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Tuition hike lobbying hits Raleigh

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RALEIGH — UNC-system lobbyist Jay Robinson and student leaders from UNC and N.C. State University continued efforts Friday to lobby N.C. state legislators to avoid a major tuition increase for the UNC system.

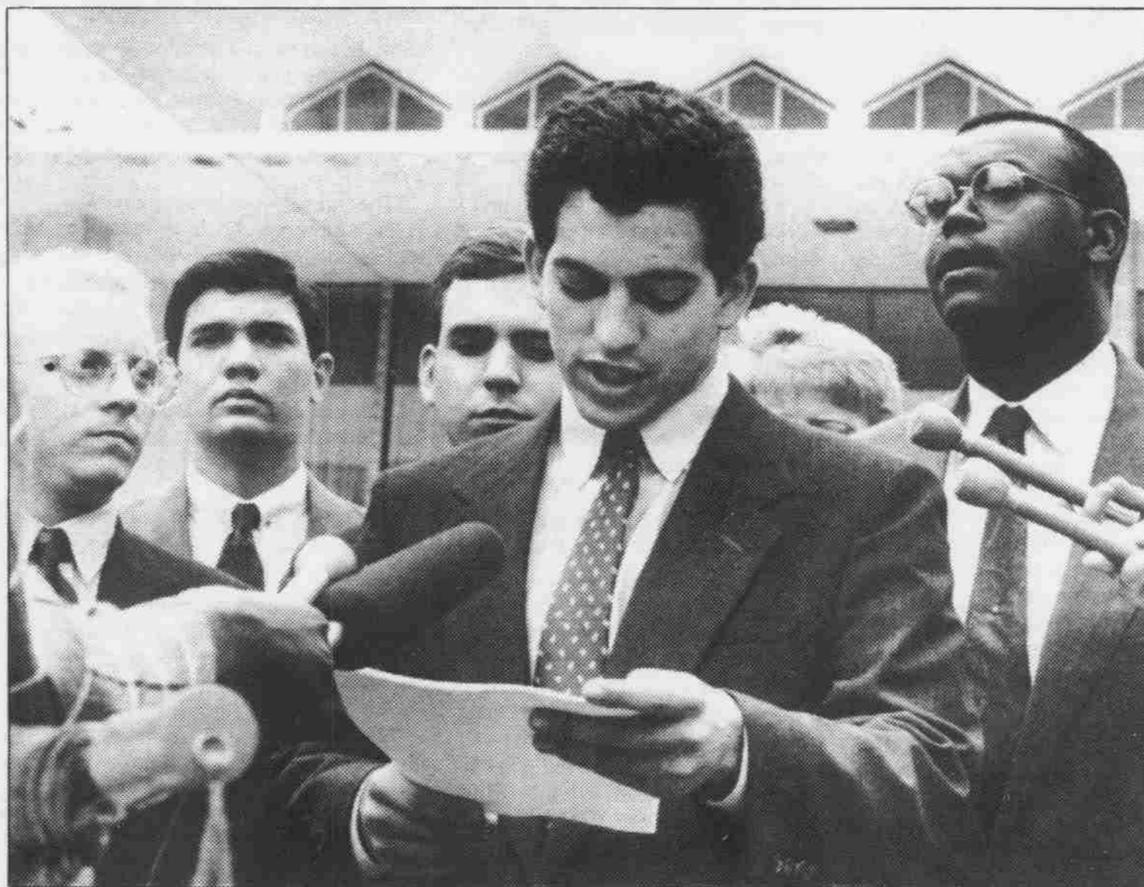
A Senate subcommittee last week proposed an 8.5 percent increase for in-state tuition and an 8.5 percent tuition increase for out-of-state students for each of the next two years. The House proposed a 20 percent increase for in-state students and a 15 percent out-of-state tuition increase.

Brien Lewis, student body presi-

dent, and speaker of congress Gene Davis held a press conference in front of the legislative building Friday along with Brian Nixon, student body president of N.C. State, and Brooks Raiford, president of NCSU's student senate.

The student leaders said they support the Board of Governors' proposed 8.5 out-of-state tuition increase for the next two years rather than the House or the Senate subcommittees' recommendations.

