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Cancer victim receives degree

■ A graduate student who died weeks before graduation is remembered with a posthumous diploma and a scholarship fund.

By Josee Daoust

Only a select number of people receive graduate degrees from the N.C. State University School Design. On May 13, one of its best students. Robert Chase, was awarded posthumously a master of architecture degree. Chase was only five weeks short of earning his degree when he died April 4. He died of lung cancer, although friends said the was a very active, normally healthy non-smoker.

Thomas Chase accepted the

smoker.

Thomas Chase accepted the degree for his son at the School of Design's commencement ceremony.

"It was a very fine gesture on the part of the design school to recognize Bob in this way, and the family is extremely grateful for it,"
Thomas Chase said.

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Chase's professors suggested that the degree be awarded posthumously. The graduate school administrative board made the final decision. Christos Soccopoulos, head of the architecture department, approached Thomas Chase shortly after Bob Chase died. Chase's graduate committee made the formal request to the graduate school administrative board that Chase recieve the degree.

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New alumnus Betsy McLean gets a giff from her grandaughter (left). Some of the cast of thousands gathered to walk their final steps as N.C. State students (10p.). For some, graduation is a regressive, not progressive, event (above).

May ceremony graduates 2,941

E. Gordon Gee commends stamina of the Class of 1995.

By Josee Daoust

Balloons, beach balls and bubbles abounded as 2,941 "foot soldiers" of a new American revolution graduated May 13 at Carter-Finley Stadium.

E. Gordon Gee, president of Ohio State University, told the graduates not to focus only on the short term goals their degrees

1995 NCSU Valedictorians

- Linda Joanne Abel, animal science,
- Morrisville, N.C. Edgar Garcia Estupinan, chemistry,
- Cheryl Lynn Gaither, food science,

- Arden, N.C.

 Heather Kristin Harmon, biological sciences, Sugar Grove, N.C.

 Steven Gerald Humphrey, chemical engineering and multidisciplinary studies, Fayetteville, N.C.

- Robert Eric Kyles, textile

- Raleigh, N.C.

 Kristin Marie Marshall, zoology Raleigh, N.C.
 Amy Loise Patterson, sociology/criminal justice, Wadeshoro, N.C.
- Grant Morey Stevens, physics and mathematics, Grafton, Wisconsin

determine what kind of nation we are to be," he said. "It is a crisis of character, a revolution of spirit. And the foot soldiers are you, the

Although he was not the university's first choice, he was happy to be at commencement, he

"The really big question of this day is 'How did we get stuck with this university professor in a bow tie for our commencement speaker?"," he said.

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College costs could increase

■ A proposed tuition surcharge has students from NCSU and other schools up in arms.

By RON BATCHO

In recent years, students have been accused of not caring about what goes on around them. Almost as if a plague of apathy spread across N.C. State and other universities in the state like a

"They are placing money before the education of young adults.

-Shawna McCaden, president, N. C. Black Student Government Association

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One issue, however, has cured hundreds of students of the disease — money.

The North Carolina state House and Senate each passed a bill requiring a 25 percent surcharge for students taking more than four years to graduate in 1994. The bill exempts hours taken in summer school, but does not take multiple degrees or the cooperative education program into consideration.

Some NCSU students, including then-Student Senate President Megan Jones, lobbied representatives at the legislature building in downtown Raleigh to repeal the bill.

After repealed. But it has not been repealed. But it has not been repealed. But it has not been inforced either. On May 4, hundreds of students from universities across the state spoke outside the legislative building for an hour. The rally attracted the attention of N.C. Senate speaker pro tem Marc Basnight and local media.

Several student body presidents, including NCSU's SBP John OQuinn, concerned parents and professors spoke about the quality of education.

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"It seems to really have gotten the Governor's attention," he said.

UNC-Chapel Hill, UNC-Simington and other schools held protests on their campuses April 19 to fight cuts the General Assembly wants to make in UNC system budget.

A petition signed by hundreds of NCSU students fighting the fee increase was delivered to the Speaker of the House in April.

