

PELL GRANTS

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program so that we aren't foreclosing educational opportunities for low-income students," she said.

Congress is working to increase the maximum award of the grants from \$4,050 to \$4,500.

This change, supported by Edwards, Sen. Ted Kennedy, D-Mass., and others, is scheduled to take place in September, when the education budget will be brought under consideration, said Bob Samors, associate vice president for federal relations for the UNC system.

Samors said the senators hope to put the increase in place before the Pell Grant changes take effect

in the 2004-05 school year. "The cost of tuition in North Carolina is going to increase 5 percent," Samors said.

"There continues to be a need that our students are going to have to meet. An increase in the Pell Grant would help students meet that need."

He said there still is enough support and creative thinking available for officials to be able to find ways to increase financial aid programs and awards.

The students affected are at the upper end of the income range that qualifies for Pell Grants — in other words, students who generally get the smallest Pell grants.

In most cases, the lower-income students who receive the maxi-

mum Pell Grants will not be affected by the tax table change, Department of Education spokeswoman Jane Glickman said in an e-mail.

She added that the Pell Grant is not being cut and that there are going to be more students who qualify for Pell Grants because the population the awards serve continues to grow.

"The students who get the full Pell Grant (and) are really at the low-income scale won't be affected by this change," Glickman said. "They aren't part of the 84,000. They'll continue to get Pell Grants — and large Pell Grants."

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said. "As it took us four years to get SAPFO, it will take us at least that and more before we could think of a merger."

Concerns also were raised by members of the business community, led by the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce.

Virginia Knapp, the chamber's associate director, said she believes the ordinance will cause the price of housing in the area to rise.

"We believe this will only serve to slow development in the area, causing fewer houses to be built," she said. "If the plan works the way they say it will work, then fine; we will be happy with it. But if it doesn't work and crowding does continue, we hope the towns will not be wed to this plan."

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Ferrel Guillory, director of the Program on Southern Politics, Media and Public Life at UNC, said Cobey's entry into the governor's race is an important one. "He's not a fringe candidate at all," he said.

Guillory added that now is the right time for Cobey to run for governor because of his age. "He's not ancient, but the state tends to elect young governors," he said.

Cobey's political experience began with his days as chairman of the College Republicans at Emory University. In 1980 he was the Republican nominee for lieutenant governor of North Carolina, and four years later he was elected to the U.S. Congress, where he served one term representing North Carolina's 4th District.

"It's as if I prepared all my life for this position," Cobey said of the governorship. "But I didn't inten-

tionally prepare for it." Guillory said Cobey no longer will be the kind of politician he used to be. "With the press conference, he shifted roles from being a party unifier to being a candidate," he said.

He also said Cobey will have to show voters that he has a command of state issues and that he can put together a logical case for his candidacy. "He hasn't done that yet, but he's just started," Guillory said.

Cobey, who will kick off his campaign officially in the next months, said he is looking forward to the state's future. "I am very optimistic about North Carolina's potential," he said. "While we certainly have our problems, they can be fixed. To me, the glass is half full."

He added that he is prepared for whatever lies ahead. "I'm fired up and ready to go."

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COMICS

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with academics as well, and it's not just at UNC.

Edwin and Terry Murray, lifelong collectors and Duke alumni, recently donated an even larger collection of 50,000 books to their alma mater, though the material mostly predates Breen's. McNamara predicted that the rival collections will complement one another nicely.

The Murray brothers' collection will be available for public use this fall, while the Breen collection won't be ready for what McNamara said could be a year or two. The books must be properly preserved and then extensively catalogued. But McNamara is taking great care.

"I think there's a strong scholarly interest in comics," McNamara said. "They tell us about contemporary American culture and publications, and culturally, the work

of the artist is important; there's great interest in that."

"Things we think of as being common as dirt turn out not to be 20 or 30 years down the road," Breen said of comic books' enduring value.

"Whatever anyone might think of them, characters like Superman and Batman are icons, recognized all over the world."

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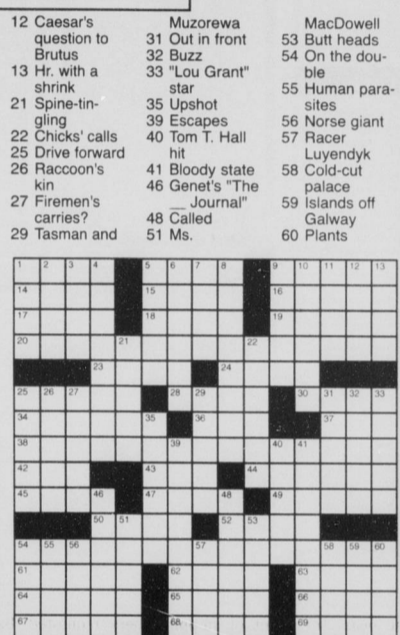
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5 "Sweeney"
9 Aussie's pals
14 Indian nanny
15 Continuously
16 Small type size
17 Kismet
18 Yellow-billed rail
19 Sloughs off feathers
20 P.T. Barnum's road show
23 ___ my lips!
24 NL stadium
25 God's blood
28 Satisfy fully
30 Actress Thompson
34 Unification Church member
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3 Casual farewell
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5 Magnetic unit
6 Egg-shaped objects
7 "Wild at Heart" star
8 Don Garlits or Shirley Muldowney
9 Mrs. Eisenhower
10 Greek markets
11 Drying powder
12 Caesar's question to Brutus
13 Hr. with a shrink
21 Spine-tin-gling
22 Chicks' calls
25 Drive forward
26 Raccoon's kin
27 Firemen's carries?
29 Tasman and
31 Out in front
32 Buzz
33 "Lou Grant" star
35 Upshot
39 Escapes
40 Tom T. Hall hit
41 Bloody state
46 Genet's "The ___ Journal"
48 Called
51 Ms.
53 Butt heads
54 On the double
55 Human parasites
56 Norse giant
57 Racer
58 Cold-cut palace
59 Islands off Galway
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