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Education Tax credits now available to students

Staff Report

The Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 (TRA97) contains provisions for two new education tax credits, the Hope Scholarship and the Lifetime Learning Credit. The intent of these tax credits is to enhance educational opportunities by making higher education more affordable through tax benefits.

The Hope Scholarship applies to the first two years of college (or other eligible post-secondary training). Taxpayers will be eligible for a tax credit of \$1,500. The credit will be

available on a per-student basis for net tuition and fees paid for college enrollment after December 31, 1997. The credit will be phased out for joint filers between \$80,000 and \$100,000 of income, and for single filers between \$40,000 and \$50,000. The credit can be claimed in two taxable years with respect to any individual enrolled on at least a half-time basis for any portion of the year.

The Lifetime Learning Credit picks up where the Hope Scholarship leaves off. For those beyond the first two

years of college, or taking classes part-time to improve or upgrade their job skills, the family will receive a 20% tax credit for the first \$5,000 of tuition and fees through 2002, and for the first \$10,000 thereafter. The credit is available for net tuition and fees paid for post-secondary enrollment after June 30, 1998. The credit is available on a per-taxpayer (family) basis, and is phased out at the same income levels as the Hope Scholarship.

The following are some of the frequently asked questions about the Hope Scholarship

and the Lifetime Learning tax credits.

What is Form 1098-T (Tuition Payments Statement)?

Form 1098-T (Tuition Payments Statement) will be sent to students at UNCG who paid, or for whom a third party paid on their behalf, tuition and fees during the period of January 1, 1998 through December 31, 1998. This is the year in which the Internal Revenue Service had required that Form 1098-T (Tuition Payments Statement) be furnished to you.

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Let's take a break



Geoffrey Gartner/THE CAROLINIAN

A couple students take a much needed break in the atrium. The atrium provides a lot of students with a break from their hectic schedules. Not only can you grab a bite to eat or socialize, you can now check your e-mail or surf on the computers that are in the old smoking section of the atrium.

NASA invites mathematics professor to consult

Staff Report

Dr. David A. Ludwig, an associate professor of mathematical sciences at The University of North Carolina at Greensboro, was among 100 scientists recently invited by NASA to serve as consultants on artificial gravity.



Ludwig, a statistician, and the other scientists attended a workshop Jan. 14 and 15 in League City, Texas, near Johnson Space Center. The international group of consultants, who came from a variety of fields, reviewed current knowledge of artificial gravity and discussed what questions still need to be answered.

They also worked on a research and technology development plan for investigating the use of artificial gravity to counteract the possible effects of long-term space flight on humans.

NASA convened the scientists because the knowledge is necessary for any future mission to Mars, Ludwig said. Such a mission would require three years of round-trip travel.

"The human body is accustomed to Earth's gravity," Ludwig said. When the body is subjected to micro-gravity, commonly called weightlessness, it attempts to adapt. In adapting, the body's various systems become deconditioned to gravity, he said.

When a person re-enters a gravitational field, as would happen when traveling from space to the surface of Mars, it is unknown how the body will function, Ludwig said. On Mars, which has about 1/3 of Earth's gravity, the astronauts may not be able to function well enough to conduct their research.

"Then when they come home, have they deconditioned so much that they can't recover?" Ludwig asked.

During the workshop in Texas, the scientists discussed techniques that astronauts

could use during spaceflight to offset the effects of weightlessness. One proposed technique involves equipping spacecraft with small centrifuges that astronauts could use periodically throughout their flight to expose their bodies to gravity.

There are many advantages and disadvantages to such a technique, and more research is needed, Ludwig said. He is advising NASA on the types of experiments needed to answer these research questions.

Ludwig said that a mission to Mars is itself a long-term prospect, because the international space station is NASA's current priority. The space station may be useful as a test platform for techniques to counter micro-gravity, he said.

A UNCG faculty member since 1984, Ludwig has been studying the effects of micro-gravity on human physiological systems for 15 years. His research has been funded by grants from NASA and the Air Force Office of Scientific Research. He received his doctorate from Iowa State University.

SGA meeting tonight

Christopher J. Bushnell
Staff Writer

The Student Government will hold a meeting of the assembly tonight at 7pm on the third floor of the EUC in the Claxton room. According to

SGA president Jonathan Buford, all students are invited to attend the meeting. Buford said the SGA desires students to attend the meeting, and to express their thoughts on current SGA proposals. At tonight's meeting, the SGA

will consider resolutions that: seek to schedule the year 2000 spring break to fall in line with other area schools; enhance the student-advisor relationship; and encourage greater student awareness and involvement in elections.

Graduates told to be brave

Staff Reports

New graduates of The University of North Carolina at Greensboro were told during commencement ceremonies that they will need to be brave as they face their futures and that their college education has prepared them to do so.

"Your education asks you to look beyond yourself," said commencement speaker Dr. Hephzibah Roskelly, an associate professor of English at UNCG. "More than anything else, now that you are not entering freshmen or beginning graduate students, but departing graduates, your diploma should signal that you've learned the most important lesson an education can teach: to be brave."