In April, former faculty members joined the fight NCSU's Association of Retired Faculty sent a statement to members of the General Assembly that explained why the cuts were bad for the state. They have no idea of what the medium- and long-term impact is actually going to be on this state, said J. Lawrence Apple, president of the association.

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On March 1, more than 100 sudents from several universities held a press conference in front of the Legislative Building. Top student leaders from NCSU, N.C.

A&T, Appalachian State University and Fayetteville State University and Fayetteville State University and Fayetteville State University.

Hunt finds money for graduate students

Governor Hunt proposes to add supplemental funds to his original budget for the UNC system. If passed, much of the money would benefit grad students.

By Jean Lorscheider

The proposed cuts to the University of North Carolina System budget may be less painful. thanks to some recent political maneuvering by Governor James

System budget may be less paintul, thanks to some recent political maneuvering by Governor James Hunt.

Hunt recommended earlier this month at a press conference with UNC President C.D. Spangler that S35 million in state revenues be invested in the UNC System. Over 1515 million of the revenues would be earmarked for graduate students. "Now we have more money," Hunt said at the May 11 press conference. "We didn't see this six months ago. I think Ithe UNC System! is where it should go."

Hunt said at the may large the submitted his bremial budget to the could not be foreseen when he submitted his bremial budget to the General Assembly in February. The new-found money will supplement its original budget, which calls for a 1.5 percent decrease in spending and \$78 million in expansion.

The General Assembly has yet to finalize a new budget, which will go into effect July 1.

Graduate students will benefit from Hunt's proposed budget by receiving tuition remissions and

health insurance if they are teaching or research assistants.

Hunt's recommendations include a 50 percent increase in tuition remission to offset the cost of out-of-state tuition for graduate students throughout the UNC system. If the \$7.5 million is set aside, 1,000 more graduate students could be added to the 1,900 who already receive tuition remissions. eive tuition remissions

receive tuition remissions. Hunt also recommended that \$1.2 million be budgeted for tuition remissions specifically for UNC-Chapel Hill and NCSU graduate students, so that students who now get remissions may continue to pay current in-state rates. He also called for \$6.7 million to be set aside for major medical insurance for teaching and research assistants. The governor's other budget recommendations include:

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 \$12.1 million to be used to

Academic enhancement —
 \$12.1 million to be used for equipment, materials and expanded teaching facilities, as well as pay increases for faculty.
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technology and applications.

Nonresident tuition increases at North Carolina School of the Ars — \$.5 million will be set aside to dealy tuition increases for out-of-state students at the school.

Under Hunt's plan, another \$3.7 million will come from phasing out

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Is that Argon/Disilane gas I smell?



An Argon/Dislane gas mixture caused a small fire on Centennial campus last week in a Solid State Electronics laboratory. A technicion using the gas line was not informed that a maintenance crew was working on the line at the time. Since there was not pressure in the line, the gas mixture ignited and flarmes shot out of the open line in the laboratory. Officials confirmed that the laboratory.
Officials confirmed that
there was no threat to
students or employees in the
building, and that there was
no damage due to the fire.

- Scott Reaves.



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Tournament 16-7,
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from the tourney.

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Wolfpack Notes

Benjamin out indefinitely

Ishua Benjamin, a rising sophomore on the N.C. State men's

moethinety finishad by Coach Les Robinson.
Benjamin is not in violation of NCAA. ACC or team rules. But Robinson said the decision is in Benjamin's best interest.
"Ishua did not take his academic responsibilities seriously and did not work to his potential this past year." Robinson said in a statement. "He understands why this suspension is necessary. Ishua's performance in the classroom will determine when he begins play."

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Benjamin, who started all 27 games for the Wolfpack and was selected to the ACC's all-freshmen team, said he has learned his

Golf team makes it to nationals

N.C. State's golf team finished third in the NCAA East Regional in New Haven, Conn. Sunday after it was in 12th place after the first round.

was the fetti prace are round.

State shot an 872, three shots behind second-place. North Carolina and 15 shots behind first-place Clemson. The top 11 teams from the regional qualified for the NCAA Championships.

