

## Down the Home Stretch

By R. T. Smith

### After A Year's Wait

Last year about this time Ellison Clary was finishing up his "Five Year Man On Campus" column with an article in which he tried to articulate the dozen or so most newsworthy events of the academic year at UNC-C, and, as usual, I disagreed with several of Ellison's selections. It was then that I decided to write a column of this very type this spring, though I have since tried to convince F. N. Stewart to write it in "Oh, Yeah?" His resignation from THE JOURNAL staff affords me the opportunity to see my dream of a year ago come true. I've tried to decide which events that took place on campus either made the most striking impression at the time or promised to have the most lasting consequences in the long run. Some events just missed being significant enough to be included—for instance, the acceptance of social fraternities on campus. This may prove to be quite meaningful to the University community in the long run, but the entire process has been strung over such a long period of time that the final approval was reduced considerably in newsworthiness. The time factor and the failure to produce any final report to date reduces the newsworthiness of the University Governance Council. The opening of the dormitories will be a great story next year, but it didn't quite happen in-time to be a significant story this year. The following is the list of stories that I chose as the ten most newsworthy for Volume IV of THE CAROLINA JOURNAL (they are not listed in order of importance):

### Those Eleven The First Five

1. The lack of organization during registration for both semesters was the subject of repeated student inquiry and several lengthy letters to the editor. The first semester agonies were confined mostly to freshmen and late arrivals, but the long lines for second semester registration were waiting when the more punctual students arrived. Will this be a newsworthy event next year? Hope Not.

2. Dr. Seth Ellis received the first annual Teaching Excellence Award at a dinner in his honor during the first week in October. This award, made possible by an NCNB grant, was the first of its kind at UNC-C.

3. There is reason to question whether the ACTION meeting of October 2 or the editorial written about it was the focal point of a tale of long-felt rivalry between the left and right wing political groups on campus. The ACTION "establishment" refused to allow several prospective members to vote. This was interpreted as a move to guard the liberal steerings of the organization, and the sparks began to fly. This event is important in light of the fact that it was an obvious demonstration of the political polarity on this campus that had previously been hidden and denied among the students.

4. The UNC-C Writers' Forum, featuring Sam Ragan, Sylvia Wilkinson, George Garrett, Helen Copeland, and Bynum Shaw drew spectators from the surrounding area in droves. The audience sat spellbound as Mr. Shaw told of amusing personal experiences and Mr. Garrett read, for the first time in public, selections from his current novel POISON PEN. The theme was woven throughout the Forum emerged as "man's inhumanity to man—a challenge for the writer to involve himself."

5. The Student Publications Board at UNC-C sent a recommendation to Dr. Cone in November requesting an investigation of the allocation process by which student activity fees are meted out. Miss Cone requested that the Student Activities Committee perform the investigation, which the committee did. The result was a recommendation that the Student Union, SGA, and Publication Board be made financially independent of one another. In the meantime, SGA President, Bill Billups, suggested that the Student Legislature voluntarily surrender its famed "power of the purse." The recommendation was denied. Chancellor Colvard is presently considering the Student Activities Committee's report.

### The Other Six

6. The UNC-C faculty met early in the fall semester and passed a ruling that liberalized the University's academic program considerably. The two major points of that ruling established an Honors program at UNC-C and allowed for a freely structured independent study program. These changes and several others amounted to what has been called "a quiet academic revolution" here.

7. Many UNC-C students and professors were enraged by the idea of a "gun-toting" security force on campus. Speeches, articles, and petitions highlighted an effort to remove these weapons from guards who were on campus during the day. The guards kept the guns, and no one has been shot yet.

8. Stokely Carmichael, complete with his own security force, struck the UNC-C campus in early December. In an ACTION sponsored move, Stokely and his men took over the Parquet Room, where Carmichael delivered a revolutionary speech that was seen as inspiring by some and amusing by others. ACTION is presently being investigated by the Student Legislature for their alleged affiliation with a national organization during this event.

9. The UNC-C Forty Niner basketball team captured the DIAC tournament in mid-February by defeating St. Andrews College. Then the shocker came - we had to return the three-foot-high trophy that was on display in the cafeteria; the team competed with an ineligible player. The final result is that the basketball team is ineligible to compete for the championship again next year.

