

Day proclaimed in educator's honor

By PAUL CORY
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The N.C. General Assembly officially declared Saturday to be Mary Lyon Day in a resolution passed Wednesday.

Mary Lyon, a Massachusetts native, opened Mount Holyoke Seminary, a women's college in South Hadley, Mass. in 1837. Later, she founded Wheaton College in Norton, Mass., also a women's college. She died in 1849.

North Carolina needs to recognize Mary Lyon Day because of the pioneer work she did in establishing higher education for women, said Rep. Anne Barnes, D-Orange, the resolution's sponsor.

"She worked in a time before women could vote, and kept at it and kept at it until she was able to open some doors," Barnes said. Barnes said declaring Feb. 28 Mary Lyon Day was for this year only. The resolution coincides

with national recognition of Mary Lyon's birthday, including the issuance of a commemorative stamp by the U.S. Post Office, she said.

State Sen. Wanda Hunt, D-Moore, said the resolution is worthwhile, and Mary Lyon's work is "particularly important to the citizens of Chapel Hill, and especially to the women currently attending UNC."

The resolution was passed unanimously by both houses of the General Assembly with no debate.

"All I know (about Mary Lyon) is what I heard from Barnes' statement in support of the bill," Rep. Joe Hackney (D-Orange), who voted for the resolution, said.

State Rep. Betsy Cochran, R-Davy, House minority leader, said she knew no more about Mary Lyon. "than what she (Barnes) said, and what the bill said."

UNC-N.C. State join

Ticket price hike to form academic scholarships

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Starting with the fall 1987 football season, a \$2 charge will be added to ticket prices for games between UNC and North Carolina State University to raise money for academic scholarships.

The joint program, sponsored by the UNC and N.C. State athletic departments, could generate almost \$35 thousand a year for academic scholarship funds at each institution, according to athletic department officials.

Each university will receive one dollar from every ticket sold for the game, said Dick Baddour, associate athletic director at UNC. The money will be distributed to the schools' financial aid offices.

Henry Dearman, chairman of the chancellor's committee on scholarships at UNC, said the money generated would increase the \$1.25 million a year the University already has in scholarship funds.

Because NCSU is scheduled to host the 1987 game, its officials will

handle the additional ticket charge. UNC Athletic Director John Swofford said. When the Tar Heel-Wolfpack game is played on UNC's campus, he said, UNC officials will be responsible for the extra ticket charge.

"This (program) doesn't affect student tickets in any way," he said. "Student tickets won't generate any revenue."

"The State and Carolina game is

a traditional and classic game," Swofford said. He said about 50 thousand people usually attend the game and the joint venture would benefit both institutions.

"I felt this joint venture would be able to help both campuses with financial aid problems caused by federal budget cuts," Swofford said. He said Christopher Fordham, UNC chancellor, and Farris Womack, vice

chancellor for business and finance, agreed the venture was a positive approach to funding financial aid.

UNC contacted NCSU to discuss the idea, he said, and discussion and planning went on for about a year.

Mark Bockelman, assistant sports information director at NCSU, said he hopes the program is a success. "That these two schools can combine in an effort like this is outstanding."

Scholarship tax repeal ready

By MARY PARADESES
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Rep. Martin Lancaster, D-N.C., will introduce legislation to repeal a law which places a tax on scholarships, said Gary Mauney, N.C. State University's student body president.

Lancaster is one of the legislators approached by 25 UNC-system students last week in Washington, D.C. during a lobbying effort against proposed financial aid cuts.

Reagan proposed a 45 percent cut in student aid in a new federal education budget. The tax on scholarships falls under the new tax laws.

"Lancaster was a big help, and I look forward to the legislative process of the repeal," Mauney said. "However, the worst experience during the entire trip was when Bryan (Hassel) and I met with Secretary of Education William Bennett, who claimed that most

students on financial aid are free-loaders."

Bryan Hassel, former UNC student body president, said the lobbying trip was successful and most of the legislators supported their efforts.

"We tried to stress that even a 20 percent cut was unacceptable," Hassel said. "I think we really made a big impact, simply because we were the first student group to ever lobby against a proposal."

Mauney said it was important for students to take an active role in protesting or lobbying for things that will affect them.

"Overall, we achieved practical results, and we showed students need to be heard," Mauney said.

David Brown, student body president at UNC-Greensboro, said, "Basically, everyone understood our purpose and tried to help us."

Brown said he would continue to work with his Student Congress on the issue, along with other committees in the UNC system.

Hassel, Mauney and other representatives will hold a press conference today at the NCSU Student Center to discuss the results of the trip.

Bill asking for funding of Springfest passed by committee, despite absence

By DEBBIE RZASA
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A bill requesting \$2,000 for the annual Springfest celebration was barely passed by the Student Congress finance committee Wednesday after no Springfest committee members attended the meeting.

At the meeting, the finance committee approved bills that would allocate funds to Springfest and the Southern Accents Fine Arts Festival, if the bills are passed by the congress at its next meeting.

The finance committee members like students requesting money to explain why they need funding, said Rob Friedman, Student Congress speaker.

"The finance committee was upset because no one from the Springfest committee came," Friedman said. "It shows respect to have someone present to answer questions."

All finance committee members abstained from the first vote on the Springfest bill, but after a second count the bill passed four to one, with three members abstaining.

Brock Dickinson (Dist. 13), who co-authored the Springfest bill, said Thursday that a Springfest representative would have come to the

meeting, but a member of the finance committee had told him it was unnecessary.

Dickinson said Elizabeth Cass, governor of Henderson Residence College and co-author of the bill, would attend Wednesday's Student Congress meeting to answer questions.

Friedman said he was sure Congress would approve the bill. "Not passing the bill for Springfest would be Communist," he said.

Also, the finance committee approved a bill that would provide \$7,999 for the Southern Accents Fine Arts Festival, if the congress supports the bill.

The festival, which will be held March 22 to April 2, suffered an unexpected loss of approximately \$20 thousand when the Raleigh News and Observer withdrew funds it had promised, citing financial difficulties, Friedman said.

The fine arts committee asked for \$10,000 from the congress, but committee members lowered the amount. Friedman said he opposed the allotment of such a large sum for the festival.

"I question the amount of people who will attend the festival," he said.

Friedman said that he doubted the congress would pass the bill in its present form, and that the festival might not receive any money from congress.

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