

Job Fair highlight of Career Week

By Gary Nelson

Career Awareness Week was a tremendous success, according to Dr. David Amante, who together with Dr. Len Goodman, spearheaded the project. As of Friday morning, tentative tallies indicated approximately 1,300 students had attended the programs, with the session on internships to still be held.

According to Amante, the week started off to a slow start with low participation but rapidly picked up on Tuesday, for the career fair, with some 550 students attending. The students had the opportunity to meet and talk with business leaders and to ask questions about career opportunities. In fact, one of Amante's students took the opportunity to arrange an interview with one of the local television stations, to discuss the possibility of a summer internship, working as a scriptwriter.

On Tuesday, the keynote address concerned the future of the sunbelt states and their economy, with specific attention to the Piedmont area. Charles Cooley, vice president of NCNB, addressed the group and provided some very encouraging information. He noted that by 1984, there will be some 150,000 additional profession jobs in the Piedmont.

When asked why the Career Awareness Week was devised, Amante replied, "We in the humanities department had found there was an increasing concern from students that they would not be able to find employment upon graduation." With this in mind the humanities and the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences provided a great deal of support for the program and in some cases professors actually recommended and required

that students attend the career fair to gain more knowledge about the job market.

As noted in the promotional brochures, this was the first annual Career Awareness Week, and Amante noted the coordinators have already gained some valuable information which they will take into consideration when planning next year's Career Awareness Week. Amante expressed the possibility that next year the Career Awareness Week will probably not feature as many keynote speakers. Although the speakers were interesting and informative, Amante stated most of the students are more concerned with meeting their immediate demand - finding a meaningful and interesting job upon graduation.

In addition, Amante noted even though the media coverage of the events was very well handled, next year more student groups will become involved in helping to promote the Career Awareness Week to reach a much greater portion of the student population. Also Amante would like to involve students in the planning of next year's program, which will begin organizational meetings this spring.

The Career Awareness Week was a great opportunity to initiate interest in a course which will be offered at UNCC this spring - Humanities 350 - "Jobs, You, Choices, College and Careers." The course, which will provide three hours of university elective credit and will count towards the 120 hours required to graduate, will answer many of the questions students are confronted with concerning career planning.

Basically the course will be divided into two parts. The first part of

the course will encourage self-evaluation - what type of career is desired, how important is money, what types of people would the student like to work with and what type of working environment is most appealing?

The second portion of the course will expose the student to the different types of jobs available in the current job market and will let the student evaluate the job potential his specific degree will offer.

Amante noted the reason for the course was many students at UNCC do not know how to study for career development. Amante has had experience with such programs, and at the University of Michigan he coordinated the establishment of courses in career

development as well as acting as an advisor for some 4,000 students.

He noted Thanksgiving and Christmas vacations are a good opportunity for students to practice their interviewing techniques.

Tips for interviewing include: When writing or calling for information the student should try to develop a contact name with an employee who works with the prospective employer or research some background information on the person who will be conducting the interview as well as the company, or business.

Amante also recommends the student prepare practice questions before reporting to the interview, which will give the student the opportunity to hone his interviewing skills.



(photo by Robin Colby)
The North Carolina Highway Patrol has begun ticketing cars parked on Highway 49. Signs have been posted to warn potential violators.

Money runs out

Executive budget ruled invalid

By Bill Peschel

The student body president's budget has been ruled out of order after the treasurer reported there was not enough money in the student government account to cover it. This action came during last Tuesday's meeting of the Student Legislature.

In his report to the body, Treasurer Ward Simmons said \$54,763 of the \$58,094 originally allocated to the legislature has been appropriated to clubs and organizations, leaving \$3,332. When the legislature, unaware of this fact, passed the president's budget of \$3,432, they did not

have enough money to cover it. Simmons said according to the Financial Procedures Act, if a budget is passed for more than what the legislature has left to allocate, the budget is automatically ruled out of order.

Also affected by the money squeeze are the Math Club, Student Financial Services and money needed for student government office supplies. A total of \$3,889 must be cut from present budgets.

In other business, the revised Judicial Act was tabled back to the Judicial Committee after Attorney General Billie Stickell objected

to several portions of the act. She said she was against using loss of campus voting privileges as a sanction, the way notification of the defendant of a charge is stated and appointing the main witness to the crime as prosecutor of the case.

According to the act, a notice of a charge may be left "with a resident of the accused student's room." A follow-up phone call is required to assure the accused has received the notice.

If the act is approved

by the legislature, a student referendum will be held before the end of the fall semester.

Finally, the five minute time limit for the president's and chairperson's reports was announced as being in effect. Chairperson Jack Summerlin announced the motion, passed by legislature and then vetoed by Student Body President Larry Springs, concerns the working of the legislature, and according to *Robert's Rules of Order*, cannot be vetoed.

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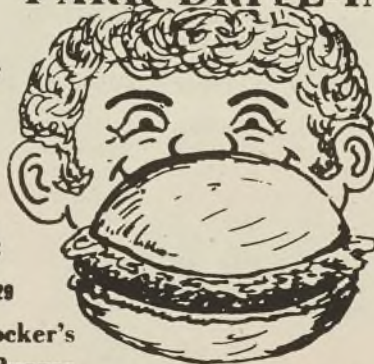
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