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#### Get Hyped, Make a Mark On Campus

A fter many moons of bitching for 16 inches in this very space, I have been inspired.

For five years I've trekked into The Daily Tre Heads of the specific property of the

Daily Tar Heel office in the Student Union. There are signs on the walls, right near the newspaper rack, that direct you to the offices of the Yackety Yak, the Blue & White and the Young Democrats. There is also one for APPLES. I've walked past it a million times, and the only thought I had was that APPLES was the longest acronym I'd ever read. (Note: I am right. It stands for Assisting People in Planning Learning Experiences in Service. Christ. What a mouthful.)

Last week this group celebrated its 10th anniversary of service, and I say kudos to this fruity bunch.

This is a group of people who are dedicated to change, who get hype and who are selfless enough to make up for selfish people like me.

One character who works with the group, Paul Lee, spends two days a

group, Paul Lee, spends two days a week leading a counseling group for mentally handicapped inmates at the Orange County Correctional Center.

This strikes me as ridiculous. While Lee is being a good kid, I'm usually drinking Miller Lite and watching "Behind the Music" and "Facts of Life" reruns. Lee's story reminds me that, contrary to my beliefs, there are students on this campus who give a damn and work to change things.
(Note: Stay tuned for harsh, sweep

ing generalization.)
Most students in UNC groups and organizations are self-serving goofballs who exist only to build their résumé and pat themselves on the back. They bitch pat themselves on the back. They bitch and moan and protest a lot. They march, have senseless demonstrations in the Pit and think up many slogans and chants. (Note: The real crowd-pleasers always start with "Hey, hey, ho, ho." Gang, get a new gig – that cheer is tired.)

The end result of all this pageantry is nothing. They disrupt a few classes

or get a few glances from passers-by. They make little headway. And that's hy it's time for a change. It's not that I don't think some of

these causes are worthy. You bet they are. But when it comes to the apathetic masses, or the UNC bigwigs who turn their heads (and presumably cough), they just aren't listening. I think drastic times call for drastic measures.

And I'd like to see someone get out there and mix it the hell up.

Allow me to take you back to April

1999. Several groups on campus, mainly Students for Economic Justice and others with lengthy acronyms, were bemoaning UNC's labor contracts with factories that make UNC apparel.
Basically, SEJ and friends didn't want 5year-olds in far-off Nike factories stitching interlocking "NCs" on UNC shirts without the University knowing about it. SEJ called for interim Chancellor

Bill McCoy to sign a contract that would require full disclosure of the locations of factories that make UNC

goods. McCoy hedged and stalled. And that's when these kids packed up their sleeping bags and slept in the lobby of South Building for 72 hours. They skipped meals and classes. The stank up the place because they also skipped showers. But it was worth it.

On the third day of the protest, McCoy inked a deal that met the demands of SEJ.

Every week, I have given the finger to a different group of retards at this University – chicks in Old East and Old West residence halls, the Honor Court, senior class officers, Director of Athletics Dick Baddour, Student Congress ... and

I'm sure I'm forgetting a few.

And every week I offer a call to arms that usually involves violence. But my point is to show students the power they hold on this campus.

The SEI sit-in is the perfect exam ple - if you get nasty, make some peo-

ple uncomfortable and have a little fire, you can effect change.
Paul Lee and the APPLES crew

inspired me this week, and it felt good to laud them. High-five. But to my fellow students - I bitch because you're so damn weak. Fight for all those acronymed causes and make it ugly. Do something different.

Because I'm tired of bitching.

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# Parties, Sports Mark 1st Alumni Weekend

By Tyler Maland

Recent UNC graduates and alumni

Recent UNC graduates and alumni who haven't seen the campus in years came together this weekend in celebration of the first-ever Alumni Weekend. The General Alumni Association sponsored the weekend event, which included alumni groups from the School of Law and the School of Nursing and marked the 20th annual Black Alumni Reunion.

"We are very pleased with the turnout for what is the very first alumni week end," said Linda Rainey, coordinator of Alumni Clubs. "This is the first time (the

GAA) has promoted such an event to all Carolina alumni."

The Alumni Weekend involved numerous pregame parties and oppor-tunities including award ceremonies and Franklin Street trips for the 10th, 25th

What we have tried to do is provide "What we have tried to do is provide a flexible program that is very inclu-sive," said Doug Dibbert, director of alumni affairs. "It helps that we won the (football) game, and it helps that there were other events this weekend such as the basketball games, the field hockey games and the women's soccer game to draw more alumni back."

The all-alumni weekend's main event

was the postgame party held on the lawn of the Carolina Inn after the UNC-Maryland football game.

More than 100 alumni crowded the lawn after the UNC football victory to share memories and catch up with one specified.

"It's a very nice occasion to have (alumni) come back and enjoy the Carolina Inn like this," said Michelle Ray, class of 1990.

Because the weekend event was open to all alumni, it allowed more of them to share in the festivities with former UNC friends who were not in the

same class.
"I think this (Alumni Weekend) is

great," said Errol Powell, class of 1973.

