

# Assailants guilty

by charlotte porter

The Eighth Floor Assaults case has been to court, with the two assailants pleading guilty to charges of assault.

Christopher Brice, 20, of Brevard, and Ronald McClelland, 18, of Biloxi, Mississippi, were charged with one count of assault and one count of assault and three counts of assault on a female, respectively.

The two were apprehended on the eighth floor of Dorm '72 after campus security guards were alerted by girls who had been assaulted. One called security after sending one of the men to get her a pack of cigarettes.

Another fought off the same man with a wet pair of jeans, while a third locked herself in her room until help came.

The charge of assault stems from an attack on a male resident who was evidently trying to help the girls.

The story the two told when they were caught in the dorm was that they had come on campus to visit a friend from Brevard. Investigation showed that no such person is registered here. In court, the story was that they were simply visiting the campus prior to entry the next day into the Marine Corps.

Brice was sentenced to thirty days in jail, 16 of which he had already served. McClelland was given a six months to one year sentence, which he is trying to appeal so that he can enter the Marines as planned.

The students involved brought about the court action. The university was powerless to press any charges since no formal restrictions on entry into the dormitory had been posted. Such restrictions have been posted since.

The university did back the students in their action.

# Cheerleader elections contested

by jimmy pappas

The cheerleaders of UNCC are in for a round with the Judicial Committee of the Legislature over alleged unfair election practices during the tryouts last year.

The charges of unfairness in the elections have been filed with the Judicial Committee by a small group of UNCC students. A spokesman for the group, Fish Foster, charges that the number of judges required for valid elections was not present at either the fall or spring elections last year.

According to Foster, the cheerleaders' constitution states that two students from J.C. Smith, Livingstone, Queens,

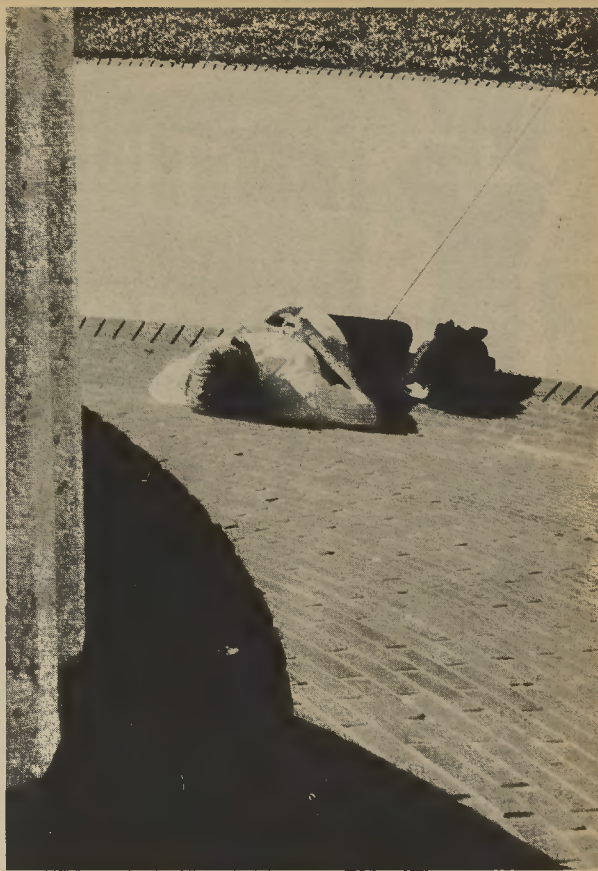
Davidson, and Belmont Abbey must be judges for the tryouts. None of these students were present at the fall elections, and all but two of the spring tryout judges were UNCC students.

Foster's groups claims that the lack of more student judges from other schools makes both elections invalid. It now remains up to the Judicial Committee to decide whether or not last year's elections were in effect carried out improperly. In the event that the validity of the elections is upheld, the opposing group has plans to bring the matter before the Student Superior Court.

Foster himself was a member

of the cheerleading squad, but resigned after head cheerleader elections last year. Foster claimed that he and another black member resigned because of racial prejudice on the squad. He also claimed that this had in no way influenced his decision to join the group contesting the elections.

The cheerleaders, on the other hand, maintain that the elections were held properly and the accusations are "ridiculous." On the subject of the head cheerleader elections, one cheerleader commented that Foster "is a sore loser," and is behind the accusations for his own personal satisfaction.



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# Senate openings

Nominations are now open for two student seats on the University Senate. The election will be held later this month.