Wake Forest, Florida State and Georgia Tech also made the cut, giving the conference six teams in the schemingthin.

Sergio, Ellison make first team

Four N.C. State baseball players made the ACC's all-conference team, which was announced Saturday. Second baseman Tom Sergio and outfielder Tony Ellison made the first team, while catcher Robby Lasater and outfielder Jake Weber made the second.

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Clemson shortstop Seth Brizek attempts the double play. The Tigers were successful on two other double play attempts in their 16-7 win over the Pack

Tigers end Pack's run at tournament

■ With its 16-7 loss to Clemson on Saturday, N.C. State's baseball team was sent packing from the ACC Tournament. Monday, the Wolfpack missed its first NCAA Tournament since 1989.

GREENVILLE, S.C. — At Greenville Municipal Stadium, there is a 10-foot likeness of the Marlboro Man, which towers over the left-center field fence.

Last weekend at the ACC Tournament, every time NC. State pitchers issued another walk, one got the feeling the cigarette icon needed to light up another but.

The Wolfpack was sent home by Clemson 16-7 on Saturday in the double-elimination tournament. In the game, six State pitchers combined for 12 walks and no strikeouts.

The Pack's first loss was a 12-6 defeat to Florida State, where State walked a season-high and tournament-record 15 batters. In the two losses, 12 of the 27 batters who reached two losses, 12 of the 27 batters who reached base on a walk scored.

"Winning the ACC tournament is harder than winning a regional," State coach Ray Tanner said, "This is a marquee tournament well respected around the country. My team has done good things lately."
With wins over Georgia Tech and Wake Forest, State ended its season with a 36-24 which will be season marks the first time in six years the Wolfpack failed to win 40 games or receive an NCAA Tournament berth.

"I think there are six tournament type teams in our conference," Clernson coach Jack Leggett said after Saturday's game. "[State] is an NCAA tournament type team."

Florida State defeated Clemson 8-2 on

Weak finishes finish Wolfpack

■ N.C. State could have made the NCAA Tournament this season, but losses to marginal teams and giving up big leads kept the Wolfpack out.

For the first time in six years, N.C. State (36-24) will be staying home after the ACC Tournament instead of traveling to an NCAA

Why?
First, let's go over what the
Wolfpack did
right.
State kept its
composure,
going 3-3 on an early season road
trip, including a trip to the
Metrodome, where the Pack took
on a ranked Minnesota squad. Then
it won an impressive 21 of 24
games, including sweeps of George

Washington, Maryland and Yale.

After playing streaky ball through
the middle of the season, the
Wolfpack swept arch-rival and
eventual tournament selection
North Carolina, including a
comeback win in the final game of
the series. The State won two of
three in Wake Forest.

But anymith these most costs.

three in Wake Forest.

But even with those good spots, the Wolfpack needed to win the ACC Tournament last weekend to receive a tournament berth. The Pack showed heart, defeating Georgia Tech, which had swept State the weekend earlier, in extra innings.

innings.
"I feel that we deserve a bid,"
State coach Ray Tanner said after
the Pack was one of four teams left
in the tournament. "We beat Wake
Forest three out of four times, we
beat North Carolina all three times,
and we just beat Georgia Tech.

"I'm not on the selection

committee, and I wouldn't secondguess any decision that they would
make. But if the ACC is the
strongest conference in the country,
then I feel that five teams should
come out of the ACC. All we can
do is come out tomorrow and make
a louder statement."

But State was trounced by
Clemson 16-7 on Saturday, giving
up eight runs in the sixth inning to
end its season.
Here's why the Wolfpack didn't
make the tournament:

Non-conference losses to
marginal teams like The Citadel,
Cincinnat, UNC-Greensboro,
Coastal Carolina, Old Dominion,
Richmond, UNC-Wilmington and
East Carolina.



