

# Co-op experience lands student job at club in California



**Jace Myers operates a core aerifier to achieve aerification of golf course greens during his co-op experience. PHOTO COURTESY OF JACE MYERS**

By **TRUDI THOMAS** and **LISA LEE**

During fall break Jace Myers, a WCC student in the Turf Grass Management Program, accepted a position as a spray technician with the Pelican Hill Golf Club in California.

Myers interviewed for the position with Steve Thomas, Director of Agronomy at the Club located 1 hour south of Los Angeles.

Myers said, "It is a highly maintained public/resort golf club comparable to Pinehurst or Pebble Beach and the cost of playing golf is approximately \$250 a round."

He said, "I will earn \$13 per hour in addition to overtime (\$27,000-\$32,000 yearly), full health benefits, and a clothing allowance for uniforms."

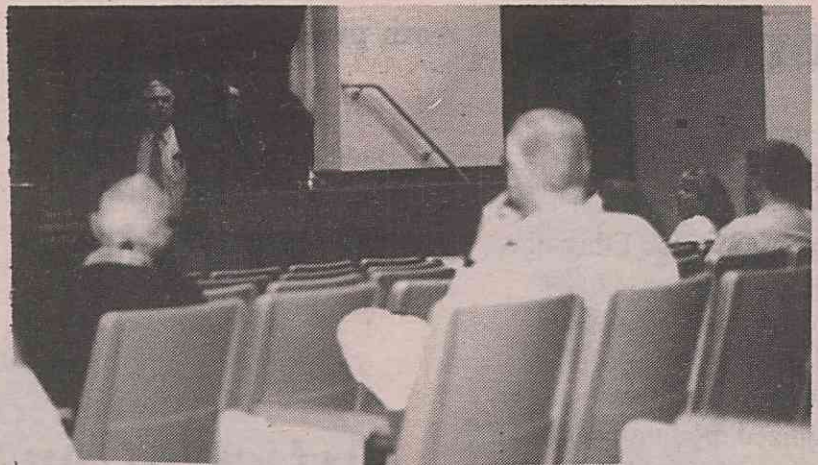
Myers, 23, a native of Cornelius, NC, already had a B.S. in marketing from UNC-Wilmington when he decided to combine 2 degrees by attending WCC's turf grass program under the direction of John Mills, instructor.

One of the program's requirements is a co-op assignment, which Myers fulfilled at Golf Course #8 in Pinehurst, NC, with Jeff Hill as his supervisor.

Myers had worked at a golf course during the summers while he was enrolled at UNC-Wilmington. He met interns from other colleges and countries. He said, "The summer co-op experience as opened doors that may have remained closed to me."

Based upon Hill's recommendation after Myer's superior performance as a co-op student, Myers was nominated for the WCC Co-op Student of the Year award for 2002-2003, according to Anne Millington, associate director of cooperative education and job referral. "He had the best evaluation I have ever seen," she said. "He is hard-working student who has the potential to go far in his chosen field."

Myers has also received the Turf Grass Council of North Carolina Scholarship worth \$700, only 5 of which it awarded this year.



**Dr. David Griffith gestures during his lecture on the European Union. PHOTO: HEATHER GURLEY**

## Lecturer discusses effects of European Union

By **HEATHER GURLEY** and **MITCHELL PHILLIPS**

On October 30, 2002, Wayne Community College hosted Dr. David Griffith, a professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, who discussed the formation of the European Union and the new European currency, the Euro.

The college, as well as a few area high schools, sponsored the discussion as part of the World View Lecture Series.

Dr. Griffith explained the early attempts by European countries to form a union. He went through the years leading up to the formation of the Union in 1993.

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He credited Stan Overton of the Birkdale Golf Course in Huntersville, NC, and Hill for giving him the hands-on techniques that qualified him for employment.

Mills said, "Jace is a great worker who is always willing to learn; he will go

a long way in this business because of his dedication, dependability, and education."

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