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News Briefs

• Monday night President Clinton acknowledged that he will have to increase taxes on the middle class -- those making less than \$100,000. In a ten-minute televised speech from the Oval Office, Clinton said he has worked hard but cannot come up with a tax plan that will spare the middle class. He said that 70 percent of the tax increase will be "shouldered" by those who make more than \$100,000.

• Governor Jim Hunt urged the General Assembly Monday to spend \$570 million over the next two years on programs ranging from better day care to improved worker training.

• Jean-Claude Van Damme, known for his recent movie *Hard Target*, was in Cumberland County Superior Court to battle a civil suit. Jackson "Rock" Pinckney alleges that he was injured during the filming of the 1988 movie *Cyborg*. Pinckney claims that he was blinded when Van Damme jabbed him in the left eye with a sword during a fight scene.

• NC State has a two-game winning streak going. State defeated UNC-Greensboro Monday night, 87-65, at Reynolds Coliseum. State defeated Tennessee, 74-72, Saturday.

• A second Wal-Mart will be opening in Raleigh this fall. The new store will be in Paddington Station, located at New Hope Church and Wake Forest roads.

• Spring training opens Friday. With the new baseball season comes new faces on many teams. Doug Drabek and Greg Swindell return home to Houston. Andre Dawson left the Chicago Cubs for the Boston Red Sox. And the Atlanta Braves added Greg Maddux to their pitching team.

Cash stolen from Balloon Gallery over Valentine's weekend

by Amity Brown

About \$160 in cash was stolen from the Meredith Entertainment Association (MEA) Balloon Gallery this weekend, according to Sherrie Lane, MEA president.

Lane said the money was noticed missing Sunday afternoon when the Balloon Gallery was opened for

Valentine's Day. A report was filed with the Raleigh police. There are no suspects.

"Anyone who has information about the money can contact me or the security office, or whoever stole it can return the money, and no questions will be asked," Lane said.

According to Lane, \$45 in cash and several checks were left, and \$120 for

circus tickets was untouched.

"I'm really upset since the honor code is so big at Meredith. We tend to be trusting. Someone has taken advantage of the situation. What upsets me most is how hard Candace Hagan and Frances Pate, the Balloon Gallery chairs, work, and then for this to happen. It's discouraging for them and everyone in MEA," Lane said.

Open House policy discussed at SGA Forum

by Kate Stewart

The Student Government Association (SGA) held a forum on the proposed Open House policy last Thursday where students discussed their opinions of the proposal.

The forum was facilitated by Jennifer Hartig, SGA president; Karen Howell, chair of Residence Hall Board (RHB); and Neasha Bryant, chair of the Senate.

The forum began with a discussion of how the need for more weekend activities was brought to the attention of the SGA during a forum last year. SGA responded by writing to other schools about their weekend activities and came up with the first "Meredith Gets Campused" weekend, which was considered a success.

Next, the discussion turned to what is currently being proposed by the SGA, the RHB and Senate, which is a temporary Open House Policy to be put in effect next fall. If approved, the policy will be tried on three weekends, and it will involve activities on campus sponsored by various campus organizations, as well as a Sunday afternoon Open

House, sponsored by RHB, from 1-5p.m. RHB will administer the guidelines for the policy, and Resident Assistants (RAs) will monitor activities those three Sundays.

The policy as it stands has not gone through the entire approval process. Student Life will vote on Open House February 23. After that, the proposal may go to the Board of Trustees.

Most of the students' questions concerned Sunday afternoon Open House. Strong opposition was presented, as some students felt their privacy would be invaded if there were men visiting on their halls or in their rooms. Others called Open House a "toe in the door" issue, saying the policy will extend beyond just being an event taking place for four hours on particular Sundays.

The forum facilitators responded by saying visitors will be required to sign in and uninvited males will be asked to leave. Supporters of visitation argued they deserve the right to decide who they can have in their rooms. Open House supporters also stressed the policy will allow for more weekend activities at Meredith, which may encourage more people to stay on campus.

Hartig, Bryant and Howell asked

students to be open-minded about the issue since it is a temporary policy. According to Hartig, the policy will be reviewed after its trial run next year before Open House becomes a permanent policy. A campus-wide vote may be taken at that time.

Students who have questions about the Open House Policy can talk to their Student Life Representatives.

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