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C-TOPS complaints spur investigations

By MIKE SUTTON

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Criticism of this summer's freshman orientation program has prompted investigations by University officials and members of student government.

Edith Wiggins, associate vice-chancellor for student affairs, met with five orientation commissioners Wednesday to discuss their complaints after Donald Boulton, dean of student affairs, received a letter from Student Congress Speaker Gene Davis relaying students' concerns with the orientation program.

The academic affairs department of the executive branch of student government is also investigating the matter.

Commissioner Justen Hix had asked Davis to forward a copy of his final evaluation of this summer's C-TOPS (Carolina Testing and Orientation Program Sessions) directly to Boulton, rather than filing it through Shirley Hunter, director of orientation. Hix said

he was afraid Hunter would delete the negative comments before passing the report on to Boulton, her superior.

Hunter said she didn't filter out criticism in the reports before giving them to Boulton.

"That's the paranoia of that individual. I have asked them to tell me the good, bad, indifferent, how I can improve the program.

"I do not ask them to give me flowery reports," Hunter continued. "I've never felt the need to alter anything. That's one person's opinion, and they're entitled to it. I don't always agree with it, but they're entitled to it."

Wiggins declined to discuss the details of the meeting before presenting her conclusions to Boulton. "I want to get my data assembled, collect it and give it to Dean Boulton. I don't want to make the report through the newspaper," she said, adding that all of the commissioners' reports also contain "lots of positive statements about what

the program does."

Her report will be finished in about a week, and Boulton will decide what action should be taken, if any, after reviewing it.

Hunter said most of the commissioners' concerns centered around salary. "Mostly the feeling was the financial package wasn't sufficient for the work involved." She noted that Hix was particularly upset because his decision to live in campus housing meant that almost half of his salary was spent on a room and board plan.

Hix said he spent \$920 of his \$2,000 salary on housing. He also complained that during preparation for C-TOPS in the spring, he and other commissioners put in three to eight hours per week of unpaid labor throughout the semester, performing either administrative office work or meeting with orientation counselors.

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Student government group adopts tuition defense plan

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The Association of Student Governments (ASG) took action Saturday afternoon to combat future tuition increases when it unanimously adopted the Tuition Defense Initiative proposal introduced by UNC Student Body President Brien Lewis.

The association, composed of three delegates from each of the 16 UNC-system schools, meets on a monthly basis. UNC-CH is represented by Lewis, External Affairs Chairman Bill Hildebolt and Student Congress Speaker Gene Davis, who was elected president of ASG on Saturday.

Lewis explained the proposal in a press conference Friday. The proposal is designed to prevent a repeat of this

past summer's last minute tuition increase.

The increase was \$100, or 20 percent, for in-state residents, and \$669, or 15 percent, for out-of-state students. "One hundred dollars is not so unreasonable," Lewis said Friday. "The point is not x number of dollars; it's that students were left out of the decision making process. And this is a dangerous precedent, in that we (the UNC-system) are being seen as a revenue source."

Lewis' proposal comprises six points. The first is that the ASG president will report at each UNC Board of Governors (BOG) meeting on student concerns.

Newly-elected ASG President Davis said it was important for students in the UNC system to have a firm line of communication with members of the BOG.

BOG member Reginald McCoy said he thought board members would be receptive to this point. "Any input they (ASG) could give us would help. However, the legislature, who created us, will have the last say, and there's not a whole lot we can do about it."

This point of the proposal is an alternative to establishing a student member of the BOG, which is not very likely, Lewis said. "We raised that point at a recent conference (held in Boone last weekend) and it was not responded to enthusiastically."

The second point is student leaders

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Professor says China used student movement to advantage

By JASON KELLY

Staff Writer

The Chinese student movement that ended in a massacre in Tiananmen Square, Beijing, in July was used to further the purposes of contending factions in the upper leadership of the country, professor Craig Calhoun said Saturday.

A power struggle among the elite in government allowed the student movement to grow as large as it did, and the ending violence was an unmistakable

sign of a military-allied faction's victory, Calhoun said.

"The violence was a demonstration that a certain faction had won, and in a way, to undermine the concern of opposing factions for appearances and Western opinion. Once the massacre had happened, saving face was a moot point."

Calhoun is a sociology professor who has studied around the world and spent last year as an associate professor at Beijing University. The students of

Beijing University played a large role in leading the uprising in Tiananmen Square.

At the beginning of his lecture, Calhoun discounted the ultimate reliability of eyewitness accounts. "Eyewitnesses don't know everything. In fact an eyewitness is severely limited in his account of events because he only sees what is immediately around him. It's more like a worm's eye view rather than a bird's eye view."