Roskelly was the principal speaker at UNCG's December commencement, which drew an audience of approximately 5,000 at the Greensboro Coliseum on Friday, Dec. 18. A highlight of the program was the conferring of an honorary Doctor of Laws degree upon Charles A. Hayes, who is chairman and chief executive officer of Guilford Mills Inc. in Greensboro.

Roskelly took her address, titled "Lessons from the Cowardly Lion," from the movie "The Wizard of Oz." She gave the graduates a method for bravery in their own lives: from it, learn from others and understand their beliefs;

change your mind and change your action when experience dictates. "You may not ever, we pray, stand down a tank, or be spit on while you make your way from the back of the bus to the

front, or sit in prison to write poems about freedom," she said. "But your life — the prospect of your own infinite life, as Emerson says — will teach others the lessons this university experience has begun to teach you. "Once you know how to be brave, you also know many other things: how to be generous and tolerant, how to listen, how to love. Being brave means, after all, you've arrived to change the world."

Roskelly spoke to approximately 1,100 students who are candidates to receive degrees at UNCG during December's commencement. The degree candidates included over 700 undergraduates and approxi-

mately 350 graduate students. The latter figure included 31 students who were awarded doctoral degrees. Actual diplomas will be mailed to degree recipients in January.

Hayes, who received the honorary Doctor of Laws degree, is a former chair of the UNCG Board of Trustees and is a longtime supporter of the Greensboro campus. He is widely known for his civic leadership through the Greensboro community. The honor was conferred by UNCG Chancellor Patricia A. Sullivan.

As she opened her address, Roskelly recalled reading an article in the local paper five years ago in which incoming freshmen were reported as having smaller, scaled-down dreams for their future.

"Why would all those entering college students feel that way? Why would their hopes for the world be small rather

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Today is Groundhog Day!

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T (Tuition Payments Statement)?

The information of Form 1098-T (Tuition Payments Statement) will be prepared by UNCG based on information available in the Banner Student Information System.

Why did I receive Form 1098-T (Tuition Payments Statement)?

This form is being sent to all students taking credit courses at UNCG during 1998, regardless of whether they are eligible for a tax credit. Form 1098-T (Tuition Payments Statement) will be provided to assist in determining if you, or the person who may claim you as a dependent, are eligible to claim an income tax credit on your 1998 income tax return. UNCG is required to issue Form 1098-T by the IRS.

What is the Hope Scholarship Credit?

As of January 1, 1998, undergraduate students in their first two years of higher education who are enrolled at least half-time may be eligible for an income tax credit of up to \$1,500 for tuition and fees paid for the first two years of post-secondary education. If you may be claimed as a dependent, then the person providing your financial support may be eligible to claim the credit.

What is the Lifetime Learning Credit?

After July 1, 1998, all (i) part-time, (ii) full-time junior and senior undergraduate students, and (iii) graduate students may be eligible for an income tax credit of up to 20

percent of the first \$5,000 of tuition and fees paid. If the student may be claimed as a dependent, then the person providing the student's support may claim the credit.

If I receive Form 1098-T, does that mean I qualify for the Hope Scholarship or Lifetime Learning Credits?

No. UNCG is required to provide Form 1098-T to individuals for whom qualified tuition and fee payments were received during the calendar year. Eligibility to claim either the Hope Scholarship or Lifetime Learning Tax Credits are based on each individual's tax situation.

Is it possible to qualify for both the Hope Scholarship and Lifetime Learning Tax Credits, and if so, may I choose which one I would like to claim?

Yes. A student may qualify for both the Hope Scholarship and Lifetime Learning Tax Credits at the same time. However, the qualifying expenses are the basis for claiming either the Hope Scholarship or the Lifetime Learning Tax Credit, but not both. In general, students who qualify for both the Hope Scholarship and Lifetime Learning Tax Credits may find the Hope Scholarship Credit to be more beneficial. However, any decision (i) whether an individual qualifies for either credit, (ii) which credit may be more beneficial, is based on each individual's tax situation.

If I am a nonresident alien, will I receive a Form 1098-T?

A nonresident alien should

not receive Form 1098-T because a nonresident alien is not generally eligible to claim either the Hope Scholarship or Lifetime Learning Tax Credit. Certain nonresident aliens who are married to U.S. citizens or permanent resident aliens and who qualify to file a joint-income tax return, may, in some cases, qualify to claim the credits. Also, foreign students from Barbados, Hungary, and Jamaica, who qualify for and elect to be treated as resident aliens for U.S. tax purposes by virtue of an income tax treaty, may be eligible to claim the credits.

How do I determine which expenses will qualify for the Hope Scholarship and Lifetime Learning Tax Credits?

In an effort to provide you with information you may need to calculate eligible education tax credits, UNCG will enclose the Student Transaction Summary Report for 1998. The information provided on this statement is simply a record of the total payments received from you or on your behalf, as well as the total amount of certain expenses charged to your account at UNCG. Each individual must determine which, if any, of these amounts may be used in the calculation of the educational tax credits. Generally, only "qualified tuition and fees" are eligible. The term "qualified tuition and fees" means the amounts paid for tuition and fees required to be paid by an individual in order to be enrolled at or attend an eligible institution. Please note that any amounts paid for education with respect to sports, games, or hobbies will not generally be considered eligible unless a part of the Student's degree program.