"Before we begin balancing the budget on the backs of North Carolina residents attending public universities, other sources of revenue



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UNC Student Body President Brien Lewis outlines student opposition to tuition increases Friday

Local author discusses controversial book

By JIM GREENHILL

Staff Writer

Local writer David Drake, co-author of Rep. Newt Gingrich's book "Window of Opportunity," told The Tar Heel in a June 8 telephone interview:

"It was a real deal that I went into with the intention of making a lot of money, and so far as I know, so did everybody else involved."

Gingrich, the minority whip and

second-ranking Republican in Congress, filed the complaint against former House Speaker Jim Wright, D-Texas, that led to Wright's May 31 resignation.

The deal surrounding the publication of the book is at the center of a House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct investigation into the finances of Gingrich, R-Ga.

Gingrich formed a limited part-

nership to finance the book and raised \$105,000 from 21 conservative supporters, according to a June 12 Time magazine report. The book sold 12,000 copies and investors turned their losses into tax write-offs, the magazine said.

"Newt did the original draft," Drake said. "He's a very hard worker. ... He would hammer out huge quantities of material, and I would hack it down to a reasonable size."

"One of my regular publishers was at a science fiction convention and heard Newt speaking on space policy and said 'There's a book in that man'," said Drake, who lives in the Rollingwood subdivision west of Carrboro.

The publisher, Jim Baen, approached Drake. "Jim was very high on the notion," said Drake, who usually writes fiction. Drake, a full-time writer since 1981, has lived in the Triangle area since 1967.

"It looked like it might be a fabulously successful thing," said Drake, who graduated from Duke Law School in 1972 after a tour of duty in Vietnam. "It was a gamble that didn't pay off."

Gingrich's wife, Marianne, administered the partnership and co-signed checks with Jim Baen, Drake said. "Marianne made ten grand off it and

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UNC student recounts China terror

By JIM GREENHILL

Staff Writer

Student leaders protesting in Beijing, China, were sought out and systematically executed, said junior Morehead Scholar Bowen Vanderberry, in a June 8 telephone interview with The Tar Heel from a Tokyo hotel.

"(The army) went into (Tiananmen) Square and over the loudspeaker asked to see the leaders that were there. They were just shot on sight," she said, recounting descriptions she heard of the military crackdown.

"I didn't see anybody killed," Vanderberry said, "(but) I saw enough to scare me half to death."

Vanderberry was traveling with Hope Carlson, also a junior Morehead Scholar. The two, who were

accompanied by two friends who are not students at the University, were in the third week of a four-week visit to China. The summer travel experience is part of the Morehead Scholarship program.

A third Morehead Scholar, Kirk Martsen, was concluding study in Beijing (see column, page 19).

"Even what we saw in Beijing was like the calm before the storm," Vanderberry said. "This is just the tip of the iceberg. I think there's a long way to go before this is over."

The Chinese government was embarrassed by the students' statue of a goddess of democracy and the widespread support of the people for the students' cause, she said. The government started a crackdown that got out of hand.

"The students played by the rules

when it first started," Vanderberry said. "When they started to go over the line, the government just freaked."

The Chinese that Vanderberry spoke with said they were scared. They also said they were upset that the four women were seeing their country in this condition. "(They were) appalled that it had come to this," she said.

She said the government crackdown on the students will be effective because, despite the size of the country, "it's hard to hide in China."

Everyone knows what everyone else is doing, she said. Many Chinese visitors to Vanderberry's hotel room would enter on a pretext when they were actually just watching her, she said.

The Chinese government is also helped by the poor communication

between different areas of the country, Vanderberry said.

The women first visited Tiananmen Square when they arrived in Beijing May 31, three days before the military began firing on the protesters.

"It was a beautiful night. It had just rained and it was clean. It was like a carnival just ending. We felt everything was just ending," Vanderberry said.

The next day, there were many television cameras and journalists and a lot of trash, Vanderberry said.

She walked around the square soaking up the atmosphere and taking pictures, including one of the statue students had fashioned that bore a striking resemblance to the Statue of Liberty.

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