As an example of the confusion in Beijing, Calhoun said: "When the protests began, I rented a room in the Shagri-la Hotel, one of the few places that got uninterrupted satellite transmissions, and watched CNN (Cable News Network) to find out what was going on in China. Then CNN called me to get an eyewitness report of what's going on in China, when all I knew is what I'd seen on CNN."

The occupation of Tiananmen Square was not the picture of chaos that many Chinese officials portrayed it to be, he said. "When the officials said there was

anarchy, they did not mean there was chaos, it meant that they were not in control.

"For 10 to 12 days there was effectively no government in Beijing. There were no policemen at intersections, no officials of any sort in the city, because they had all fled to refuges outside Beijing. But life went on almost as usual. Chinese society is not defined and given its order by top-down administration. This must have terrified the bureaucrats."

China is changing rapidly under Western influences, Calhoun said. "People are better off and much more consumer-oriented."

"New businesses which are conspicuously consumer-oriented are appearing everywhere. People who had to wait in line for a bike four years ago now have 10-speeds and 35mm cameras and Walkmans. There is even the beginnings of fashion consciousness."

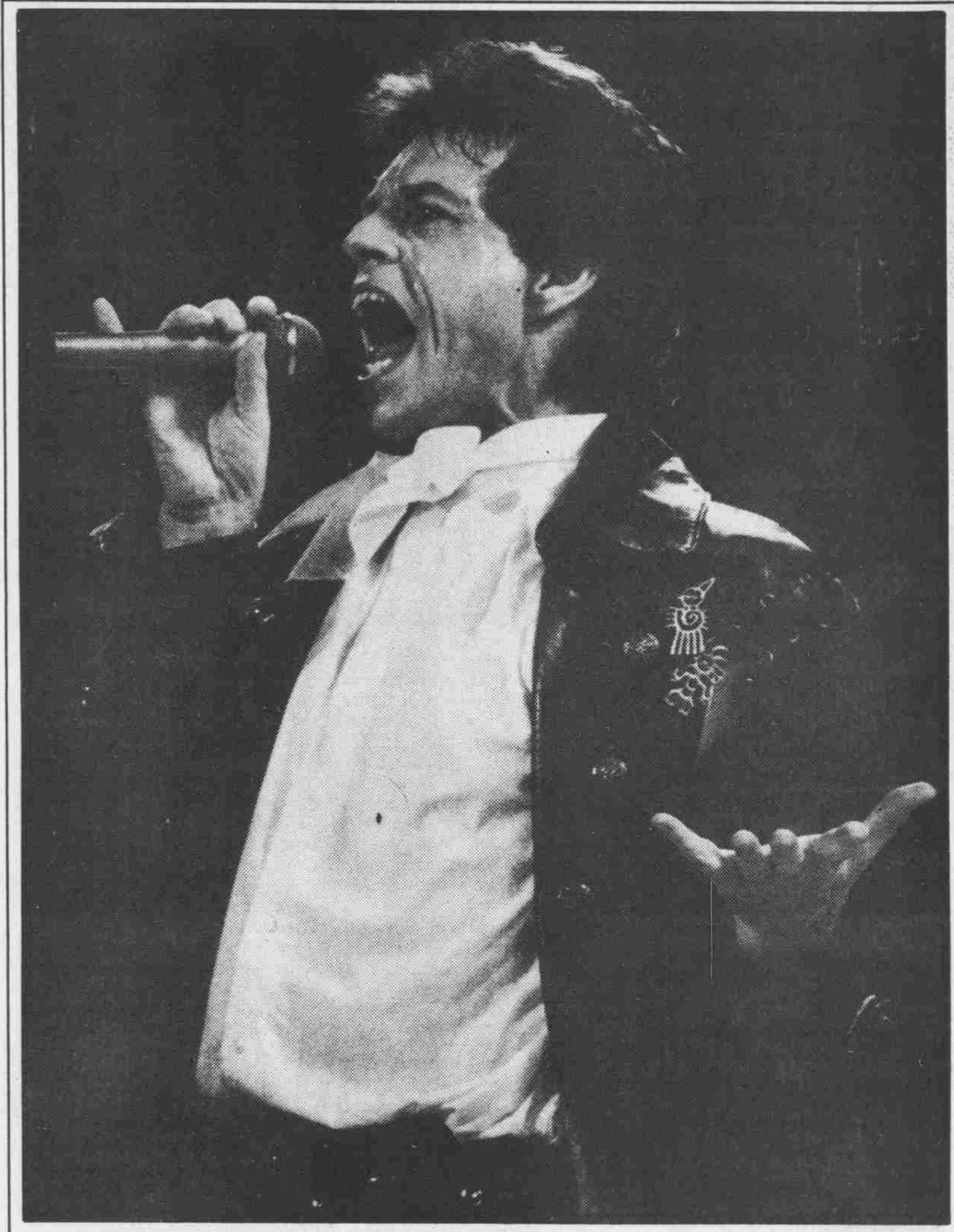
"The identity of China has been in doubt ever since contact with the West. 'Quality and innovation must be from

