

Chancellor's Award to honor founder of senior class gift

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A new Chancellor's Award has been established in honor of E. Eugene Jackson, a retired associate director of the UNC Development Office who established the senior class gift in 1976.

Jackson helped raise nearly \$1,000 from the senior class for the first gift. "Since Jackson's beginning we've come a long way," said Steve Tepper, senior class president. "We, as a class, wanted to honor him."

The award, which the Chancellor's Awards Committee approved last Tuesday, will go to a senior who is "outstanding in dedication and service to the University and the senior class," Tepper said.

"The recipient should also have furthered the class objectives, which are threefold," he said. "They are demonstration of class pride and University loyalty, senior leadership to service the University's needs and enrichment of the lives of seniors in their last year."

Anyone may nominate a senior, and nominations are due Friday at 5 p.m. to Lee Marks, assistant to the dean of students, in Steele Building. Nomination forms may be picked up in the senior class office.

This year's recipient will receive a \$100 cash award because the Jackson award was established so recently, Tepper said. But next year, when there is more time to choose an award, a plaque or a medal, which

will last longer, will be presented with the rest of the Chancellor's Awards, he said.

This Chancellor's Award will be the 26th for students, with some of the oldest awards dating back to 1877. Other awards recognize achievement in other areas of academics, student activities and service to others. The two most recent awards, honoring Cornelius O. Cathey and Gladys Hall Coates and Albert Coates, were established in 1987.

"It's not easy to get a Chancellor's Award," Tepper said. "This award is important because it is in honor of Mr. Jackson and will recognize student achievement within the senior class."

NCSU may abolish common exams

From staff reports

RALEIGH — The Student Senate at N.C. State University passed a resolution last week to encourage the university's administration to abolish common exams.

"Common exams gear the teaching of classes toward passing the final exam instead of teaching what the professor wants to teach," said Brooks Raiford, president of the Student Senate. "Common exams don't allow individuality in teaching."

Common exams should be replaced by exams prepared and administered by the individual instructor, he said. Common exams often cover material that has been covered by some instructors and not others.

Davidson begins raising funds

DAVIDSON — Davidson College announced last week a \$150 million fund-raising drive believed to be one of the largest ever for a liberal arts college.

Davidson is targeting alumni and friends of the college throughout the nation to raise the money, \$90 million of which will fund professorships, student scholarships and academic programs. The remaining \$60 million will go toward operating expenses and capital needs.

Gifts and pledges totaling \$50 million have already been raised. Twelve individual gifts of \$1 million each have been pledged, and the Davidson Board of Trustees has set a goal of donating \$25 million.

Illinois to shorten Christmas break

URBANA, Ill. — The University of Illinois Senate recently passed a

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resolution that will shorten semester break from five weeks to three weeks beginning in the 1990-91 school year.

According to the new schedule, classes in the fall of 1990 will begin on Thursday, Aug. 23, and finals will end on Saturday, Dec. 15. Classes will resume Jan. 10, 1991, and commencement is scheduled for May 12.

Several faculty members expressed objections to the schedule changes. Many said starting classes earlier rushes the already hurried process of printing class rosters.

Shortening the break also gives instructors less time to process grades from the previous semester, some teachers argued.

Many students at the university said they were upset because they would start classes earlier and would have fewer reading days than other Big Ten schools.

But members of the calendar committee cited evidence that the University of Illinois has 10 more days of instruction than other Big Ten schools. The committee said other area schools also have only one reading day before finals.

Christian fraternity founded

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — A chapter of Alpha Delta Omega, a Christian fraternity recognized by the National Interfraternity Council, has been founded at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville, and founders of the Alpha chapter are hoping to

make a positive influence on campus. "Christian social fraternities are few and far between, with only three others in the country," said David Queener, president and founder of the Alpha chapter.