Where can I get more information?

To determine whether you, or the person who may claim you as a dependent, are eligible to claim

either the Hope Scholarship Credit or the Lifetime Learning Credit, please contact a tax professional or refer to IRS Publication 970 (Tax Benefits for Higher Education). Also, you may contact the IRS through their taxpayer assistance number at (800) 829-1040 or the IRS website at www.irs.ustreas.gov.

Unfortunately, The University of North Carolina at Greensboro is not in the position to be able to provide you with tax advice or assistance in determining whether you are eligible to claim a credit or the amount of the credit. For

information and assistance in the preparation of your income tax return, please contact a tax professional or refer to IRS Publication 970.

What if the information reported on Form 1098-T is incorrect?

If you find that the name and/or social security number reported on Form 1098-T is incorrect, and/or if you have questions concerning either the Form 1098-T or the summary statement, please contact the University Controller's Office at (336) 334-5797. If you would prefer to send your questions via email, the address is 1098T@uncg.edu.

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Roskelly, from Pg 1

than large?" Roskelly asked. "There's a tone of resignation in that headline, a belief that problems are too big to solve, and people too little solve them. And underneath is fear."

"I'm here today to tell you that it's not enough," she said. "I'm here to tell you that your diploma — in art, business, music, health science and English — is asking more of you than to make it (in life)."

Roskelly said that the characters in the movie — the lion, Dorothy, the scarecrow and the tin man — went down the yellow brick road on a trip that was a process of education. They got beyond their fears of difference and change, Roskelly said, and found strength enough to trust. The lion, she said, embodied what they all needed to learn, and that was to be brave and face

their fears. She said that the students had either seen or studied figures who had embodied bravery over the years. She quoted Vaclav Havel, leader of the Czech Republic, who said, "We must discover within ourselves a deeper sense of responsibility toward the world." She also mentioned Frederick Douglass, who spoke out for freedom, and ex-slave Sojourner Truth, who spoke out for women's rights. All had to conquer their fears, she said.

"What does fear do?" said Roskelly. "Fear makes people judgmental. It makes them bullies, it makes them accept what's wrong to save face or to save their job. Fear keeps people apart, locked inside their homes and locked inside themselves. So bravery is your final lesson, just like the cowardly lion."

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Our Opinion

We at *The Carolinian* would like to take this opportunity to beg. Granted, begging is not dignified, but this university needs help. How? Involvement.

People on this campus are quick. Quick to class, quick to cram, quick to criticize. UNCG students are very opinionated. But can they put their money where their mouths are? We frequently overhear various students saying things along the line of "This paper is crap."

One student was even kind enough to leave a "critiqued" copy of the paper at our office; the issue was covered with derogatory remarks.

This staff appreciates criticism, but *constructive* criticism. The student body, and in some cases, faculty, is extremely quick to judge this paper, but no one volunteers to either help or join the staff. Just like anyone else, we don't like to be insulted. The staff

Do you have an opinion that just has to be heard?
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Opinions Section

Medical marijuana--leave users alone

Ben Pixley
Columnist

Imagine you are dying of a rare cancer. There are few things you can do to treat your cancer and prolong your life for your wife, son, or your baby daughter. However, there is medicine. This medicine will allow you to live. This medicine will allow you to see your children grow up. This medicine is...illegal. However without it, you will die. You hide your medicine in fear that you will be taken to jail, for trying to live. Then, with your help, a law is passed by the people and you no longer have to hide. Then, one day, police raid your house, take your medicine, and throw you in jail, knowing full well that within a few days, or even hours, that you might die. This could happen even though you were doing nothing wrong, and hurting no one.

This is not a fairy tale. This happens everyday in the good old U.S.A. This medicine is marijuana, and many people have to hide from the government. This "drug" has been prescribed to help different types of people. It has shown to help those suffering from depression. For some people, it helps stop nausea so they can take their medicine. For example, people suffering from AIDS or some form of cancer, have to take medicine that makes them so sick, they cannot keep it down. If you cannot keep your medicine down, it doesn't do any good. Marijuana helps that. It also helps patients in pain, without making them numb or unable to

creates this paper twice weekly *in addition* to maintaining steady course loads and often other jobs. If you think you are what this paper needs and you can help, get involved.

The Carolinian isn't the only organization with an involvement problem either. There are groups for every type of student at this campus. Most organizations on campus are willing to take on new members. Some clubs meet with only three people present, even though there are supposedly more members.

You can't be involved if you're not committed. If you feel you have something to contribute, do so. Join that organization you've been thinking about. If you do, both you and the organization will benefit. Who knows, maybe you're that breath of fresh air the group has been looking for.

Prove yourself and walk the walk.

Motivation is hard for students to grasp in Spring Semester

Jasmine Corbett
Opinions Editor

You're sitting in class trying to figure out if you were sleep, or did your mind just go blank. Then you realize, that you missed a entire transparency of notes, so you decide that you must have been asleep. You panic. Did anyone notice you were asleep? Did the professor make some joke about you while you drifted off? Then you curse yourself for taking this class, but then realize you needed the class for your major or University credit. No, it's not a recurring nightmare, nor is it something that you can escape from. Spring semester has started without a lot of us, including myself. I don't know what it is, but I am just not into this semester like I know I should be.