the West' is a pervasive idea, but it may not be healthy. People must believe that their culture is the best — everyone inherently does — but Westernization is undermining Chinese culture. China is uncertain how to face the modern world and where Chinese culture and tradition fit.

"The student movement had its origins in the questions that Westernization has raised," Calhoun continued. "We have a rationale for the capitalist system, and the great divide between rich and poor which it leaves. But the Chinese have no such explanations for the reforms and change in their society, at least none that an average person on the street could tell you."

"There is no reason they can give for why a busboy at an international hotel makes more money than a university professor or an engineer that runs the power plant supplying electricity to a major portion of Beijing."

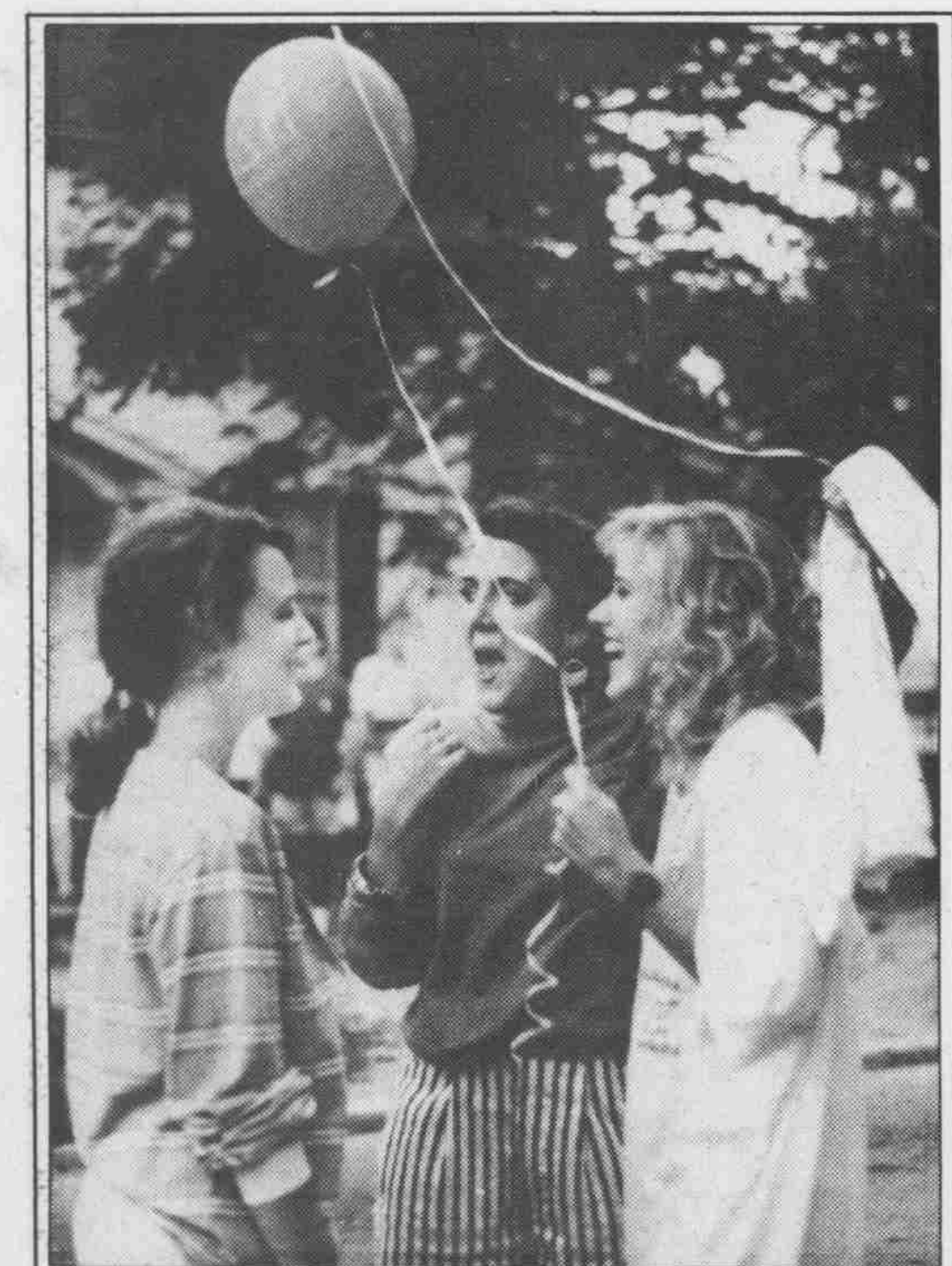
"The students believed the people's interests should be listened to by the government. They would be content



