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Stipend referendum fails

SPEAKER AND SPEAKER PRO TEM WON'T GET PAYMENT FOR WORK

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In a referendum vote on Tuesday's ballot, students struck down a provision to compensate Student Congress' two top leaders.

The vote ended with 2,458 students refuting a provision that would allow stipends for the speaker and speaker pro tempore of Congress, while 1,061 students voted to incorporate the pro-

vision into the Student Code.

Student leaders in the past have received stipends because of a loophole in the Code. Though Title I, the Student Constitution, prohibits compensation of Student Congress officials, the Code has allowed for the provision of stipends for the two speakers.

The student vote will allow the Student Constitution to stand in its original form, and Congress voted last

night to amend the Code to eliminate the loophole.

The Code's contradiction regarding compensation came into focus when Kris Wampler, vice chairman of Congress' Finance Committee, introduced a bill to eliminate the provision of stipends because it was in direct opposition to the Constitution. Title I states that "no Student Congress member shall be entitled to a salary."

The results of Tuesday's vote disappointed some Congress members who think that the magnitude of responsibilities of the congressional leaders merits compensation.

Another concern was that some potential leaders would need the money. "Some people can't afford to go to school without a job," said Speaker Charlie Anderson. "Any way we can open up the position to interested and capable students is good."

Luke Farley, chairman of Congress' Rules and Judiciary Committee, saw the almost 2-to-1 vote as a mandate from the student body against compensation.

"Congress is now obliged to go back and look at all stipends," Farley said. "The students are saying we want you

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Seniors decide on memorial as '05 gift

Garden to memorialize 6 alumni killed on 9/11

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The Class of 2005 voted Tuesday to leave a 9/11 memorial garden as its legacy to UNC.

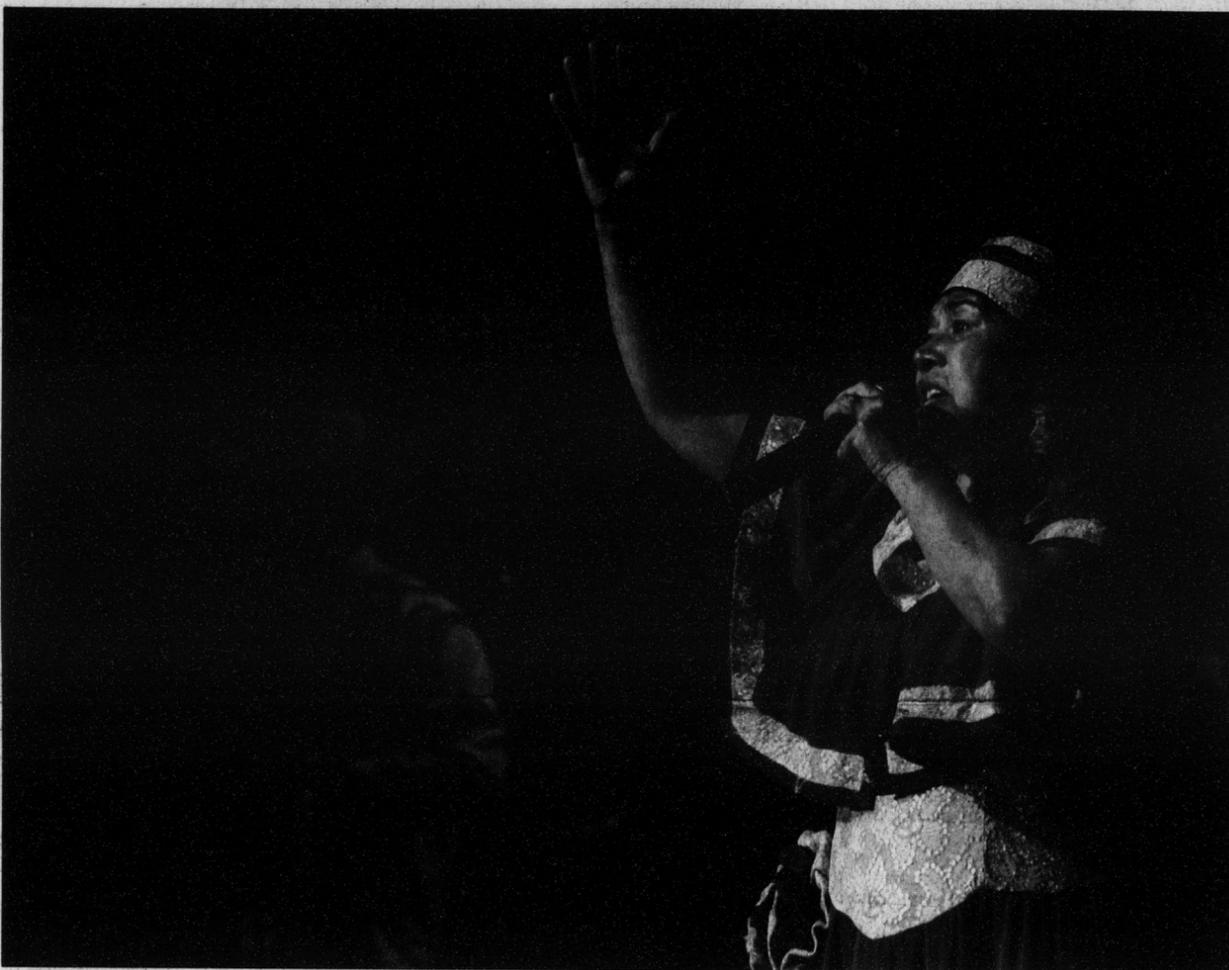
The gift was chosen by 787 students out of the 1,373 who voted on Student Central, said Walker Rutherford, Board of Elections chairman.

