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New author

Dr. Chris LaLonde, professor of English at N.C. Wesleyan, signs his recently published book during a booksigning at the campus bookstore on Feb. 7. The book sold out during his visit. (Photo by Karolyn Bruan.)

CAB announces activities for this year's Spring Fling

By GREG PURCELL

Spring Fling, the highlight of every spring semester, will be held the week of April 8-13, sponsored by the Campus Activities Board.

The exciting week will start on Monday with "60's Rock...When the Music Mattered," a multi-media presentation

by Barry Drake.

Tuesday will feature the annual Sigma Phi Delta Talent Show as well as a movie by the Campus Activities Board.

Wednesday will have the annual Pi Epsilon Tie Dying event as well as another movie sponsored by the CAB.

Friday is Gladiator Day with such events as Keg Racer.

Saturday will conclude the week's events with Band Day. Featured bands this year are the band formally known as Spinning Jenny, FunkAMatic, and Anthemium.

Updates and features on the events that have been planned will be presented in future issues, or call the CAB Hot Line at 985-KAB4.

Tuition cut draws praise by Clinton

By MOLLY McCLUSKEY

When President Bill Clinton mentioned North Carolina Wesleyan College this month in his address to the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, it was with a chuckle as well as praise.

"I don't know whether they did it by containing costs or praying to God or both. But I think it is a good thing to do wherever possible," he said.

The fact that Wesleyan was recognized by the President did not go unnoticed by students.

"It's pretty impressive. However, if we can cut costs, why can't he?" laughed Kristy Alston.

All else aside, Wesleyan's decision to cut tuition was, as college president Dr. John White said, a "bold one."

With the exorbitant costs of colleges, one freshman remarked of the cut, "It's a good thing. I don't feel as though I've gotten my \$14,000 worth out of this college."

Room and board, books, and the required meal plan for all on-campus students have only added to the financial anxieties of education.

"I think it's great that they're doing this," commented Ashley Allen, a freshman. The general attitude was similar. Students

thought it great that such a small school could be acknowledged by the President. The feeling of pride that showed in students at White's inauguration two weeks ago appeared to return.

Student fear still lingers, however, of an increase in tuition. As Clinton King pointed out, "The kids whose Wesleyan Awards are greater than the \$2,000 tuition cut are stuck."

The delegation of the Wesleyan Award is the reason for the tuition cut. As White has said, no one will be paying for someone else's scholarship. But despite White's promise that no student will pay more and some might actually pay less, the doubts linger.

The Financial Aid Office says that the financial aid discrepancy will be awarded in loans which will have to be repaid.

"If they can actually do it (the cut), it's great," King said. "However..."

NCWC's tuition cut — however worded, rearranged, or made politically correct — was enough to impress the President, who recognized NCWC out of all the smaller universities and colleges.

Karolyn Braun was reported as saying, "Yahoo! Go, Wesleyan!" But that comment could not be confirmed at press time.

'Leaders' series gets underway

The Leaders in the Making Series began on Monday and will go through April 25.

The series includes leadership workshops, programs, and experiences. Multiple sessions are offered for variety and to meet individual needs, said Sigrid Bonner.

The series concludes with a reception and the awarding of certificates of completion.

Reaction mixed to proposals

By COLLEEN DeBAISE

Targeting thousands of college students worried about tuition costs, President Bill Clinton emphasized his support for education in the State of the Union address.

"Today, higher education is more important than ever before," Clinton said during his Jan. 23 address before Congress. "We should work hard to open the doors to college even wider."

Clinton enumerated a number of proposals during his speech,

many of them surprisingly costly at a time when a Republican-controlled Congress seeks to curb government spending.

Proposals include:

- A new merit-based scholar-

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