Normally, I am ready to come back to school after a long Christmas break with my family, but this time my parents had to make me come back. I wanted to see my friends and catch up on some gossip, but that is only thing that seemed even somewhat satisfactory.

For upperclassmen, the drill seems to be the same.

You get up, go to class, go get something to eat, and then go back to your room and try to do some homework. Unlike the freshmen, nothing even remotely exciting has happened to make us leave the comfort of our own room. Maybe it's the realization that this will all be over soon and UNCG will be nothing but a memory. The closer and closer you get to that graduation day, whether it's May or December, you find yourself less interested in your assignments and even your classes.

Speaking of classes, most of them are completely boring this year. I mean, did every professor go to a Ben Stein conference on how to appropriately ask did anyone know the answer to their questions?! Most of the people I have talked to find it harder and harder every morning to go to their classes and act as though they are paying attention. Professors are giving longer and more tedious lectures as we vigorously try to write down even something close to what they said, only to be tested later on something completely different. The madness has got to end. I can't take it and Spring hasn't even started yet. It is a shame that my friends and I find ourselves counting down everyday to Spring Break because we

know that we'll at least have a week off from the same old routine.

I have tired to pump myself up for this semester and just try to envision more happier times, but nothing has worked. I have tried to completely engross myself in my Anthropology and learn every little possible thing about the monkeys and the course of evolution, but it's still boring. I have tried to tell myself that I really need this last Communication class for my major, but it's still a struggle to get out of bed in the morning. And I'm not the only one that is having this much trouble finding their classes intriguing. One of my friends was asked by one of her professors why did she look so bored. Another one of my friends is finding it harder and harder to make it to her internship that she was once excited to have, but now the novelty has worn off.

My suggestions for those of you who may find yourself like me? All I can say is one, you're not alone. Two, Spring Break is only a couple of weeks away. Finally, if you are graduating within the next year, try to hold on because anything is better than repeating this process over again.

The answer to North Carolina's transportation problems: rapid transit

Associated Press

More asphalt is possibly not the answer to North Carolina's traffic problems, but the solution clearly won't come cheaply.

State transportation officials say their proposal to spend \$10.5 billion on rapid-transit might sound like a lot, but they have no choice.

"Anybody who has traveled ... on I-77 north of Charlotte will tell you they want answers now," Deputy Transportation Secretary David King said.

"We cannot pave our way out of our problems."

Urban leaders embrace big spending for transit. The Triangle Transit Authority, which serves Raleigh, Durham and Chapel Hill, is planning a regional train system. Greensboro is turning its downtown depot into a \$15 million transportation hub that will serve trains and buses.

In November, Charlotte-Mecklenburg voters agreed to pay an additional half-cent sales tax in exchange for the beginnings of a \$1 billion countywide transit system that eventually could run into neighboring counties.

"I grew up in a time when trains were the way you went from city to city," said Greensboro Mayor Carolyn Allen. "It was fun and exciting."

Nostalgia aside, state leaders now are lining up behind the idea.

Gov. Jim Hunt said he's already hearing complaints from businesses about traffic in Charlotte and the fast-growing Research Triangle. Rapid transit must succeed, Hunt says, if the state is to stay economically competitive with its neighbors and if the Southeast is going to continue to compete on a global stage.

The Transportation Department's plan calls for North Carolinians to change the way they think about travel, to recall the days before Interstate 85, Interstate 77 or any of the state's outer loops.

Hunt already has called on the DOT to get the Raleigh-to-Charlotte train trip, now about three-and-a-half to four hours, down to two hours.

The agency's new plan offers similarly ambitious goals:

— High-speed rail service from Raleigh to Columbia, S.C., and from Charlotte to the Greenville-Spartanburg, S.C., area and Atlanta.

— Regional rail lines that would connect southeastern North Carolina with the center of the state.

— Commuter rail services connecting Charlotte, Raleigh and Greensboro with their suburbs and neighboring cities such as High Point, Winston-Salem and Fayetteville. The plan also includes a commuter rail line linking Edenton, Elizabeth City and

Norfolk, Va.

All these train lines would connect with other alternative forms of transit, including city buses, bike paths, regional airports and, along the coast, boat docks and ports.

Conservative estimates say the statewide transportation plan will cost \$10.5 billion over the next two decades. Presently, the city, county, state and federal governments have budgeted about \$1.75 billion toward transit over the next 10 years. But both state and federal lawmakers say additional money will be hard to come by, especially this year.

"Somebody is going to have to step up to the plate," said Sen. Howard Lee, D-Orange. "Somebody is going to have to swing the bat if we're going to do this." Swinging the bat in this case means raising taxes, and no one seems ready to do that.

Just last week, Florida Gov. Jeb Bush killed plans for a high-speed rail project there. Taxpayers already had invested \$22.4 million in planning for the project, but Bush thought the final price tag of \$6.3 billion was simply too high.

