldiers flee allied offensive

The Associated Press

DHAHRAN, Saudi Arabia — Under American and allied fire, Iraq's beaten army streamed north Tuesday in a headlong flight homeward, abandoning Kuwait City to its day of liberation after a long, dreadful, bloody night of occupation and war.

The fight raged on. "We're going to ... attack and attack and attack," a U.S. general vowed as Marines tangled with Iraqis fighting a rear-guard action at Kuwait City airport, and as a vast U.S.-British armored force collided with Iraq's vaunted Republican Guard somewhere to the northwest.

In one battle, tank crews of the U.S. VII Corps battered a guard division in the Iraqi desert west of Kuwait, a senior Pentagon official said.

A news-pool report said Republican Guard units were setting up new defensive lines west of the southern Iraqi city of Basra.

The campaign took the form of a deadly race through the desert between Iraqi troops retreating north toward Iraq's heartland and the rumbling of VII Corps armor in from the west to cut them off. The Iraqis reportedly had Kuwaiti hostages in tow.

No one in authority was saying how

Persian Gulf War



deep into Iraq the allied forces might pursue the withdrawing army.

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein sought to label the withdrawal a "victory." President Bush called the label an "outrage" and said Saddam was trying to cling to formidable military power with his pullback.

Hundreds of surrendering Iraqi soldiers had another word for the debacle. "Salaam! Salaam!" — "Peace! Peace!" — they shouted as they raised their hands to advancing troops. More than 30,000 Iraqis have now been taken prisoner, the U.S. command said.

And among Kuwaitis, the word was "freedom."

"Our joy is overflowing, thanks be to God," their exile radio declared. "The enemy is turning tail."

Flashing V-for-victory signs, jubilant Kuwaitis emerged from their homes Tuesday to greet the first outsiders to venture into their burned, looted city.

There were no new reports Tuesday on U.S. and allied dead and wounded on

the front lines. Meanwhile, an updated report said Monday's SCUD missile attack on a rear-area barracks outside Dhahran killed 28 American servicemen and wounded 100.

After the Iraqis invaded Kuwait last Aug. 2, the U.S.-led military coalition was assembled under U.N. authority to force them out of the emirate. But in the recent weeks of war, the alliance's informal aims have widened to include the reduction of Iraqi military might and possibly even the ouster of Saddam.

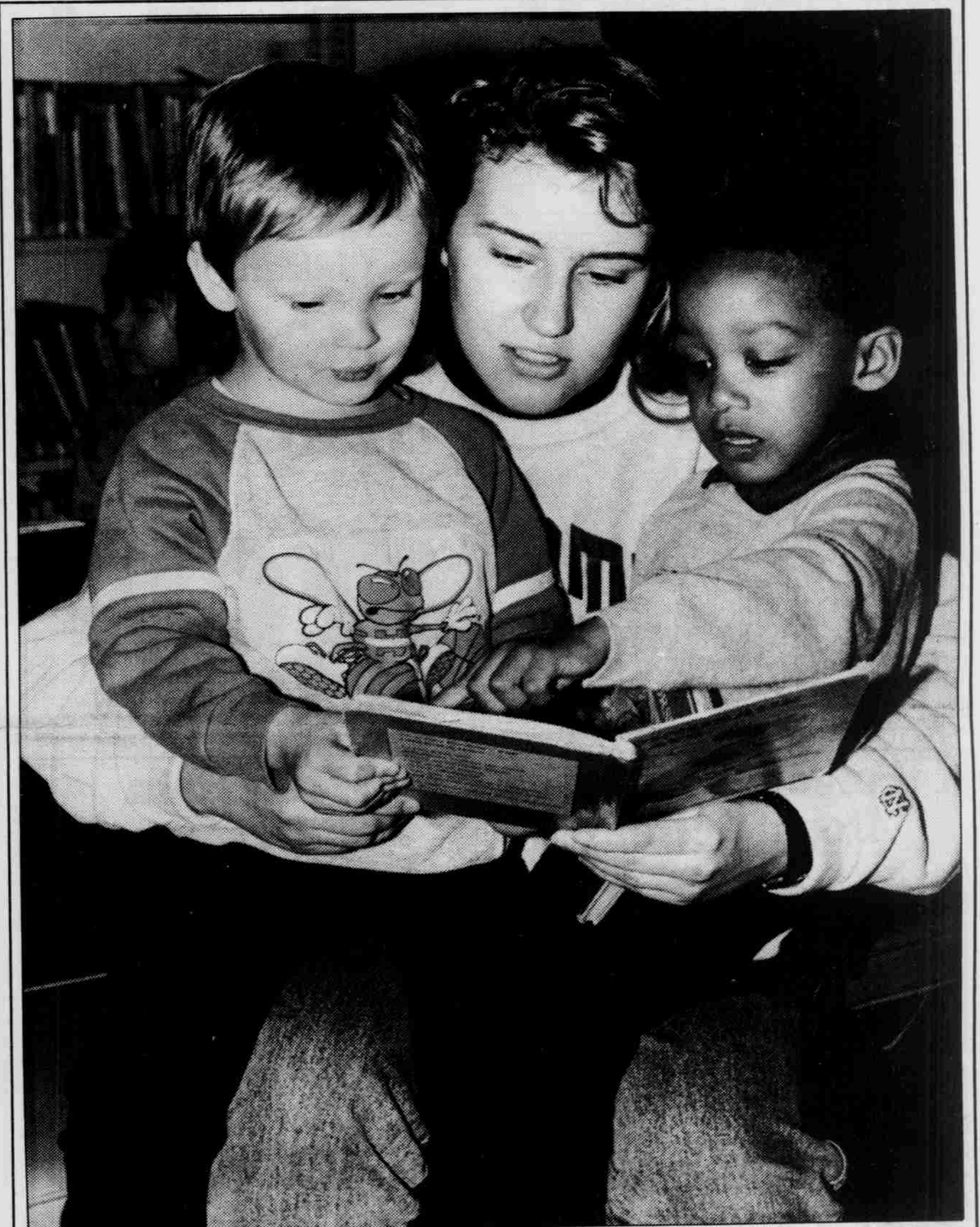
The Soviet Union, which tried to mediate a peaceful settlement of the 40-day-old war, urged the United Nations to call an immediate cease-fire in view of the Iraqi withdrawal announced Tuesday by Baghdad radio and later by Saddam.