Senior Class President Jovian Irvin said she thinks the garden will be a wonderful gift to honor the six UNC alumni killed during the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

Irvin said the space will provide an area for personal reflection and will be a place where students can observe the anniversary of the attacks. Benches in the garden also will create an outdoor teaching area for classes, she said.

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DTH/ALLISON MONEY

Colombian singer and dancer Toto la Momposina performs during the Putumayo World Music concert "Latinas: Women of Latin America" on Tuesday night in the Great Hall. Momposina and her band mix elements of African, Native American and Spanish traditions to form a Colombian Caribbean sound. The

event was part of the Carolina Union's Performing Arts series, which invites a diverse and eclectic group of artists to campus each year. Other performers for the 2004-05 school year include folk singer Joan Baez, gospel group Blind Boys of Alabama, the Peru Negro dance troupe and bluegrass legend Doc Watson, an N.C. native.

Veto barely upheld after fiery debate

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Student Congress failed to override an executive veto Tuesday night, instead opting to table indefinitely a bill that would have amended the Student Code to define negative campaigning during elections.

Though representatives voted 11-9 to overturn Student Body President Matt Calabria's Oct. 20 veto, they did not have the two-thirds majority required to reapprove the legislation.

Because parliamentary procedure restricts Congress members from debating vetoed legislation, representatives were unable to debate before voting.

Speaker Charlie Anderson said Congress members probably would have abstained from a debate anyway because the bill was discussed in depth during the chamber's initial vote.

"We've been discussing this for months and we've been debating it to death," he said.

Congress initially passed the bill Oct. 12 by a 13-5

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Careless acts led to mistake

Monday, we turned our mission of serving the public upside down.

One of the many decisions we made before sending Tuesday's paper to the printer was to place a page 3 photo taken at a drug and alcohol rehabilitation center. The photo was meant to complement a story about The Healing Place of Wake County, which strives to provide support for homeless men through a recovery program.

Instead of adding to the article, the photo, which depicts men working in a planning room, flagrantly violates the trust the



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paper aims to establish with sources and readers.

The three men, who chose to remain anonymous, stand in front of dry erase boards covered with the names of patients. And those names are not only visible — they're completely legible.

A series of irresponsible miscommunications and careless actions by editors led to our running a photo that identifies the very people that this clinic, which trusted us enough to permit a reporter and a photographer to tour its facilities and speak with patients, strives to protect.

Various editors checked the page, and each had the chance to take a closer look or to suggest a change. None did.

The names weren't clear in the computer program we use to edit pages. But it should have

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Ballantine rallies to close gubernatorial gap

BY ERIN GIBSON
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RALEIGH — Patrick Ballantine, the Republican Party candidate for governor and a self-proclaimed underdog, stopped by N.C. State University on Tuesday night to tell students why they should support him in this year's election.

Ballantine made his entrance through the back of the crowd, shaking hands with rally-goers before jumping up on a makeshift stage with his campaign banner draped behind him.

He tried to relate to the students by sharing a personal story about an NCSU basketball game from 1983. Ballantine, who was then a student at UNC-Chapel Hill, said he supported the Wolfpack and their coach, Jim Valvano, when they shocked Houston to win the national championship.

"We were so excited about the 'Pack. You were an underdog," he said. "Patrick Ballantine is an underdog."

He expressed his gratitude to the roughly 200 people who came out on a cold Tuesday night to hear a politician speak instead of watching the World Series.

"My man Trot (Nixon) is playing for the Red Sox tonight and y'all are here," he said — before adding with a laugh, "I know you will go back and watch it in a few minutes."

He told the students he would be there for them as governor like they were there for him Tuesday, and also promised to bring jobs to North Carolina for students graduating and moving into the state's work force.

The speech was mixed with some nega-



DTH/LAURA MORTON

Patrick Ballantine, the Republican candidate for governor, speaks to students after a Republican rally at North Carolina State University on Monday night.

tive talk about Gov. Mike Easley and the way he has campaigned against Ballantine, and also about what the former state senator would do differently if he were in office.

He told several stories about the people he's met while on the campaign trail, including a grandmother who was upset because her eighth-grade granddaughter cannot read and a twenty-something man he met at a court house who "couldn't spell a three-letter word."

He explained his Read to Succeed program, which would use a "big buddy" system of students, seniors and other volunteers to make sure children learn how to read while still in elementary school.

"It is sinful to push them up," he said. He also solicited help from ralliers by asking them to hang signs in their residence hall windows and to encourage their

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Easley holds major lead in cash race

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Gov. Mike Easley is not only beating challenger Patrick Ballantine in the polls but also has been able to out-finance his opponent at an incredible rate.

Easley, according to third-quarter campaign finance reports, raised a total of \$7.7 million throughout his bid for a second term.

Ballantine raised only \$4.2 million during the first three quarters of the race.

The reports also show that Easley has spent \$7.3 million to date, while Ballantine has used more than \$4 million.

Eric Fletcher, a press secretary in Easley's office, said the governor's re-election campaign has \$735,000 left to spend.

"Most of this money goes to media advertising, payrolls, get-out-the-vote operations, bumper

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