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Who does Homecoming belong to?

By Nancy Davis

Who does Homecoming belong to? This question might best sum up some of the complaints being made about this week's Homecoming activities. While various clubs, organizations, floors and student groups are busily participating in many of the events, there are other groups who are boycotting some of the activities. The main complaint is the new process for selecting a Homecoming Queen.

Lisa Brower, Homecoming Committee chairperson, knows of at least three groups who are publicly expressing their dissent in the selection format. The Interfraternity Council met two separate times to vote whether the 10 fraternities would sponsor a Homecoming Queen nominee. The decision was unanimous both times.

Third House Sanford sent a petition to the Homecoming Committee voicing their unhappiness with the new process. Moore Dorm Council also voted not to participate in Homecoming competition. The all-male dorm has dominated the Homecoming Queen contest for the past three years with a block vote from the whole dorm.

Brower has explained several times the method for selection of Homecoming Queen was set up differently in order for more girls to participate. In the past, pictures of the contestants were posted and students voted; thus, providing a Homecoming Queen based solely on popular vote. The new format contains three ways of accumulating points: free throw shooting, toga contests and popular vote.

The Interfraternity Council voted

to boycott the Homecoming Queen competition for several reasons. According to Jim Twining, a member of the Kappa Sigma fraternity and present at the Interfraternity Council meetings, the fraternities were in the middle of rush and were busy enough trying to get together their floats.

Twining said besides the timing inconvenience, he did not feel the selection process "was very appropriate." Brower attended the second Interfraternity Council meeting and according to Twining, she told the group, this method would get a "well-rounded" girl as Homecoming Queen. Twining disagreed with this reasoning and said he thought the Homecoming Committee could "come up with some other criteria."

Interfraternity Council members told Brower after the meeting the reason for not supporting the Homecoming Queen competition was "they did not have ample time." When told the fraternities were unhappy with the entire Homecoming Queen process, Brower said, "This all comes back to the fact they didn't listen ... they missed the main intent."

"They (Interfraternity Council) told me things were fine and the only problem was there was not enough time," Brower continued. She was happy with Interfraternity Council's decision to form a committee to study alternative ways to decide Homecoming Queen.

Third House Sanford's petition expressed a similar sentiment for the selection of Homecoming Queen. According to Kay Cloninger, a resident of seventh floor Sanford, during a house meeting last Sunday, there was a very strong feeling the process

"was very downgrading for the people involved."

Of the girls from third house who were talked to (none of whom wished to be named) all said the change was just too radical. One said, "I think changes need to be made, but not the ones that were made. Homecoming should be very special ... having girls dress up in togas is a letdown ... I was real disappointed."

No one was available from Moore Dorm Council to comment on their decision to boycott the Homecoming Queen contest. According to Gary Collins, president of Sanford's Dorm Council, Drew Conrad, president of Moore Dorm Council, told her of the council's decision.

The feeling among the Homecoming Queen contestants however is this is good for them. They feel the choice will be fairer and haven't minded the different contests. Most agreed, however, the most difficult part was "walking out in front of those people with togas."



Beauty reigns in UNCC's Homecoming "Klinger's Beauty Contest."

Job hunting: the best ways of finding suitable employment

By Kathy Espin

Seniors looking for employment this spring are having a difficult time in today's job market.

Dr. Leonard Goodman of the Counseling Center said the job picture has not changed much this year from last. He said students in accounting, business, engineering and medical services are having better luck finding jobs than those majoring in humanities or education, but he said students with a "B" average or better in any area are more employable than those with averages under a 3.0.

Employers also consider job experience and involvement in campus activities, Goodman said. "They like to know a student has done more than just play around for four years."

Mildred English, director of Placement Service, said students need to be active in their job search. She said students haven't shown much interest in interviewing for jobs this semester. Burlington Industries is scheduled for interviews on Feb. 2 and is looking for employees from any major but so far only one student has signed up.

Goodman stressed the importance of starting job hunting early. He said seniors who have not already started looking for jobs this spring should contact the Placement Office as soon as possible. It takes the average per-

son, who is not presently employed, 124 days to find a job. It takes most people who have jobs 80 days to find a new job.

"The late 70's is very different from the early 60's. In those days anyone who had a degree could get a job. Now people have to be more assertive in their job search," Goodman said.

The Counseling Center sponsors workshops to "help students put themselves in a job seeking frame of mind so they are prepared for the game of job hunting," Goodman said.

English said seniors who are willing to relocate find the job market open. "We have a number of school systems for example who are looking for education majors, but they have to be willing to relocate," English said, "but everyone can't teach in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg system."

English said the starting salaries last year ranged from around \$9,600 per year for teachers to \$14,275 per year for engineers. Wages are expected to be about the same this year.

Goodman suggested 15 reasons why people do not get jobs. They are:

1. Lack of proper career planning-purposes and goals ill defined.
2. Lack of knowledge of field or specialization-not well qualified.
3. Inability to express himself clearly.

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UNCC "cowgirls" riding high on "Blazing Saddles Day," one of many Homecoming activities.