"We have to be good stewards of the taxpayers' money," Gov. Bush said.

You have to wonder if \$10.5 billion for a North Carolina rail system is simply too much.

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Clarinet and flute recital wonderful success

Jennifer Osborne
Senior Writer

Appreciates of well crafted music gathered in the Hart Recital Hall on Tuesday, January 26 to hear the fourth installment of the Wade R. Brown Recital series.

The program, which began at 7:30 PM, was opened by Kelly Burke (clarinet) and Arthur Tollefson (piano). The

two performed Alec Wilder's "Sonata."

Wilder, who has composed for movies, musicals and solo artists, has worked in the genres of jazz and pop, as well as the neo-classical area. Described by Tollefson as "a largely self-taught" musician, Wilder received only two years of formal music instruction. Particularly memorable from

the "Sonata" was its third movement, Grazioso, which tossed the same melody between piano and clarinet in a game of musical tag, highlighting not only the composer's talent, but the performer's as well. Deborah Egekvis (flute) and Andrew Willis (piano) were second to take the stage, with Robert Muczynski's "Sonata" - a

piece noted for its unusually intense flute performance.

Egekvis commented on the joys of leaving the realms of which flute is traditionally subscribed to, and did just that with great skill and abundant talent.

"Au Clair de la Lune" was the third piece of the night, performed, once again, by Burke and Tollefson. Composed in 1900 by French Republican

Guard member Paul Jeanjean, it is a lighthearted, if not comedic, work full of technical nuance and aptly subtitled "Variations acrobatiques et symphoniques." It proved to be a favorite of the audience, Burke and Tollefson taking the stage twice after their initial departure to continuing waves of applause.

The evening concluded with

"Three American Pieces" by Lucas Foss, performed by Egekvis and Willis. Originally composed for violin and piano, the work hints at somewhat southern sounds and folk melodies.

Once again, the crowd responded with great enthusiasm, the pair receiving three rounds of the audience's unabashed approval.

"Playboy.." no bunnies but good humor

Staff Report

The comic, romantic "Playboy of the Western World" will be performed Wednesday through Sunday, Feb. 17-21, at The University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Written by J.M. Synge, the play is considered the seminal success story of modern Irish theater. Curtain times in Taylor Theater will be at 8 p.m. except for a 2 p.m. Sunday matinee. Tickets cost \$11 for adults, \$9 for seniors and children and \$5 for students. They can be ordered through the University Box Office and Arts Information Center (336-334-4849) with locations in Elliott University Center and Taylor Building lobby. Hours are weekdays from noon-5 p.m.

Directing the play will be Alan Cook, a professor in the UNCG Department of Broadcasting, Cinema and Theatre. "Playboy of the Western World" doesn't categorize easily," Cook said. "It has romantic, folk and even tragic aspects. And it is certainly comic, its comedic elements firmly rooted in irony, satire and character."



"Playboy" tells the story of a stranger, Christy Mahon, who arrives in an Irish pub and tells a tale that scandalizes and fascinates the locals. The young, shy man captivates the local women, and he is transformed into the playboy of the western world, both a hero and a heartthrob.

"The story is charged with exciting situations and characters and the dialogue is luxuriously poetic," Cook said. "Though set in a remote patch of land on the west coast of Ireland, the play's theme is universal. In our all too human yearn for fantasies to deny impoverished life, we seem

strangely attracted to the most illicit and dangerous. Criminal behavior compels our attention; angelic behavior is sent to the supplement pages of the paper. This play explores this

propensity with passion and humor."

UNCG student actors in the cast include sophomore Josh Tyson of Greenville as Christy and graduate student Angela Childree of Enterprise, Ala., as Pegeen.

Solo concert to go abroad

Staff Reports

The Department of Dance at The University of North Carolina at Greensboro will present a "Retrospective Solo Concert" by faculty artist Eluza Maria Santos Thursday through Saturday, Feb. 18-20. Performances will begin at 8 p.m. in the UNCG Dance Theatre located in the Rosenthal Gymnasium area of the School of Health and Human Performance Building. The entrance is on Walker Ave. Tickets cost \$10 for general admission, \$7 for seniors and students and \$3 for UNCG students. They are available through the University Box Office and Arts Information Center (336-334-4849) with locations in Elliott University Center and Taylor Building lobby. Hours are weekdays from noon-5 p.m.

All dances will be performed by Santos, whose choreography, musical taste,

rhythm and style are inspired by and reflect her Brazilian heritage.

The concert will feature five dances created by Santos since joining the dance faculty at UNCG in 1996 and will include two new dances.

The spiritually introspective "Panis Angelicus" is set to a recording of Brazilian vocalist Milton Nascimento and the boy's choir of the state of Minas Gerais.

"Noble Vagabond" is a playful piece that blends western modern dance with Brazilian movement.

Also in the program will be "Bambole" and "My (little) Dance of Strength," which Santos recently performed with the North Carolina Dance Festival. She will also perform "Black Beans and White Rice," which she has been invited to perform at an international dance conference to be held at the University of Cape Town, South Africa, in July.