DTH/David Surowiecki

It's only rock 'n' roll

Mick Jagger, lead singer of the Rolling Stones, rocks a full house at Carter-Finley Stadium in Raleigh Saturday night as a part of the 'Steel Wheels' tour. See review, page 6.



DTH/Jodi Anderson

Welcome to the club

Alpha Delta Pi members Shelly Muhl and Lang Kelly greet a new pledge on Bid Day Saturday evening.

Graduate students plan rally seeking better pay, benefits

By MYRON B. PITTS

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Graduate Students United (GSU), an organization of about 90 UNC post-baccalaureate students, will hold a press conference and rally in the Pit today to examine salaries and benefits of graduates who work for the University and compare them to those of similar universities.

In a recent report, GSU has described four main goals:

- a raise in salaries to a minimum of \$4,000 a semester for all graduate assistants;
- in-state tuition remission for assistants;
- a child-care plan open to all University personnel, including graduates; and
- a health insurance plan for graduates.

Members of GSU, as well as Provost Dennis O'Connor, have said graduates do not earn enough to make ends meet as teaching and research assistants and

are forced to take other jobs to help pay tuition. Graduate students make between \$4,000 and \$11,000 a year depending on the department because more funds are allotted to certain departments, said GSU chairwoman Cindy Hahamovitch, a graduate student in American history from Montreal.

O'Connor, who has called the raising of graduate assistant wages his top priority, will be one of several members of the faculty to speak at the rally. Others to speak will include graduate assistants and undergraduate students.

"We're hoping to publicize the group's (GSU's) goals," Hahamovitch said. "We're going to call on representatives and students to endorse our goals."

In a summer study conducted by GSU, the University was found to have one of the lowest graduate assistant salary averages and one of the highest averages for cost of living expense, when compared to 10 "peer institu-

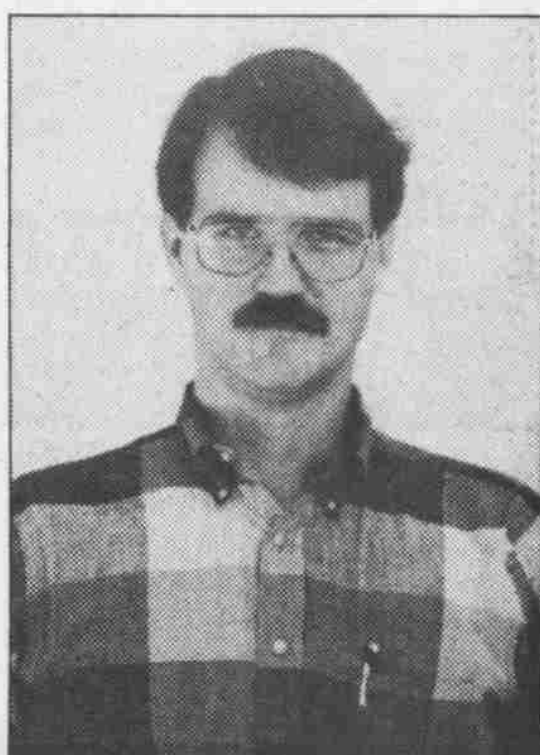
tions."

GSU, which was organized at the end of last spring semester, will present the results of its research in detail at the press conference.

"During the summer, we tried to get contact persons in all departments," said GSU member Johanna Schoen. The group recruited graduates to help spread its message for the fall semester.

Hahamovitch said it was difficult to determine who was responsible for the low wages because money for graduate assistantships is drawn from various places in the budget.

"They (members of the legislature) don't understand that the education provided (at UNC) would not be nearly as good without us," said Hahamovitch, who is a history teaching assistant. With the absence of teaching assistants, class sizes would be "enormous" and less time could be devoted to individual students, she said.



Craig Calhoun

with a benign dictatorship that would recognize and respond to their needs. Elections were a low priority.

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One day we realize we are not waiting but living. — Anna Quindlen