Students who wish to be nominated must submit a petition signed by at least five per cent of

the student voters (255 students) or ten per cent of the faculty voters (36 faculty). Petitions should be filed with Mrs. Marsha Weaver in Reese Building, Room 217, by Friday, October 27.

# New vote on R'nR

by sharon deck

The petition for additional Rogues 'n Rascals funds was defeated by a two-to-one margin last week, but numerous elections irregularities have nullified the referendum and forced a new election.

Tom Alsop, yearbook editor, protested to the Elections Board and alleged three categories of violations: constitutional violations, election regulation violations, and what Alsop termed "improper yielding to the right of a petition."

Article VII of the Student Constitution states that a referendum must be held within 15 days of the time it is approved by the Elections Board. According to Alsop, about 18 days transpired before the election.

The Constitution also states that public notice of the election must be given. Alsop believes that the notices in the Journal did not constitute official public notice. Since the signs posted by the Elections Board listed only elections for Student Legislature, Alsop believes the Board has violated the Constitution.

Alsop also alleged numerous violations of the elections regulations, ranging from loitering at the polling place to talking in line to improper counting of the ballots. His main protests centered on the fact that the polls had been opened late and that the dorm cafeteria polling place ran out of ballots.

"These violations may seem petty," Alsop said, "but when added up, they could have effected the outcome."

Alsop believes that the passage of the referendum was doomed by the wording of the petition of the ballot. Alsop had submitted a petition with the following wording:

"Proposed to grant the Rogues 'n Rascals (yearbook) an additional \$3,500.00 for general improvement of the physical and creative make-up of that yearbook."

According to Alsop, SBG president Stan Patterson chose to interpret the petition to the Elections Board and rewrote the petition. On the ballot it read as follows:

"Proposed to grant the Rogues 'n Rascals (yearbook) an additional \$3,500.00 in addition to their Media Board allocation of \$19,126.00 to increase their budget to \$22,626.00."

"The main thing that hurt passage was the way that Stan worded the petition," Alsop said. "Because of it, everybody had it in their head that the yearbook had enough money."

"If 615 people signed a petition, they have the right to vote on that petition. The petition on the ballot was a different petition. Since Stan wrote the ballot himself, he created a bias against it," Alsop continued.

The petition was defeated by a vote of 533 to 263. Alsop contends that these violations may have cost him a victory.



# Third BSU budget vetoed

by sharon deck

After a three-hour discussion, the Finance Committee of Student Legislature on September 28 rejected a Black Student Union budget of over \$6000. Informal discussions between BSU leaders and some committee members are continuing, and the chances are good that a budget in the neighborhood of \$2600 will be approved this week.

The BSU had cut all office expenses from their budget, but left all lecturers in a first priority category. This is a point that committee members had objected to in the past, since they could not reject parts of the budget without rejecting the entire request. As a result, the budget was defeated. Committee member Fish Foster, a black, was asked to explain the committee's actions to the BSU.

Foster brought up an alternate budget of \$3200, but the budget was not an official BSU request, and no action was taken on it. Committee members talked about various budgets that might be passed. Most members felt that budgets ranging from \$1800 to \$2800 would have a good chance of being approved.

Questions were raised about whether the BSU events would be

held on campus, and whether the BSU should not ask for money from the Student Union Board's lectures fund for some of their programs.

According to chairman Boone Wayson, the general feeling of the committee was that the BSU has good, well-planned, and well-attended entertainment. It gives the students activities that the Union Board does not provide, he said.

"My personal feeling is that the committee would approve a budget of \$1900 to \$2600," Wayson said.

The committee meeting began in turmoil as the committee kicked out one of its members and barred a Journal reporter from the entire session.

Committee member Tom Duley was elected to the committee last year while he was a member of the Student Legislature. In the spring, he was elected to the Student Superior Court, but he has not yet taken office officially. Two committee members (Ron Young and Fish Foster) felt that it was unconstitutional for a person to serve in both the legislative and judicial branches of student

government.

Wayson and Duley opposed Duley's expulsion, but neither could vote on the matter. Other committee members abstained. As a result, Duley was expelled. Duley has considered appealing the committee's actions to Student Court or University Court, but has made no decision yet.

In other action, the committee established a subcommittee to investigate the financing of the cheerleading squad. Last year the athletic department had said that it would slowly take over the funding of the squad. The subcommittee will find out exactly how much money the athletic department will provide this year, so that the budget can be approved without delay.

There is a possibility that \$300 of the 49er Festival Committee funds may have been misused last year. The money was put in the cheerleaders' account to be used for rental of a float for the Festival parade. A bill from the rental company was never received, and the money was not paid. It has, however, been spent. An investigation into the matter is continuing.