10. The black students at UNC-C and some of their friends gathered around the flagpole late on Monday afternoon in March in the biggest riot-scare ever experienced here. The blacks had issued a list of changes that they called the "ten demands" to the administration and student

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## "Bookstore Manager Left of His His Own Accord"—Batchelor

Students have come to the JOURNAL with several questions which they wished to have answered. The Journal felt that Kenneth C. Batchelor, University Business Manager, was the man to whom the questions should be directed. The questions concerned the resignation of Hugh Jolley, former bookstore manager; the new role of the bookstore with students living on campus; and the possibility of Slater food services catering the cafeterias (both new and old) next year. The following story is a result of an interview with Mr. Batchelor.

The first area of interest was the resignation of Hugh Jolley. The JOURNAL, along with many students on campus, felt that Jolley had brought many improvements into an area of the University which should be a vital, functioning part, which had been, to say the least, less than adequate in the past. It was rumored that Jolley resigned under pressure from the administration. This pressure was supposedly brought to bear as a result of some of his innovations in the bookstore—such as the selling of "Playboy".

When questioned about this, Batchelor replied that Jolley resigned strictly of his own accord, because Jolley felt that it was necessary for him to have a larger income with which to support his family. Mr. Batchelor continued that there has been no deadline set on the hiring of a new manager, because they are attempting to find a man with the ability to improve the bookstore.

Many students are also concerned that there seem to be no preparations being made to enlarge the bookstore to include such items as toothpaste and soap and the other items which will be needed by students living on campus next year. When asked about this, Mr. Batchelor seemed relatively unconcerned with the projected needs of the students in this area. He did say, however, that plans are being made to

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### Journalists to Speak at Golden Day Luncheon

Two prominent North Carolina newspapermen will speak at a luncheon on Harry Golden Day at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

David Gillespie, editor of the editorial page of the Charlotte Observer, and Sam Ragan, editor and publisher of the Pilot at Southern Pines, will speak on Golden as a journalist and North Carolinian during the May 19 festivities.

Golden is being honored by the University faculty for his contributions in journalism, literature and human relations. He achieved wide recognition for his style of personal journalism in his newspaper, "The Carolina Israelite," and for his books, including the well known, "Only in America."

Among others who will appear on the day-long program are William Farg, Golden's long-time editor who is now editor-in-chief of G.P. Putnam's Sons, and James J. Storrow, publisher of the "Nation," which has often carried columns by Golden.



Business Manager Kenneth Batchelor

### Underprivileged Kids Aided in Operation Motivation

Operation Motivation is a movement begun by the Black Student Union of UNC-C in its effort to instill in the underprivileged Black students of junior and senior high schools the motivation necessary for their forward progression in education.

The initial step by the Black Student Union was made when Mr. Ronald Caldwell, a sophomore, confronted Mr. Graham, principal of Irwin Junior High School, to inform him of the intentions of the members of the Black Student Union to offer their assistance in the uplift of their Black brothers. After the meeting, Mr. Caldwell expressed high praise for the initial effort and stated that it had been received with enthusiasm.

On April 23, the members of the Black Student Union were given an opportunity to demonstrate the more positive aspects of Black involvement in the realm of education. A program was designed by the members of the Black Student Union to illustrate advancements made in the areas of foreign language, biology, chemistry, and math.

The tour for the approximately twenty-eight junior high school students began with a tape recorded demonstration in the Language Department of the different dialectal patterns within the United States. This was followed by demonstrations in Russian, French, and Spanish phonations by language students at the university. This group of junior high school students being accompanied and directed by the Black students of UNC-C made their way to the Kennedy Building where they viewed different replicas of various human organs while an explanation of the organs' structures and functions was being given. The tour in the Kennedy Building was climaxed with demonstrations of the "Chemical volcano," "the color fountain," "the glowing wire," and "of colored water distillation" which were witnessed by the junior high students upon their arrival in one of the general chemistry laboratories. The tour for these students terminated in the Engineering Building with demonstrations by Dr. Nixon pertaining to the operation of computers.

As the students left the Engineering Building appearing very enthused by all they had seen, they were taken to the cafeteria where they received their lunch at a reduced price. After lunch, at approximately 2:30 P.M., the students of Irwin Junior High School boarded their bus conveying their enthusiasm and appreciation for their opportunity to have visited the university.

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