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Aries: A Mercury-Pluto tie on the 1st may give you the solution you've been looking for in a long-term matter, but the surprises are only beginning. When the Sun conjuncts to Uranus, anything can happen, from a long-lost friend at your door to computer glitches. Remember that inspiration emerges from the most chaotic situations.

Taurus: Links between the Sun, Mercury and Uranus from the 1st - 4th place you front and center and it is likely you will have to change some current conditions to suit the masses. The Moon in Virgo on the 3rd help you to express yourself effectively; an open mind is the key to getting information from unknown sources. Don't play up to a friend's pity party - they want validation for bad behavior.

Gemini: Surprises are in order as the Sun, Mercury, and Uranus hover closely together through the 4th. Just about everyone you come into contact with will have off the wall opinions; if you don't let the Virgo Moon drive you crazy worrying about all of them, you can have a laugh! However, on the 5th, Venus square Pluto in your solar 5th house give tense relations with a partner, so be more passive.

Cancer: The Moon in your solar 3rd house along with a Sun-Uranus conjunction warn against hasty words, yours or listening to someone else's. Make sure your answering service is working so you don't miss an important message under the 4th's Sun-Mercury link. Take a friend's problems and turn them upside down as the Scorpio Moon brings out the daredevil in you on the 6th and 7th.

Leo: The Sun, Mercury, and Uranus in your solar partnership house could bring some strange people into your life. If involved, your partner may display behavior you'd never dream of, let alone hope to see! If it's not working for you, it's a good bet that it will end this week. Conversely, if the relationship is solid, you could take it to a higher level. Guard finances on the 5th under the Venus-Pluto clash.

Virgo: The Moon in Virgo helps you deal with the Sun-Uranus-Mercury triple threat that looms over your employment and health from the 1st - 4th. Charisma may be the key to overcoming the computer glitches, fatigue, and uncooperative people in your life at this time. Success surrounds your finances on the 5th but the Venus-Pluto collision may make you wonder if it's really worth the stress. Don't give up!

Libra: The unexpected

reigns supreme with the Sun, Mercury, and Uranus conjunct from the 1st - 4th. If the Virgo Moon on the 1st makes you feel unequal to a particular love interest, understand the past actions surrounding these feelings because they are the true cause. By the 4th's Libra Moon, you're back and ready to communicate your ideas, so let your legendary charm take over and not your ego drives.

Scorpio: Resist the inclination to extend yourself to a friend in need on the 1st; an overnight flop on the couch could become months of inconvenience. Network with people in your professional field as the Sun conjuncts Mercury on the 4th and you can build up relationships that will help in the long run. With the Venus-Pluto square on the 5th, all bets are off in financial matters if you let your emotions rule you.

Sagittarius: February begins on a high note as the Sun-Uranus conjunction makes electricity bounce off your every word. A jealous associate may see you as trouble when Mercury and Uranus align on the 2nd, but you can simply laugh at them! The only real concern to worry about is car, appliance, or computer problems, so get these checked out in advance. On the 5th, smooth over any problems at home.

Capricorn: Up and downs abound in February's Sun-Mercury-Uranus explosion from the 1st - 4th. Just as one ideal property or money deal is presented, a falling out with some back-stabber tests your Capricorn stability. But Venus' intense tie with Pluto on the 5th will have an unusual effect on you as a casual conversation realigns your thinking. So subtle will be the cause, but the effect will rock!

Aquarius: With the Moon in your solar 8th house and the Sun-Uranus conjunction on the 1st, overload could make a partner in joint finances make foolish decisions. Don't rely on anyone but yourself to handle the small details. As you fret during the 2nd, an old friend may show up to help smooth things over. Hang out together under the Libra Moon on the 4th and understand that problems will work themselves out.

Pisces: You may not want to trust your emotions with anyone else this week as the Moon enters your solar house of rivals and the Sun-Mercury-Uranus combo on the 1st and 2nd make you choose your friends wisely. You may be overreacting, but your individualism dominates enough to be safe than sorry, especially on the 5th. Extend your leisure activities through the weekend to recover from the drama!

The "human cannonball" dies

Associated Press

Mario Zacchini, the "human cannonball" who entertained circus-goers for decades, has died of natural causes at age 87.

His death Thursday at St. Joseph's Hospital marked the end of an era. He was the oldest member of a Tampa circus family, the last of seven brothers, five of whom were known as human cannonballs.

Zacchini died of kidney failure, said Lydia Zacchini, his wife of nearly 59 years.

In their heyday in the 1920s, '30s and '40s, the Zacchini brothers wowed crowds as they catapulted out of cannons at speeds up to 90 mph, flying over Ferris wheels.

They performed at world fairs, circuses and carnivals in the United States and abroad.

Eight years ago, the family was inducted into Ringling

Brothers and Barnum & Bailey's Circus Ring of Fame in Sarasota.

Their father, Ildebrando, who started as a circus clown, suggested the human cannonball act in the 1920s in Italy. The brothers built a cannon and work began.

In 1929, while in Denmark traveling with their father's circus, the Zacchini Brothers Circus, John Ringling hired one brother to work in Florida. Within a few years, the others joined him.

In 1939, the family moved to Tampa.