Andy Barkett (17) welcomes Stephen Wolff (13) into the Pack's home run club. Barkett had two two-home run games last week



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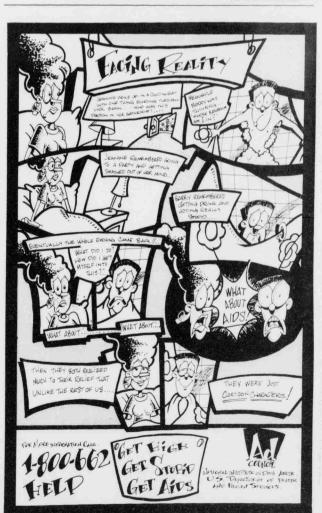
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Seminotes received the conference's automatic bid. They will be joined by Clemson, Georgia Tech and North Carolina in the 48-team field.

team field.

Against Clemson, freshman starter Kurf Blackmon allowed only three runs on three hits and three walks through five immigs. Then he look the mound in the top of the sixth with a 43-lier. The Figers' all-ACC first baseman David Miller lead off the inning with a single to center. Gary Burnham doubled him home and took third on an error.



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"I didn't think about it while I was at the plate. I just wanted to help the team win."

> - Tony Ellison. N.C. State player

Then Blackmon gave up another two hits, a walk and four more runs before he was relieved by Mike Cronemeyer. Blackmon (4-3) got the loss. Clemson sent 13 batters to the plate in the eight-run inning.

Tigers, 11-4. State's season was all but over.

"It's tough for a freshman in a big ACC game," Burnham said, "and rumor was they weren't too deep in the bullpen."

"I thought if we got into their pen we could score some runs," Leggets said, "We'd seen that earlier in the

State's bullpen, represented by Cronemeyer, Brent Jones, Shawn Stutz and Brian Fields all gave up at least one run and combined for eight walks. Clemson was also aided by four Wollpeak errors.

"They're too good a team to give opportunity after opportunity, and that's what we did Jate in the game, Tanner said. State was blown out in its two tournament losses despite consistent thing. The Pack collected 15 hits off Clemson pitchers and 11 off Florida State. It also trounced Georgia Tech 9-5 and Wale Forest 11-2.

The Pack hit 11 home runs in the

11-2
The Pack hit 11 home runs in the four games. All-ACC outfielder Tony Ellison hit five, tying a record set by Jett Distasio of Georgia Tech in 1986. Ellison was the only State player named to the all-tournament team.

player name.
"I didn't think about it while I was
"I didn't think about it while I was
at the plate," he said, "I just wanted
to help the team win."
First baseman Andy Barkett hit
four homers, including one in his
last college at-bat. Jake Weber and
Stephen Wolff added a homer each.

Review

• And the way the Pack lost those games. In those non-conference losses — not counting Minnesota — the Pack was outscored 78 to 36.

• Then there's the regular-season sweeps to Florida State, Clemson and Georgia Tech. Combine that with the Pack's inability to sweep the teams that it should have like Duke and Virginia, and that's a berth for an early vacation. Highlighting the season's down side was the ninth inning debacle at home, when it gave up 11 runs to Clemson.

But it was not a lost season.

Continued from Page 1 Ge also commended the class for balancing jobs, class and family responsibilities as well as community service.

These students have been a beacon on the hill. They inspire each of us to do more, he said.

After his speech, Chancellor Larry Monteith awarded 3,101 degrees.

2,273 baccalaureate, 537 masters, 144 doctoral, three professional and 71 doctor of veterinary medicine degrees.

NCSU also honored 10

Tom Sergio's run at the "cord for consecutive games with a "it fell" oh-so-short. And Tony Ellison came out of tiny Louisburg College to lead the ACC in home runs and PRI.

And Andy Barkett's grand slam in the first night game ever at the Doak, or his game winning comeback shot leaving the Heels in dishelief. He also finished his carer with a homer in the ACC Tournament.

The team is a young one. The losses of Barkett and Terry Harvey will leave holes to be filled. But there should be plenty of NCAA appearances left for State in the future.

aledictorians during the Saturday Grads

Two honorary doctor of letters degrees were awarded to N.C. State alumni William Brantley Aycock, chanceflor emeritus of UNC-CH and retired Army General Maxwell Thurman received the awards for outstanding careers in public service.

