

Get Hyped, Make a Mark On Campus

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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 weekend," said Linda Rainey, coordinator of Alumni Clubs. "This is the first time (the

Parties, Sports Mark 1st Alumni Weekend

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

The Alumni Weekend involved numerous pregame parties and opportunities including award ceremonies and Franklin Street trips for the 10th, 25th and 30th class reunions.

"What we have tried to do is provide a flexible program that is very inclusive," 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 another.

"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 McLeod, class of 1977. "Other than Franklin Street, (the campus looks) just like I remember."

But some alumni said the growing campus did not match the image they recalled.

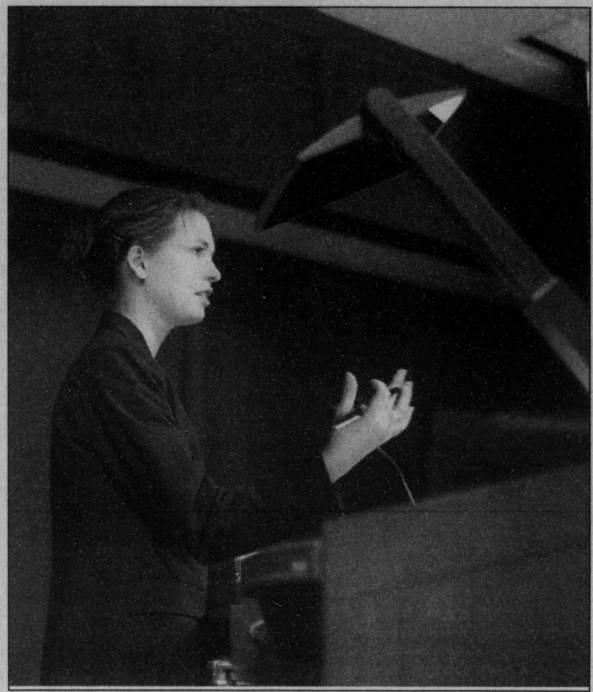
"I have only been back (to UNC) once in 25 years, so it is a pretty different place to me," said Ginger Gregory, class of 1975.

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 wonderful now and has always been wonderful."

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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.

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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 meeting.

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 financial aid.

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

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 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 campus-initiated tuition increases.

Campus-initiated tuition requests are due to the UNC General 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 system schools.

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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BOG OKs Proposal To Increase Tuition

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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. Minority 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 population. "This reflects (that) we are keeping pace with the changing dynamics of the state of North Carolina," she said.

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 same size and quality."

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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.

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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 cinematic documentary "The Journey."

Saperston's footage of his cross-country search for the meaning of life appears tonight at Memorial Hall. Singer-songwriter Edwin McCain will perform onstage periodically throughout 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 same dilemma?

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 corporate leaders, artists, musicians and political figures along the way.

From these filmed conversations, "The Journey" was created.

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 Winkler.

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 you 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 1999 when McCain joined Saperston on the tour circuit.

By combining McCain's original music with Saperston's storytelling and filmed interviews, the two have turned "The Journey" into a legitimate company complete with agents, sponsors and a much more popular appeal.

Saperston said he believes that "The Journey" would not be what it is today without McCain's assistance and faith in

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ERIC SAPERSTON
Creator of "The Journey"

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 side of the force."

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 to do it."

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"The Journey" appears at 7 p.m. tonight in Memorial Hall.

Tickets are available at the Carolina Union box office and are \$5 for the general 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.

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

Michael Woods, student body secretary, Annie Pearce, Academic Affairs Committee chairwoman, and Dustyn Baker, executive assistant to the student body president, relinquished their current positions to run for student body president.

Assistant Student Body Secretary Fred Hashagen resigned to manage Woods' campaign, and Chairwoman of External Relations Jessica Triche resigned with an intent to manage junior Justin Young's campaign.

The executive branch of UNC student 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. Sunday.

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

"Being on the Cabinet and participation in the campaign process both require major time commitments, and this policy ensures the practical ability of those involved to contribute effectively to their interests."

Those who resigned were optimistic about their plans.

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

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

Woods expressed similar sentiments about his ideas for student government at UNC.

"I'm very grateful for the opportunity to have served as secretary, and I feel I have worked as hard and created as much within this administration as I can," he said.

"I'm looking forward to the opportunity to contribute more to student government in the future."

Hashagen was also pleased with his decision to resign.

"I feel great about my role as Woods' campaign manager and feel like I am the first beneficiary of his outreach," he said.

"Hopefully we can work to make student government more accessible to the student body."

The process to fill the vacancies left by the resignees will vary according to position.

A new student body secretary will be appointed to assume Woods' position.

"We're going to work hard to transition the new appointee," Woods said.

Matthews wished those leaving the Cabinet luck and offered advice for their future endeavors.

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

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



Student Body President Brad Matthews wishes all of the candidates luck on their campaigns.

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