"I have been to three reunion events in the past, but this is the first time I have fully participated in (an alumni event). I am hoping to visit with all my old friends that I went to school with that were not in my graduating class."

Many alumni said the weekend brought back many memories as they visited with old friends and toured the

campus.

"This event was very well-organized, and I have had a blast," said Jim McLoed, class of 1977. "Other than Franklin Street, (the campus looks) just like I remember."

"I have only been back (to UNC) once in 25 years, so it is a pretty different place to me," said Ginger Gregory, class of 1975.

Despite the changes to campus, alumni said they enjoyed the chance to come back to UNC and experience the campus first-hand.

Gregory said, "Carolina is wonder-ful now and has always been wonder-

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## **ASG Addresses Rising Student Costs**



ASG Vice President Liz Gardner addresses the delegates at a meeting held in the General Administration building Friday night.

While disapproving of the hike, ASG members say they are glad the money is going to need-based financial aid.

By FAITH RAY Staff Writer

UNC Association of Student Governments officials met Friday to discuss a systemwide tuition increase passed earlier that day by the Board of Governors.

ASG representatives from eight UNC-system schools – including UNC-Chapel Hill – were present at the meet-

ing.

The group opposed the 4 percent across-the-board tuition increase passed earlier by the BOG but supported how the money will be used – student finan-

"We're not happy with the 4 percent increase, but we are happy it goes toward financial aid," ASG Vice President Liz

The increase, mandated by the board's tuition-setting policy, is meant to offset rising system operating costs caused by inflation.

The 4 percent tuition increase is expected to produce about \$8 million the first year. The money will partially fund a need-based financial aid package, according to the BOG's 2001-2003 bud-

get request.

The BOG also will request nearly \$18 million from the N.C. General Assembly during the next legislative session. Together tuition and legislative contributions would fully fund a \$31 million need-based aid program the legislature began funding last year.

ASG President Andrew Payne thanked students, saying it was their persistent lobbying of system officials that ensured the funds raised from tuition were directed toward aid instead of

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were directed toward and instead of other operating costs within the system. Payne said directing the money toward aid is particularly important because officials at both Appalachian State University and UNC-Pembroke are examining the possibility of campusinitisted trition increases. initiated tuition increases.

Campus-initiated tuition requests are due to the UNC Administration in December.

The proposals will then be presented to the BOG in the spring.

Last year, the BOG approved campus-initiated tuition requests from five

Payne said any campus-initiated tuition request would likely be limited to no more than \$300 at each school.

Payne added that universities are supposed to show emergency needs to proceed with campus-initiated increases.

But he said those needs did not exist

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resigned with an intent to manage junior Justin Young's campaign.

The executive branch of UNC stu-

"I want to maintain the traditional policy of neutrality this year," said

tively to their interests

about their plans.

"I have really come to realize the possibilities of student government through my experience this year,"

"I plan to reach outside of the traditional group of leaders and encourage others to get involved."

"I'm very grateful for the opportuni ty to have served as secretary, and I feel I have worked as hard and created as much within this administration as I

"I'm looking forward to the opportu-nity to contribute more to student gov-ernment in the future."

Hashagen also was pleased with his

campaign manager and feel like I am the first beneficiary of his outreach," he

dent government more accessible to the

The process to fill the vacancies left

A new student body secretary will be

tion the new appointee," Woods said.

Matthews wished those leaving the

Cabinet luck and offered advice for their future endeavors.

"Be sure to maintain your sanity; this is a heck of a roller coaster you are about to embark on."

### **BOG OKs Proposal To Increase Tuition**

By Lucas Fenske Assistant State & National Editor

The Board of Governors unanimously approved a two-year budget, which includes a 4 percent inflationary tuition increase, during its Friday meeting in the UNC-system General Administration building.

System officials estimate that the increase will generate \$16.5 million over two years, which will be allocated to a need-based financial aid program. The 2001-03 budget request also asks state officials for \$37 million over two years

to fully fund the program.

UNC-system President Molly Broad said system officials carefully balanced tuition increases, basing them each year on inflation to avoid overwhelming students with large increases every few years. "This policy is carefully crafted to balance our constitutional philosophy, while acknowledging that inflation is real," Broad said.

UNC officials used the consumer price index, the Higher Education Price Index and a third economic index measuring the growth of the state's per capi

ta personal income to determine that tuition should increase by 4 percent. All three economic indices measure how inflation impacts prices.

The budget also requests a 6 percent increase in faculty salaries for 2001-02 and 2002-03. UNC-Chapel Hill raised tuition by \$600 this school year to provide additional funds for faculty salaries.

The budget also calls for increased spending on multidisciplinary fields, such as biotechnology and marine science. Broad said these fields were selected because of their possible impact on the state's economy. But she said it is doubtful the state can find enough funds to meet all the budget requests.