Twenty three NCSU graduates were commissioned into the U.S. military forces in a joint Air Force-Army-Navy ROTC ceremony after the graduation.

Funds

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overhead receipts for federal grants
one year early, letting universities
keep the full amount of overhead
from research funding.
The recommendations came on
the beels of student protests after a
tighter budget was approved by the
N.C. State House. The House called
for a 3.7 percent reduction in
spending, including outting \$92
facility jobs, increasing out-95-state
turtion and reducing graduate

student remissions.

The House budget cuts ... go too deep, 'Hunt said in a written statement. The House's 3.7 percent cuts to the bone, especially with cuts in faculty and graduate [student] unition remission.

Hunt and Spangler vowed to contribute to the economic growth of North Carolina by proposing the investment of supplemental income in the universities.

This is one of the best years the state of North Carolina has had in terms of income.' Spangler said.

In a written statement, Spangler

Tony Ellison reflects on what might have been affer the Wolfpack's loss 16-7 to Clemen in the ACC Tournament. The loss ended the Pack's hopes for a bid to the NCAA Tournament.

development.

Hut said there is a good reason to invest the revenues in the universities instead of giving it back to citizens in the form of a tax cut—the largest tax cut in the history of North Carolina has already been passed during his governorship.

It think the faculty and the graduate students is where [the money] should go, and that will help the economy of North Carolina," Hunt said.

Chase

"It is the only time I ever remember the university doing this," Soccopoulos said of the degree.

The design school does not untomatically award degrees to students who ome close to completing graduate equirements, though.

"Robert was an excellent student who was making excellent progress before he died," Soccopoulos said.

"There was no question that he deserved it."

Meter was no question that ne deserved it."
Not only was he an excellent student. Soccopoulos said, Chase was an all-around good person.
Chase's family is creating a School of Design scholarship in his name, the Robert A. Chase Prize. It will be given annually to a candidate for the masters degree in architecture who shows interest and promise in urban design and restoration of historic properties.
The requirements for the scholarship keep with Chase's interests. Chase believed revitalizing America's cities was important, his father said.

We hope that this will be a small encouragement for others to go into this field," Thomas Chase said. "We want to award those individuals who have that same desire."

Chase was healthy until late October of last year, his father, Thomas Chase, said. He suffered what appeared to be a back injury during the fall, but in January of this year, doctors found a malignant tumor in his lung.

Doctors at the U.S. Naval Medical Center in Baltimore tried treating him with a normally successful yet experimental drug called Taxol.



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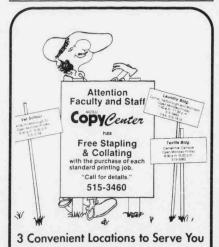
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Robinson makes right call

Summer school equals work

reaffirms its commitment to the academic performance of its athletes.

ast week, men's basketball coach Les Robinson suspended sophomore guard Ishua Benjamin indefinitely for academic reasons. Robinson said Benjamin was having too much fun and just was not focusing on his classroom performance. As drastic as it may seem, Robinson's action was necessary and he should be commended for helping preserve the academic integrity of his program and of the university.

N.C. State's academic standards for athletes are higher than those of the NCAA. This is part of the university's attempt to clean up it simage after the men's basketball program was rocked by scandal and plagued with low graduation rates in the late 1980s. So far, the classroom performance of all NCSU athletes has improved, much to the credit of these tougher standards and stricter enforcement.

■ Summer school may seem to

be a contradiction in terms, but keep the future in mind,

t seems to be a rather heinous t seems to be a rather hernous concept, this summer school. Summer was meant for carefree fun, like it was back in high school.

Travelling, visiting relatives, working a summer job — what grand and glorious times they were.

But we're all grown up now, and our summers are not our own. Bright, sunny days perfect for whiling away at the beach, the lake or on a warm grassy spot are spent behind desks listening to lectures. We are doomed to summers filled with books and tests so we can per degrees and jobs.

tests so we can get degrees and jobs, where the warm muggy months signify nothing more than a change in

not the past.

he were at a college that followed lower NCAA standards. But he also would have wound up in greater academic trouble. NCSU's standards allow coaches to catch athletes who are lagging in their studies and set them straight before the damage becomes irreversible and they slip between the cracks.