But Bush declared the war would go on.

"Saddam is not interested in peace, but only to regroup and fight another day," Bush said in a tough statement to the press in the White House Rose Garden.

Bush also said Saddam made no formal commitment to renounce Iraq's historic claim to Kuwait, or to accept

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Two cute for words

Owen Jensen, 3, and Kashawn Patterson, 3, sit with freshman Tanya Blaine at the Chapel Hill Public Library while she reads

to them for the Campus Y Kidsread Program Tuesday. The program is part of Literacy Awareness Week.

Panel hears testimony in carpenter's grievance

By Shannon O'Grady
Staff Writer

A University grievance panel heard Anne Powers' Step 3 grievance Tuesday and is scheduled to make its recommendation to the chancellor within 10 working days.

Chancellor Paul Hardin then will have 15 days to make the final decision at Step 3.

Powers, a carpenter in Cobb and Joyner residence halls, filed a grievance against the University in September alleging that other employees in the Physical Plant had sexually harassed her and discriminated against

her.

Powers said that the 10-hour hearing was difficult to endure. "It really is hard to sit and listen to a lot of lies," she said.

UNC employees who testified against Powers gave the panel members copies of their testimony, she said.

"They had stacks of memos. We had none," she said. "I write down everything that happens every day, and Alan (McSurely, her lawyer) could have made copies of those notes, but he did not think that was ethical."

William Campbell, panel chairman and a professor in the Institute of Government, said both sides presented documents to the panel.

When the grievance was filed, Physical Plant supervisors conducted interviews with employees about the case, Campbell said. Physical Plant representatives gave this information to the panel, he said. "We weren't trying to read these documents while they were testifying."

Powers said McSurely presented letters written by students on her behalf. Susan Ehringhaus, senior University counsel, declined to comment.

McSurely said Powers remained composed throughout the hearing, despite rude comments and accusations from some of the employees testifying for the University.

"It took a great deal of courage for Mrs. Powers to put herself into the middle of this historical period that all women are going through, trying to make a dent in the good old boy network," he said.

Powers said unfair treatment by Physical Plant workers prompted her to file the grievance. The discrimination charges are based on unsatisfactory evaluations that prevented her from receiving a pay increase, Powers said. The sexual harassment included dirty jokes and pictures. Coworkers also would not help when she performed tasks that normally required two people, she said.

Gyms, campus offices prime locations for checkbook thefts

By Sarah Suiter
Staff Writer

Several cases of thieves forging stolen checks have been reported to the University police in the last 30 days, said Lt. Marcus Perry, University police crime prevention officer.

The checkbooks have been stolen from offices and gymnasium locker rooms, Perry said.

Perry would not comment on the total number of crimes reported, but said at least five had occurred.

The thefts are under investigation by

the police. "We're following up on all leads; we don't eliminate anyone," Perry said.

Wayne Going, director of intramural recreational sports, said thefts in the gymnasiums had occurred primarily in the locker rooms, when students had left their valuables unattended while participating in physical education courses.

Fetzer and Woollen Gymnasium staffs have been asked by the University police to look out for two individuals who frequently appear at the facilities, he said. If they notice either of the

individuals, staff members have been told not to approach them, but immediately to call University police.

These two individuals are not the main suspects in the thefts, but University police have reason to believe they're involved in some aspect of the crimes, Going said.

Some students have not been securing padlocks, and thieves have been breaking the locks on some lockers, especially in Fetzer, he said.

Another common problem occurs when students leave their wallets or book bags on the Woollen gym main

floor, Going said.

"It's a very difficult problem when you have so many exits and entrances to the facility," he said.

Hundreds of people enter and exit the facilities each hour, and placing monitors at every door probably would not stop the thieves, he said.

Perry said many of the thefts occurred because people hid valuables in common places in offices.

Often people will put a purse in a lower desk drawer or a wallet in the

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FBI indicts bank robbery suspect

By Dawn Spiggle
Staff Writer

Charles Anthony Smith, 30, of Wall Street in Durham was indicted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation Tuesday for the Feb. 14 robbery of the Central Carolina Bank branch on Dobbins Drive in Chapel Hill, said U.S. attorney Bob Edmunds from his office in Greensboro.

The FBI filed the charges with the clerk of court in Greensboro, which handles all federal indictments in the middle district of the state.

Smith was arrested Feb. 15 by Durham police on a Chapel Hill warrant for taking an excess of \$500 from the bank.

Chapel Hill Police Department officials said Smith did not display a weapon during the robbery. Smith was the only suspect police investigated in connection with the CCB robbery.

Lt. Barry Thompson of the Chapel Hill Police Department said Chapel Hill officials are presently charging Smith with common law robbery, which is defined as the taking of another person's property against his or her will. Thompson said bank robbery is a federal statute, and common law robbery falls under state laws.

The maximum prison sentence for common law robbery is 10 years, while a person charged with bank robbery can receive up to 20 years in jail.

"Normally a person is going to get

more like 12 years," FBI press agent Chuck Richards said Monday. "Each

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THURSDAY: Sunny; high near 60

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I have nothing to say and I am saying it. — John Cage