Board members also discussed the

increasing minority enrollment at UNC-system schools, heralding a predicted enrollment growth of 48,000 students in

the next eight years.
Gretchen Bataille, UNC-system vice president for academic affairs, reported to the board that enrollment is at its highest level ever - 162,761 students. Min student enrollment also increased by at least 726 students systemwide

Bataille said the increase in minority



UNC-system President Molly Broad and Board of Governors Chairman Ben Ruffin share a laugh at Friday morning's BOG meeting. enrollment mirrors the state's popula pace with the changing dynamics of the state of North Carolina," she said.

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BOG members also took time out to celebrate passage of the \$3.1 billion higher education bond and discuss ways to grease the construction process. The bond will fund construction and repairs at UNC-system schools and the state's

community colleges.

BOG member Jim Phillips, chairman of the Public Affairs Committee, which helped coordinate efforts to pass the bond, said the bond's passage represented a new commitment to education.

But BOG Chairman Ben Ruffin said bureaucratic red tape could delay the construction process because the General Assembly requires a bid for every construction project, which often drives up the price. Ruffin said he thinks state legislators could be persuaded to waive some parts of the bidding process. "If we don't get a moratorium (on the bid process), the facilities won't be built in a timely manner," he said. "Costs will escalate, and the building won't be the

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the purpose of the project.

"Edwin is amazing and a great friend and mentor to me," Saperston said.

"He's also a rock star on the good

Excited to bring "The Journey" to

UNC, Saperston promises an engaging

presentation.

"We hope to have a really fun evening full of laughter and entertainment," Saperston said. "We want the

students to walk away with a real sense

that anything they want to do in their

work, they have all the skills and tools

### Film Portrays 'Journey' to Find Life's Meaning

The documentary by Eric Saperston, with Edwin McCain's music, shows his quest to find his purpose.

By SARAH KUCHARSKI

What would happen if we took a year off from the college grind and asked the most influential personalities of our nation out for a cup of coffee?

If we were lucky, perhaps we would find ourselves in a situation similar to

that of Eric Saperston, creator of the cin-ematic documentary "The Journey." Saperston's footage of his crosscountry search for the meaning of life appears tonight at Memorial Hall. Singer-songwriter Edwin McCain will perform onstage periodically through-

out the evening.

Plagued with questions concerning his purpose, his goals and essentially the meaning of life, Saperston said he began

work on "The Journey" after asking himself one more question – who would offer the best and most insightful advice to members of his generation facing the

Not sure of what his post-college future held for him, Saperston left San Diego in 1993 with three friends and a 1971 Volkswagen bus to find the answer,

interviewing cor-porate leaders, artists, musicians and political fig-ures along the way.

From these filmed conversations, Journey" was creat-

Creator of "The Journey" In total, more than 170 speakers
contributed to footage in "The
Journey," including the late Jerry
Garcia, Jimmy Carter, former Texas
Gov. Ann Richards and actor Henry

The Journey" into a legitimate company
complete with agents, sponsors and a
much more popular appeal.

Saperston said he believes that "The

Saperston said he believed that it was

his duty to pass on the lessons he had learned and experiences he had gained to the people around him.

Spreading his message to "live a life

love and live it powerfully," Saperston's tour of college campuses began in Michigan and progressed across the nation by bus. "The Journey" earned a promotional

boost in the fall of when "If we do our job right, at the McCain joined end of the night everyone will Saperston on the

be reminded of what they By combining McCain's original already know." music ERIC SAPERSTON

Journey" would not be what it is today without McCain's assistance and faith in

Saperston's story-telling and filmed interviews, the two

tour circuit.

"If we do our job right, at the end of the night everyone will be reminded of what they already know." "The Journey" appears at 7 p.m. tonight in Memorial Hall.

side of the force."

Tickets are available at the Carolina Union box office and are \$5 for the gen-eral public, \$3 for UNC students. Call 962-1449 for more information.

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#### 3 Resign, **Eyeing SBP Position**

**Dustyn Baker, Annie Pearce** and Michael Woods left their Cabinet positions to prepare for their campaigns.

By IENNY McLENDON

Several Cabinet members of Student Body President Brad Matthews' administration submitted their resignations at Sunday night's Cabinet meeting to pre-pare for their roles in February's student

Michael Woods, student body secretary, Annie Pearce, Academic Affairs Committee chairwoman, and Dustyn

assistant to the student body president, relinquished their current posistudent body pres-

Assistant Student Body Student Body Secretary Fred Hashagen resigned to man-age Woods' cam-paign, and

Chairwoman of External Relations

dent government has traditionally required Cabinet members with plans to be involved in campaigns to resign in order to prevent conflicts of interest. Their resignations were due by 5 p.m.

"Being on the Cabinet and participa-tion in the campaign process both require major time commitments, and this policy ensures the practical ability of those involved to contribute effec-

Those who resigned were optimistic

Woods expressed similar sentiments about his ideas for student government

decision to resign.
"I feel great about my role as Woods"

"Hopefully we can work to make stu-

by the resignees will vary according to

appointed to assume Woods' position.
"We're going to work hard to transi-

"I thank you for your service, what you have done and your desire to con-tinue in student government," he said.

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