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(photo by Debbie Miller)

As recent warm weather urges the rest of UNCC to take a "seventh inning stretch," it's "batter up" for our new 49er baseball team.

## Editorial rights challenged

The Student Media Board received a complaint of improper editorial practices on the part of the *Carolina Journal's* Editorial Board at an informal meeting held this past Thursday.

Ward Simmons, Student Body Government treasurer, presented a statement to the board requesting the newspaper's Editorial Board not be allowed to endorse candidates for student elections. The board scheduled a hearing for Tuesday, March 6, at 6 p.m. to settle the issue.

Simmons based his statement on the following:

"I am bringing this complaint under Article IV, Section 1 of the (Student) Media Board Statutes, which provides a mechanism for 'Complaint and Arbitration.'

"The complaint is not with the *Carolina Journal*," Simmons continued, "for publishing the editorial position of the board. I think the (*Carolina Journal*) should not exclude any editorials. My complaint is with the board issuing editorial opinions.

"I think no organization or individual holding an official position or title should be allowed to use this position or title in signing editorial comments. The Editorial Board should see to it the (*Carolina Journal*) provides (1) factual information and (2) a forum for exchange of ideas. It should not issue editorial opinions.

"I am asking the (Student) Media Board to stop the Editorial Board from issuing endorsements," Simmons said.

Student Media Board Chairman Joe Austin said, "I think it's a very complicated question. I can see both sides

of it, but I think the *Carolina Journal* should have editorial freedom. I'm with them 100 percent as long as the paper provides a recourse in letters. They (Simmons) don't have a legal leg to stand on."

*Carolina Journal* Editor Nancy Davis had no comment on the situation.

## Dean of students office undergoing changes

By Nancy Davis

The Dean of Students office will be going through some reorganizational changes in the next few weeks involving staff responsibilities within the Dean of Students office and Cone University Center programming area. The changes come after almost a year of planning and the recent announcement of Marian Beane's resignation as orientation director. Chuck Lynch, dean of students, announced the plans officially last week after receiving the O.K. to go ahead interviewing.

The reorganization has resulted in a change of some position functions and titles within the office. Presently, Beane serves as parttime advisor for the international students and as orientation director. However, as of July 1, she will be fulltime international student advisor, thus leaving an opening for orientation director.

Also, there was a vacancy in the Dean of Students office, after the resignation of Associate Dean of Students Betty Chafin last year. Frank Joseph and Joanne Wolfe have been sharing responsibilities in that office, programming for commuter

## Decision released on nursing student's case

Phillip Hildreth, vice chancellor for academic affairs, announced Friday his decision to deny Donna Blunt, a junior nursing student who claims she was unfairly treated while trying to register for her senior courses, permission to take the senior level course she requested.

An official statement released by

Chambers, did say the decision was based on her not obtaining the authorization of the nursing department prior to registering for senior level nursing courses. "(Hildreth) said I had circumvented nursing department procedure and had not gotten the authorization of the nursing department," Blunt said.



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the vice chancellor's office said, "Ms. Blunt has been advised of the proper sequence under standards for the College of Nursing."

According to the statement, Blunt was informed of the details of the decision in a letter from Hildreth. Because of federal regulations, the vice chancellor was not able to disclose the contents of the letter but would have no objections to Blunt releasing information contained in the letter.

Blunt, who would not disclose the complete text of the letter without consulting her attorney, Julius

She commented, "I was real disappointed because students have taken courses like this (and preregistered for the next level courses before completing, but while taking, lower level courses) before and Hildreth said he wouldn't take this into account," Blunt said.

Hildreth, citing the Buckley Act, refused to elaborate on his prepared statement.

Dean of the College of Nursing Louise Schlacter, who was approached after leaving Hildreth's office, refused to answer any questions.

students, reentering students and leadership training.

Lynch saw a definite need for these positions to be more specific. In the reorganization of the office, three new titles will be formed; director of commuter life and student leadership development, director of orientation and under that position, assistant director of campus programming.

According to Lynch, the director of commuter life and student leadership development will be responsible for leadership development, commuter life, peer counselor training and supervision, student media and advising student groups and organizations.

The director of orientation and campus programs will be responsible for planning and coordinating the university orientation program, program coordination for the entire campus, including Cone University Center programming, Free University program, College Bowl, working with all major campus programming groups and women's studies liaison.

The assistant director of campus

programming will specifically be in charge of the Cone University Center programming, University Program Board committees and summer activities. This is a new position so it will be necessary to advertise nationally for an assistant director.

Lynch said, however, "depending upon the number of people interested and interviewed," the two director positions should be filled by March 20. "The tricky thing about it is," Lynch said, "it makes Barbara Torres (present director of campus programming) and Frank Joseph (present assistant dean of students) candidates for the two director positions."

He further explained it would be a promotion, involving new responsibilities and a new title. Therefore, these positions will be open to current university staff.

A strong foundation has been built this year in a student leadership which Lynch wants to put even more emphasis on. He also said the reorganization would allow "more staff involvement into the programming area."