

CAMPUS NEWS

UNCC women speak out in support of Bella Abzug

By Luann Whitley

A plan was formed at the International Women's Year Conference in 1977 for a committee of women to meet regularly with President Carter to discuss and improve the status of women in the U.S. The National Advisory Committee for Women was formed after the 1977 conference by the hands of Midge Costanza, former victim of White House firing.

Bella Abzug acted as co-chairwoman of the committee until she was fired from the position by Carter's chief aide, Hamilton Jordan, at Carter's demand. Abzug's position was an

unpaid job, and her release has caused anger to stir among other female committee members. Eleanor Smeal, president of the National Organization for Women resigned from the Advisory Committee followed by 21 of the remaining 40 members.

The rapport between Carter and the Advisory Committee had been off-centered since their first meeting together last November. At that meeting, Carter allotted the women 15 minutes to discuss issues.

Before the meeting last Friday, Jan. 12, the committee of women had supposedly written a press release attacking



(Photo by Bob Henderson)
Pat Kyle of UNCC's political science department feels President Carter is giving up ideals for voters.

Carter's budget, specifically its call for an increasing unemployment, cutback of social programs, postponement of national health insurance and aid to cities as he supported "military extravagance."

During the meeting the women confronted Carter with these issues in a manner he found to be "unladylike." Carter expressed his feelings about the "unladylike" attitude and Abzug came back insisting "not enough people are asking what our opinion is." Shortly after the meeting Abzug was dismissed as co-chairwoman of the National Advisory Committee for Women.

Pat Kyle of the political science department at UNCC, said, "Most people feel women who speak out

are abrasive. To be heard, women must speak loudly and stick to issues. When women do speak out, they are damned, and when they don't, they're damned."

As for the president's support of the female population in the future, "Carter is giving up his ideals for votes. The nation is moving away from the issue of the Equal Rights Amendment; it is not a popular issue any longer. Carter is now working for the bulk of people who have forgotten the ERA," Kyle stated.

Kyle also pointed out many women locally are winning political elections but are put into jobs which are close to home—"house cleaning" tasks for the city. Women are not being accepted in the "power" positions in politics, Kyle said.

Varsity in competition at regional College Bowl

By Gary Nelson

On Thursday, Jan. 18, the campus College Bowl teams met for tournament competition to decide the team which will represent UNCC at the regional competition in Knoxville on Feb. 8-10.

At the end of five games, the varsity team emerged as the champion defeating Sig Ep and Student Government, who placed second

in the tournament.

The members of the Varsity team are: Murray Richmond, Greg Current, Vaughan Winborne and Darrell Cook.

In addition to the Varsity team, four All-Stars were selected as alternates for the team. In the event one of the regular team members would be unable to participate, they will act as substitutes. The UNCC College Bowl All-Stars

are: Phil Wright, Media Board; Phil Sellers, Scott Hall; Clay Fitzgerald, Sig Ep; Clayton DeCamillis, Student Government. The Regional Tournament to be held at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville will include 14 teams from North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia and Tennessee.

To prepare for

regional competition, practice sessions will be held on Thursday, Jan. 25 and Feb. 1, in the lounge area directly behind the Awareness Resource Center. Drop by and watch the action. If you would like additional information about College Bowl, and may be interested in participating next year, please contact Gary Nelson at 597-2522.

CAMPUS LIFE

By Nancy Davis

This may be the year of the tough resolution. I'd stopped making them about two years ago, but have found it necessary to return to the old tradition of making New Year's resolutions again. I am hereby resolving to shave my legs once a week, because when it comes to unshaven legs I am the queen.

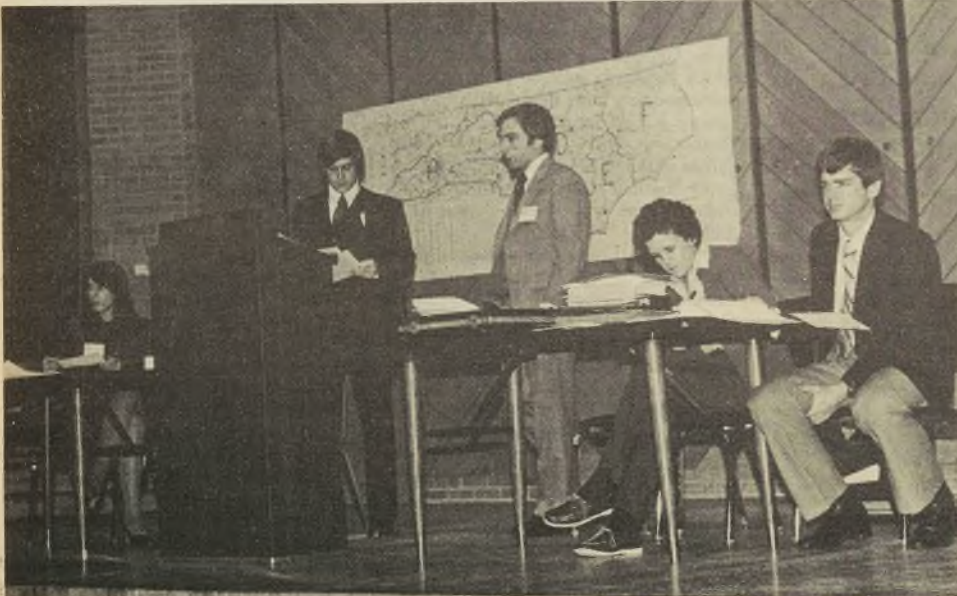
I realize it's nothing to brag about and many people may cringe at the thought. But just look at some legs around you: I'm not the only one in need of a shave. I tried to convince myself I needed hairy legs in the winter to keep my legs warm. Plus people think you can keep a good tan year round.

Also, I always wondered why I should shave. I could wear knee socks and long pants and nobody'd ever know. But then slowly I began to notice other people noticing. Nobody in my P.E. class will hold my legs anymore when I do sit-ups and one of the guys in my class offered me the use of a pair of his knee-length athletic socks.

Then, in another class the other day, someone asked me where I got my "mohair tights." I hadn't noticed the hairs sticking out of my hose before. The clencher was when my boyfriend gave me pajamas with feet in them for Christmas.

So now I've resolved to shave my legs once a week. I tried to start early and go ahead and shave them before New Year's Day, and I'm glad I did. I had to stop before I completed one leg because I ran out of blades. I tried Nair but couldn't get it a case. (I think I need a lawn mower.) My back cramped on me, too, as I tried to prop one leg on the shower wall for two hours.

Anyway, my legs are nice and bald. There are a few missed sprigs on top of my knee and a couple of band-aids hiding the scars, but all-in-all it's a nice improvement. I'm not scared my date's going to get splinters when I make advances under the table anymore. I don't have any problems with static clean either. There's only one thing, though. My socks won't stay up anymore. (Now I guess I've got to stop biting my toenails.)



(Photo by Blair Lane)
The UNCC delegation of the North Carolina State Legislature hosted the monthly Interim Council over the weekend. Icy roads and bad driving conditions didn't keep the almost 100 students from all over North Carolina from attending. The meeting was held in Rowe.