# 2 Teams to Make Bid for ASG Presidency

Students from N. C. State and East Carolina compete for the UNC system's highest student position.

Friday, April 14, 2000

By Jennifer Hagin

By late Saturday afternoon, a new president will take the helm of the UNC Association of Student Governments to represent the organization during a potentially stormy session of the N.C.

General Assembly.
N.C. State University Student Body Treasurer Andrew Payne will team up with fellow N.C. State student Seth

The duo will face off against East Carolina University Student Body President Cliff Webster and his vice presidential candidate, UNC-Chapel Hill sophomore Liz Gardner.

The presidential winner will also erve as the lone student voice on the Board of Governors. He will also face the challenge of lobbying legislative committees this summer to pass funding for student financial aid and capital

Payne said the main role of the president was to determine the agenda of the association and wear the hats of both a fund-raiser and lobbyist.

"It's important to look out for the system, but the president should look out for the best interest of the students," he said. "The other 32 (BOG) members can

look after the entire system."

He also said he intended to take student suggestions on ways to deal with

issues that arose during the year.
"In the past the president has one thought in his mind and mandates it, but the president should take what the students suggest to the board," he said.

Webster said the president's job was to serve as the liaison between students

BOG members and legislators.

"With the experience that I and Liz have, we can take (ASG) to a new energy level," he said. "It won't just be an association of voice, but an association of action.

Webster said he also wanted to create a vice president of communications position that would publish a UNC-system newsletter and organize dinners to educate students about the ASG.

Both candidates said they would lobby for the \$36.8 million student financial aid package in the General Assembly and a multibillion-dollar bond package to fund capital improvements

Both candidates also said they would take steps to increase ASG's budget. 'SG currently has a \$4,000 budget paid by universities in the system, but the

ssociation usually depends on fund-raising events to supplement the allotment. Payne said he planned to have fundraising dinners and named former Joint Chiefs of Staff Colin Powell as a possible

Payne also said N.C. State adminis tors and student government officials had already agreed to supply office space and administrative assistants and

pay office costs, such as postage.

Webster said he planned to create a vice president for financial affairs, a position the constitution provides for, but has not been filled in at least four

He said he would appeal to companies for sponsorships and start a mailing campaign to past ASG presidents asking

"Past presidents have gone on to be fairly successful, and I think they'd be willing to give money to something they supported in college," he said. Current ASG President Jeff Nieman

he considered both candidates equally qualified to hold the position.

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## Campus Calendar

Saturday

8 a..m. - The location of the MCAT exam has been moved to room 1

Carrington Hall. The exam has been moved to

Carrington from 328 Phillips Hall.
All persons registered for the MCAT should report directly to Carrington

- The Carolina Cystic 11 a.m. Fibrosis Organization will be hosting the Great Strides 5K Walk/Run for Cystic Fibrosis.

Registration will last from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. The walk officially begins at 11 a.m. and continues until 12:15 p.m.

There is no minimum donation to

The event is sponsored by Project UNC and is open to the public.
Proceeds will go to support cystic

7 p.m. – The Black Student Movement proudly presents the a cap-

pella **Harmonyx Spring Concert** in 121 Hanes Art Center. The cost for the annual concert is \$2 for Black Student Movement members,

\$3 for non-BSM members. Tickets are also available at the door.

### Sunday

- William Stewart will direct the UNC Guitar Ensemble in Person

3 p.m. – An **open reception** will be held at the Ackland Art Museum to kick

off the Masters in Fine Arts display. The works of nine emerging artists, all UNC graduate students slated to graduate in May, will be displayed at the museum through May 28.

## Tuesday

- The UNC chapter of the Self Knowledge Symposium will hold a poetry slam entitled Rhymes, Rants nd Reflections at Caffetrio on Franklin

Prizes will be awarded for best student verse.

For more information, contact Emily at eroach@email.unc.edu, or call 933-

4 p.m. - **Seymour Simon**, noted author of children science books, will present "From Paper Airplanes to Outer Space, Science Books are the Real Thing" in the faculty lounge of the Morehead Building. Simon will design his talk especially

for children at 4 p.m. and for adults at 8

A book signing and reception will fol-

Noor Signing and the low the evening lecture.

Sponsored by UNC, the Morehead Planetarium and the Chapel Hill Public Library, the lecture will be the third Chapel Hill Public Chapel Significat Memorial annual Susan Steinfirst Memorial

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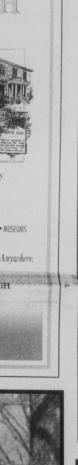


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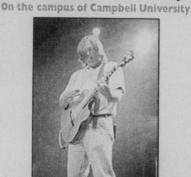
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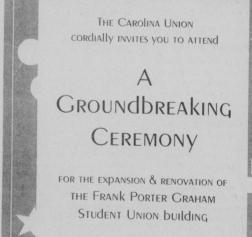
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