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Campus consumer union formed

By Luann Whitley

While working late one night last semester, two students decided to order a snack from a local restaurant. The food was to be delivered to Holshouser Dorm. When the students went to the lobby to collect the food, they found it had not arrived.

They waited. Finally the two decided to check the other dorms to see if perhaps the delivery person had made a mistake. After a lot of hassle they located the delivery and vowed to do something about preventing such mistreatment from merchants.

Because of that incident, Joel Gilland and Matt Barhydt set out to form the "UNCC Student Consumer Union," which is now taking form. Chancellor E.K. Fretwell, Vice Chancellor Douglas M. Orr, Dean of Students Chuck Lynch and Chuck Colby have all been instrumental in making the consumer union a reality.

The most pressing problem is locating the funds to support the project. Barhydt and Gilland said, "The funds are needed in order to publish a booklet with a list of businesses in the

Charlotte area. With each business will be entered comments about the service, prices, credit cards accepted and check cashing price policies.

"This information will be especially

helpful to out-of-state students," Barhydt said. The Charlotte Chamber of Commerce and Better Business Bureau are both supporting the UNCC Student Consumer Union and will be available for consultation.

Gilland said, "A major problem in the area is getting checks cashed on weekends at certain locations. "A long range plan is to work out something with area banks so they will feel more comfortable about cashing checks from students."

Barhydt and Gilland feel, "The publication is the main objective. We want to improve the relationship between Charlotte and UNCC students and act as an advocate for student consumer rights."

The UNCC Student Consumer Union needs volunteers to help get the project in gear. "All the work is going to be volunteer; there will be no paying jobs or positions," Barhydt and Gilland stressed.

The office is located in the basement of Holshouser Dorm, room 22.

The UNCC Student Consumer Union is open to all students and will hopefully be an ongoing project in the future.

Barhydt and Gilland said, "They hoped in the future the union would be able to set up a book exchange for students."

The UNCC Student Consumer Union office hours are Monday 2-5 p.m., Tuesday 6-8 p.m. and Thursday 1-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m.



New campus consumer union to fight rip-offs.

Status of spring elections depends on outcome of constitution vote

By Rick Monroe

Students will probably be going to the polls twice this spring as a constitutional amendment calling for the election of a new judicial system will have to be voted on before the election of Student Association positions can take place.

"The reason for this is because we can't assume the amendment will pass. Because if it doesn't, it will nullify the election of the judges," Tom Chumley, chairperson of the

Elections and Publicity Committee, said.

Chumley could not elaborate on the specifics of the amendment because the final draft of it has not been approved. "The problem is it is too specific. A constitutional amendment needs to be somewhat general to keep the constitutional flexible," he said.

Chumley said the constitutional vote will probably be the first week in March and the general election the first week in April. One major change

he is interested in making is moving the voting days from Thursday and Friday to Tuesday and Wednesday. "I don't want to compete with the parties Thursday and people going home Friday," Chumley said.

He is hoping this move will increase voter turnout to around 1,300. "If we can get 13-17 percent turnout, it would be better than some of the bigger schools in the state," he added.

Chumley explained the lack of student interest, saying, "I don't think people place much emphasis on elections. Face it, you can get by at this school without knowing who the president is."

Chumley has announced his choice for co-chairperson of the committee, Cathy Allred. "Cathy has always been a loyal worker in the past and I'm confident she can get the job done," he said, explaining, "her job will be to run the show when I'm not there. In order to keep up my grades, I'll have to go to some classes."

Also helping with the elections will be the Nuggets. "They will be doing most of the work during the actual voting," Chumley said.

Asked if voting machines would be used this year, Chumley said, "That's always been the \$64 question. I don't want to make any promises I can't keep, but the money has been allocated."

Who is running for President?

By Rick Monroe

It's started.

Yes, the annual buzz about who is running for what has begun. Few people really know whose hat is in the ring until the campaign is well underway. In an interview with Tom Chumley, chairperson of the Elections and Publicity Committee, he suggested several people who had been mentioned as possible candidates for student body president.

"Some names I've heard thrown around that might possibly be running are: Kim Burns, Mike Kemp, Karen Popp, David Currie, Joel Gilland and Jack Summerlin."

Chumley said.

Concerning his opinion of the outcome of the race, Chumley felt because of his position he should not comment, but added, "The race for student body president is definitely going to be competitive."

Chumley thought there would be little change in the Student Legislature. "I will assume people who are up for reelection and aren't seniors will run.

"I would encourage anyone who is interested in government service to run. Win or lose," Chumley said, "it will look damn good on your resume."

Lady 49ers gain 13th victory

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