"We started ADO for two main reasons," he said. "First, since a number of us had been involved in Greek organizations in the past, we saw the excesses. Second, we wanted the opportunity as Christians to promote and grow our faith."

One-fourth of the fraternity's operating budget goes to ministries in the Knoxville area, Queener said. The group also supports Habitat for Humanity, which helps build homes for those in need.

Grading system controversy

NORTHFIELD, Minn. — Educators at Carleton College say a student veto of a faculty decision to change the school's Pass/No Credit system may backfire.

The council voted to change the Pass/No Credit grading system to a Satisfactory/Credit/No Credit system next fall, and students want to negate the action.

The move has faculty worried that students have too much power in governing academic issues.

But students argue the Pass/No Credit system reduces academic pressure and allows experimentation in areas other than their major.

Many professors disagree.

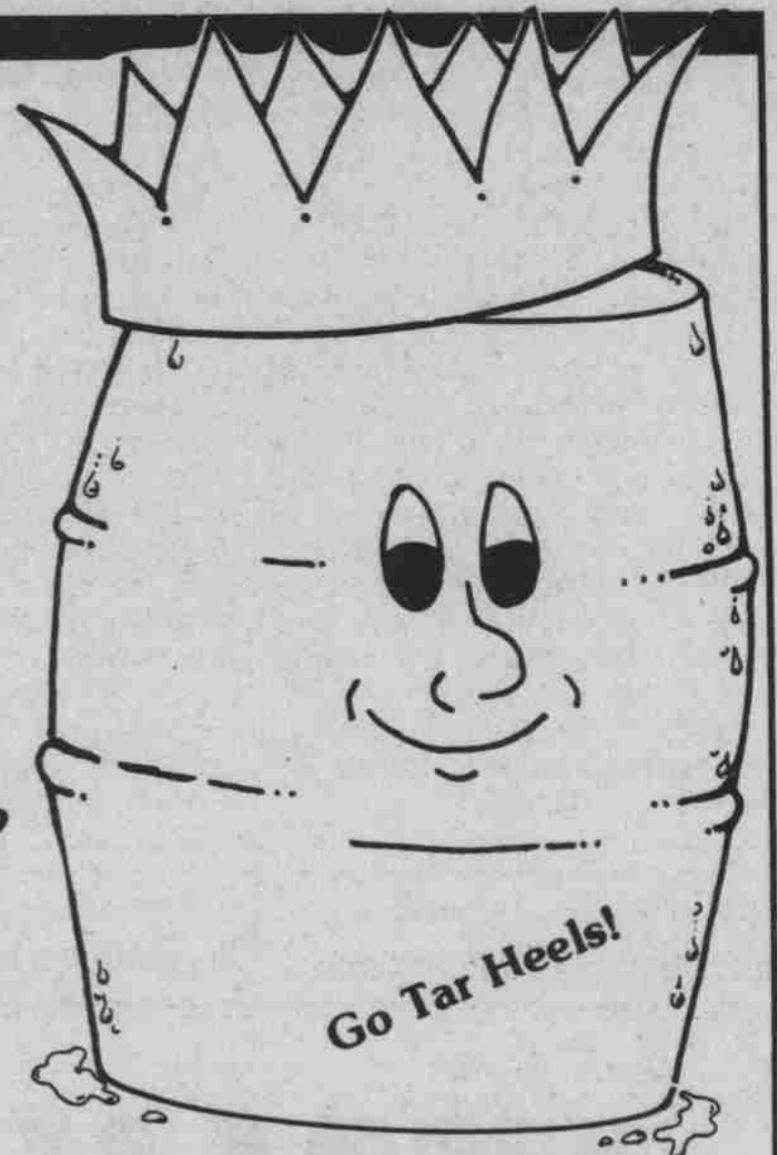
"Pass/No Credit has become an excuse to blow off courses rather than to genuinely experiment," said Constance Walker, professor of English. "It's an abuse of the principle. It's not there to give people a free ride."

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