Fans may be disappointed in the suspension, but it should not be viewed as a loss. Instead, this

suspension, but it should not be viewed as a loss, Instead, this suspension should be viewed as a chance for a talented athlete to hone his classroom skills.

Instead of ruining his academic career or going pro before he fully develops as a player and a student, Benjamin has the opportunity to buckle down and put himself back on track to a good degree and a bright future on the court.

Coach Robinson made a very defision, The

Coach Kobinson made a very difficult but necessary decision. The Wolfpack may suffer if its wunderkind point guard is unable to return in time for the start of basketball season in November, But the latters on the grade property. the letters on the grade reports take precedence over the stats in the win

suit and dress colors for our business

The temptation to revert back to our

high school ways is great — whiling away the days basking in the sun and

partying all night until another lazy day rises. But you should be mindful of the purpose of summer school — to accomplish goals.

Whether it be catching up after

vacation. You're paying to work This isn't to say you should be a fuddy-duddy this summer — all wor and no play makes Jack and Jill dull students. But be mindful of the real

reason you're here at the redbrick corner of academia: to achieve.

illness, working to graduate early or fattening up your GPA, you are here

for a good reason and you're paying good money for it. You're not shelling out several hundred dollars for a



Commentary

Sagely advice for summer school slaves

It's summer — time to grab the sunscreen and head to the shores of the local bikini-infested waters and soak up the rays of the astronomical fusion reactor that literally lights up our lives.

Or, you could wind up like yours truly — trapped in summer school.

Some of you may be here because you mucked up last semester and are trying to rectify the error of your ways so Mom and Dad don't disown you. Some of you may be here by choice — perhaps the geckoid quadruple-major trying to graduate in three years. Or you could be like the Dalai Nauga — here because I would much rather my folks fork out for my room and board than have to live off the swear of I did the summer school than I are I are I did the summer school than I are I are I did the summer school than I are I are I did the summer school than I are I are I did the summer school than I are I are I did the summer school than I are I are I did the summer school than I are I are I did the summer school than I are I are I did the summer school than I are I are I did the summer school than I are I did the summer school than I are I are I did the summer school than I are I ar

board train have to live off the sweat of my brow.

I did the summer school thing last year as well. Although Hearned a lot during my ten-week sentence in the baby-blue "campus upon the hill" in Orange County. I also learned that summer school isn't what it's cracked up to be. So, for you summer-school greenhorns, here's a brief primer to the hottest five or ten weeks of your life.

your life.

*Keep up with your classes. This may be a shock to some of you, but summer school moves at an unbelievable clip.

You're getting an entire semester. 15

weeks of lectures, notes and tests in five weeks. It's a grueling pace that will test your mettle as an efficient student. If you thought the hour-and-a-half Tuesday. Thursday outline during the some thought the nour-anti-a-hair 106-500; Thursday routine during the spring semester was bad, imagine sitting through it every frigging day. Not the best way to spend the summer, but it helps to catch

Alex Storev

•Watch that tan. A well-bronzed body

orould send the wrong signals to your parents and teachers, i.e. getting in more sun-time than study time.

•Don't take hard courses. I was always

Figure 1 take fair courses I was aways told to take the easy-A courses over the summer, but heaven forbid if I would ever take free advice.

Last summer I took two courses in German and an art history course. The first German course was easy. It was the same re-hash material I got in high school, with the coolest teaching and I'd ever seen.

with the coolest teaching aid I'd ever seen

Herr Kartoffelkopf a.k.a. Mr.
Potatohead. It made those pesky
prepositions much easier to handle. But
damn if that German II didn't just kick my

ss.

The instructor told us right off the bat hat the course was hard enough during the semester, and running through genitive case in triple-time wasn't going to make it say caster. After four weeks our brains were full, so we sat in class the final week in a mind-numbed stupor trying to learn subjunctive. I managed to escape the class with a C and my life, Gott sei dank (Thank Gott).