In recent years, Mario dressed as a clown to entertain children at hospitals, his widow said.

"He was a fun guy. He loved everybody," she said. "He loved to entertain, to make people laugh."

Services were scheduled to be held Tuesday.

A time of retrospection befalls UNCG Athletics

Ben Ledbetter
Sports Editor

The baseball team finally comes home Friday February 12. They have not been on a long trip or anything, but they finally have a space to call their own. For many years the games have been played in historic War Memorial Stadium, forcing anyone who wanted to attend to make the drive down Lee St. This was a factor that figured into many students' decisions on attending a game.

Now with a diamond on campus students and anyone else attending will have a walk or at worse a short drive to campus. The new stadium also has a central location, the UNCG campus, as a landmark thus making it easier to find.

But will the new stadium erase student apathy towards the athletic program? Or does this change anything at all? On one hand it presents a milestone, something which students have responded favorably to.

Take the January 12th basketball game against Davidson: about 1,300 people packed the 2,000 seat Fleming Gym to watch the upset victory over Davidson. Another near capacity turnout crowded into Fleming to watch the televised showdown with East Tennessee State. The game was seen on Fox Sports South which had 700,000 people across the

Southeast.
Do these two examples set

ball?
Consider this: an athletic pro-

gram jumps to a competitive conference after a handful of years in a previous one.

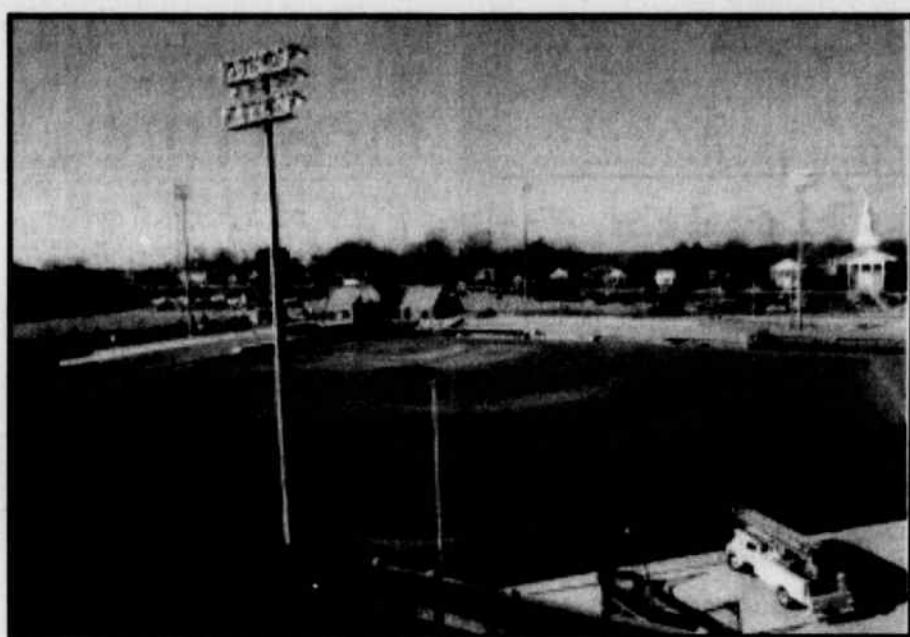
Many assumptions made about the athletic program have been made without considering where it has come from and the time it has taken to make that progress.

Most of the student population considers the athletic program to be in disrepute without considering the positives. The Women's Basketball team, constantly a dominant power in the Big South, won the league title in their debut year in the Southern Conference. This also gave the Spartans a birth in the field of 64 and fuel a league title this year

which is a high possibility.

The wrestling team, barely ten years old, has sent representatives to the NCAA 's the past two years and is the defending regular season champion.

A traditional powerhouse in the lower two divisions, the Mens and Women's soccer teams have consistently went to postseason play, with the men's team going to the second round of the NCAA's this past year. Both soccer teams won league titles the past season and the women were ranked 24th nationally. With these years of growth and recent prosperity, a new athletic logo will be revealed at the February 12th stadium dedication. The new logo will serve as a reminder of what the program has been through and the years that lie ahead for athletics at UNCG.



a strong precedent or will the stadium become merely a pragmatic structure solely for the purpose of playing base-

gram jumps from Division III to Division I in about ten years. A school hosts an NCAA championship event two years

Sports briefs: Student discount at sugar mountain, February intramurals begin

Staff Reports

STUDENT DISCOUNTS: Sugar Mountain Ski Area is offering mid-week discounts for students. The discounts are good for day skiing Monday-Thursday and night skiing Sunday-Thursday.

With the discount, day tickets are \$24, 1/2 day and night tickets are \$15 dollars. To redeem the discount just present a valid student I.D. at the ticket window. The offer is good until February 11. For more information call Sugar Mountain at 704-898-4521.

CAT'S UPSET SPARTANS: Western Carolina upset UNCG 75-63 in Cullowhee last Saturday. The Spartans trailed most of the

game, but slashed the lead to three at the half. WCU extended the lead to 16 with six and a half minutes remaining. Katie Delcampo closed the lead to seven with a 3-pointer with just under four minutes remaining.

