



A JOLLY CREW — The crew of the H.M.S. Pinafore — actually the Wesleyan Singers and members of the Tar River Chorus — salute Dr. Allen Johnson, playing Sir Joseph Porter, during the second annual Wesleyan Dinner Theatre on Nov. 10. Directed by Dr. Maria Manzo, the Chorus and students presented an

abbreviated version of Gilbert and Sullivan's comic opera, "H.M.S. Pinafore," before a full house in the Student Activities Center. The evening also included a spaghetti supper, cabaret dinner entertainment, and a brief concert by the Madrigal Singers. See story on Page 1. (Photo by Ken Ripley.)

Bill to ease tax on scholarships fails

An amendment that would have reduced federal taxes on student scholarships was dropped from a compromise version of a tax bill.

The amendment, sponsored by U.S. Sen. Trent Lott (R-Miss.) would have repealed taxes on the segments of scholarships that pay for rent, food, and travel, his spokesman said. However, the amendment was tacked onto the tax bill late in the recent session

of Congress. In early October, a conference committee deleted the amendment from the final version of the bill.

Depending on a student's income, undergraduate scholarships can be taxed at a 14 percent or higher rate for room, board, and travel. It is up to the student to declare the income from the scholarship, and the Internal Revenue Service is beginning to investigate students who aren't pay-

ing taxes on scholarships.

"We'll look for some other way to get it repealed next year. It doesn't mean he's giving up," said a spokesman for the senator.

Lott's amendment was a watered-down version sponsored by U.S. Rep. Tom Lewis (R-Fla.) and the National Association of Graduate and Professional Students. That would have rescinded a 17 percent tax on graduate and

professional students' stipends, scholarships, and fellowships. However, the bill was never scheduled for a hearing and Congress is now out of session.

The 1986 Tax Reform Act put a 17 percent tax on all scholarships and other money awarded to post-baccalaureate students in graduate and professional schools.

Lewis wanted the tax rescinded. When the House didn't take up the measure, Lott offered his version on the Senate side.

A key difference is that Lott's amendment dealt with both undergraduate and graduate students, while Lewis' focused on graduate and professional students.

Tuition at public universities rises 10 percent over year

The average student at a four-year public institution will pay a whopping 10 percent more for tuition and fees in 1992-93, according to a new survey from the College Board.

The average tuition fee and charges for in-state students was \$2,315 at public four-year colleges or universities, the survey said, which comes to 10 percent more than in 1991-92.

The survey also states that tuition and charges at two-year public institutions averaged \$1,292, which also reflects a 10 percent increase.

At private institutions, tuition and fees average \$10,498 at a four-year college or university, and \$5,621 at a two-year college, increases of seven and six percent respectively over last year.

The increases were not as high

as anticipated.

"Given the state of the economy and its impact on state budgets, many people expected much larger increases this year, particularly in the public sector," said Donald M. Stewart, president of the College Board.

Stewart pointed out that last year public colleges raised their tuition and fees an average of 13 percent.

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