Art history wasn't much better. My memory isn't exactly the greatest, and not being able to remember what was done by a pre-Raphaelite and what was done by a o-classicist doesn't do much for one's erade. Not to mention that we sat for an looking at slides. Can you say naptime?
Once again, a C and an intact hide was what I had to show for it all.

Needless to say I've learned my summer-school lesson. So what am I taking for my self-induced torture sessio ENG 214: Introduction to Editing. Heck they made me an editor, so I might as well learn how to edit. Admittedly it does not sound like the most fun thing in the world, but it sure beats another summer of *Ich nicht verstehe!* (I don't understand!)

To sum all of this up, take it easy. No thermodynamics course out of the way right now. This is the time to pick up those easy and all-too-quick As, not to get burned out on a hard class three time stay awake and take good notes, the summer of '95 won't be the summer you get academically 86ed.

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Miss? Oh, miss? Could you give me a tip?

In addition to putting in long hours at summer school, many of us are attending the school of life, U of SGW, or "Summer Grant Work."

This summer I have reprised one of my on-again, off-again part-time jobs. I am a server, or what the not-so-enlightened in P.C. restaurant-speak may still call a "waitress." Many of the gazillions of summer-job-seeking college students who have swarmed restaurants looking for server positions in the past month will agree to this; waiting tables is a great way to make good money fast.

Waiting tables. I've earned money for my education and living expenses. And people who work in restaurants don't starve.

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It can be fun, too. Once I waited on the Jamaican Bobsled Team (they ate a lot), and a couple of years ago I was surprised with a \$50 tip and was able to treat my friends to an evening of mai-tais. Once in a while the job is an ego booster. Last week one of my customers complemented my service, and another diner left me a kind note. It feels great when people recognize that you did a good job. And it feels awful when they ignore the fact that you are doing your job and fail to compensate you for it. That's why! I could never make a career out of my summer grunt work. (Becoming a professional server is, by the way, a common fear among English majors like myself.) I could never do it because it's the one (legal) profession I know of where your take-home pay, your



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compensation for work done, is subject to the whims of strangers. You see, tips equal compensation. Common knowledge and good manners dictate that you should leave your server a 15 percent tip. The word "tip" may sound like the money is simply something extra, like a piece of advice such as "Don't spit into the wind because you II get spit all over you." Well, a tip is not just a little present to make your server's pockets jingle when he or she walks. It is pay. Tips — not that whopping \$2.13 hourly wage — are out livelihood. We are required to pay laxes on 8 percent of our net sales, no matter how much we make in hourly wages for a night's work basically covers those taxes and gas money for the ride home. Where's our take-home pay? Tips. In addition to general ignorance about the math behind the tups, myths about the tipping practice abound.

For instance, some people think they are not supposed to tip servers for drinks. That's wrong; drinks make up what is often a large portion of that amount on which we are taxed.

Another tipping myth? You are justified

in stiffing a server on a tip if the food is slow in coming or cooked incorrectly. We simply give the chef a detailed order and bring you the food. Though we strive to make sure the order is followed correctly, we do not prepare the food. If your steak fooks like charcoal when you ordered it so rare it was still moo-ing, send it back. If your order is taking longer than you think if should, ask your server why, and take up the matter with the management if need be. But don't punish us for problems that we cannont control and deny us our pay.

There is only one excuse for leaving a miniscule tip or failing to leave your server anything; horrible service that is obviously the fault of a server who doesn't even try to be professional. If your server is blatantly surly or rude, tell him or her. Tell the manager, and explain why you will not leave a tip. But do not leave 5.35 on \$28 tab for no reason and with no warning. That's tacky and cruel. I have no idea how this strange pay practice began, and I know of no other country where wage laws are written so servers must exist on tips rather than hourly wages. But as long as students spend their summers tolling in restaurants (i.e., until Domosday) we can only do our jobs and pray customers are knowledgable about how we are or paid. And diners, please be aware that it is your responsibility to pay your server. If you don't want to support the practice, there's a great place to eat where no tipping is necessary; home.

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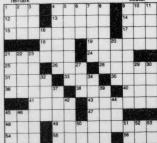
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