The Cats hit 6-7 to hand the Spartans their first loss to WCU in 9 attempts. Melinda Goodson led the Spartans with 20 points, while Brianne Dodgen chipped in 12, and Delcampo 11.

FEBRUARY INTRAMURALS: Softball signups begin February 15 and run through March 10. Indoor Soccer signups open February 22 Signups for Kickball are open to February 15. Raquetball signups run

until February 17.

MEN'S TEAM FALLS: UNCG lost 70-55 to Chattanooga last Saturday in Fleming Gym. Nathan Jameson led the Spartans with 16 points, while Courteney Eldridge and Aaron Chavis chipped in 11 and 10 respectively.

Sam Brinson pulled down a team leading 12 rebounds. UNCG(5-15, 3-7) has a couple of tough road games starting next weekend as the Spartans travel to Davidson and East Tennessee State.

WRESTLING ACTION: UNCG lost a match to Appalachian State 36-11 last Thursday in Boone. UNCG falls to 3-2 overall and 1-1 in the Southern Conference.

Chicago citizens rocked by the breakup of bulls

Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP)-Trading Scottie Pippen to Houston for Roy Rogers and a second-round pick didn't really shake up this town until people found out who wasn't part of the deal:

Trigger. "Good deal for Scottie," said Bob, calling a local sports-talk show from his car Thursday. "Bad deal for the rest of us."

"Anything else you want to get off your chest?" the show's host asked. "Yeah," Bob said, warming to the task, "I'd like to see Jerry Krause ..."

Decorum prevents us from repeating his plans for the Bulls' general manager. Suffice it to say, though, that if Krause were stuck somewhere in a snowbank, instead of reaching for a shovel, most Chicagoans would drop to their knees and pray for freezing rain.

The "running off the Bulls" is almost complete. Michael Jordan's departure last week set the process in motion, but the breakup of one of the NBA's greatest dynasties didn't become official until Thursday. And the moment it did, Bulls fans resigned themselves to the same fate as those of the NBA's last great dynasty, the Boston Celtics.

In 1970, after Bill Russell retired as player-coach and Sam Jones followed him to the sideline, the Celtics became the first defending champions to finish under .500 the next season and fail to make the playoffs. The only way the Bulls won't claim the same distinction is if commissioner David Stern takes pity on the franchise and drops it down into the CBA.

As it turns out, Trigger

might not have been such a bad acquisition. On Day 1 of the post-Jordan era, only six of the 15 two-legged athletes who turned up on the practice court had signed contracts. That left new coach Tim Floyd with a lose-lose proposition: Either watch a few hours of 3-on-3 pickup basketball from the sideline with the rest of his unsigned crew, or cancel practice.

He chose the latter, then practiced putting the best face on things, a skill that will come in handy as the season goes on.

"We didn't get anybody hurt," Floyd said.

Meanwhile, serious contenders for the Bulls' throne, such as the Pacers and Knicks, were making smooth segues from informal, but well-attended workouts to real practices, or else bringing impact players on board. Granted, Latrell Sprewell's impact on the Knicks may not be entirely positive. But right about now, Dennis Rodman in a dress would be a welcome sight in Chicago — not to mention a familiar one.

Last week, before who-was-headed-where was speculation and not accounting, Floyd could afford to joke about what the Bulls lineup would look like and how he would coach during the team's opening exhibition game against Indiana.

"I think everybody can envision the days of playing sandlot football and drawing plays in the dirt," he said. "We could actually be moving Gatorade bottles around the sideline for the game Sunday."

Unfortunately, Floyd has more immediate concerns than drawing up plays for

Sunday. He's got to find stand-ins for the sports drinks in time for a Friday night

scrimmage at the United Center that the Bulls promised to open to the public.

Fans, even those who didn't shell out a dime, won't be any more thrilled by a 3-on-3 than Floyd will.

"We'll be ready to go," Floyd vowed, throwing a scare into assistant coach Bill Cartwright, who is 40-something and hasn't seen action in three years. "Even if Cartwright has to, we will."

This thing could turn out to be even worse than it looks at the moment. The year the Celtics made their precipitous drop, they returned seven players, including stars John Havlicek and Bailey Howell. The Bulls now have five players from last season's team under contract for this one — Toni Kukoc, Ron Harper, Randy Brown, Bill Wennington and Keith Booth — and they added Curtis Staples from Virginia on Thursday.

One big indicator of how little confidence everybody else has in the Bulls came from NBC. The network said that the Bulls, mainstays of its televised diet of NBA games when Jordan was around, would not be appearing on even one national telecast. Ditto for cable partners TNT and TBS.

At the end of his first day, Floyd returned to his office and probably should have turned out the lights and pressed a cold compress to his forehead. Instead, he picked up the telephone and agreed to take one more question on what lies ahead.

"If I had to limit it to one word," Floyd said, "that would be patience."

He'll be lucky if that's the word Bulls fans use.

Bubba's column will return this Thursday in The Carolinian.

Say uncle!!!



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The wrestling team won their first Southern Conference match this season against the Citadel. Today the team will travel to Durham to go up against the Duke Blue Devils at 8:00PM.

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