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Nurses reveal department practices

By Rick Monroe

According to a well-informed, confidential source, referred to only as "Strep Throat," a group of nursing students, known as the "spy committee," was operating in the College of Nursing last year.

The committee, officially called the Student Advisory Committee to the Dean (SACD) was formed to give students in the College of Nursing a sounding board to the dean. It was reported the reason behind the formation of the committee was due to the lack of department levels in the College of Nursing, which in other colleges serves as the first level with which students are to lodge any complaints.

"Stress that in the beginning she (College of Nursing Dean Louise Schlacter) wanted us to bring her the good as well as the bad," a source who asked not to be identified said. "I really want to pass nursing."

This source agreed with Strep Throat the original purpose of the committee was altered when the students recommended a College of Nursing learning lab be opened at night as to be more accessible to students. Apparently between the time the recommendation was made by the committee and the time the faculty was informed of it, its wording was construed to be as though the SACD was being highly critical of the nursing faculty. One faculty member became upset over what she con-



(Photo courtesy of Information Office)
Dean of Nursing Louise Schlacter declined comment.

sidered to be undue criticism, and confronted one of SACD's members. This instance, along with rumors circulating within the department, led the committee to be tagged the "Dean's Spy Committee" and its members to be feared by some members of the nursing community. According to Strep Throat, "They were afraid to do or say anything around us because, 'The spy committee will get you.'"

When asked for the minutes of the meetings of the SACD, Schlacter's secretary said the dean "does not know anything about this committee." When contacted later, Schlacter did not know of the existence of the minutes. However

several sources agree minutes were recorded and copies were sent to the dean.

Strep Throat said, and it was confirmed by other sources, Schlacter instructed the committee. "Any time

we had a meeting we were to put (the minutes) in a blank envelope with (Schlacter's) name on it and put that envelope in another envelope with (assistant dean) Sally Nicholson's (continued on page 11)

Board dismisses complaint

By Rick Monroe

The Student Media Board voted unanimously this past Thursday to dismiss an official complaint brought before the board by Student Government Treasurer Ward Simmons concerning the editorial policy of the Carolina Journal.

Simmons felt the student newspaper of a state-supported institution of higher learning funded in part by student activity fees should not be allowed to issue opinions in the name of the newspaper. His particular and immediate concern was over possible endorsements by the newspaper's Editorial Board for candidates in the upcoming student body elections March 27-28.

Assistant Dean of Students Frank Joseph read a statement from a law publication stating a university newspaper was entitled to all of the rights quoted in the first amendment.

After deciding no specific violation had been charged against the Carolina Journal or the Student Media Board by Simmons, a motion was passed to dismiss the issue altogether.

Carolina Journal Editor Nancy Davis presented a list of guidelines to the board outlining the Editorial Board's procedures for making endorsements in the spring elections. The board felt the guidelines served further to answer the questions raised by Simmons.



Students load up for spring break beach trip.

(Photo by Debbie Miller)

Students head for the beach

By Cheryl Leopard

Beaches and coastline get ready. During the week of March 12-16 (spring break) more than half of the UNCC student body will converge at any and every beach available.

I thought it would make such an interesting story by asking around to see what most people are doing with their vacation. The

answer I got was the beach.

There is a small minority on campus who are not going to Fort Lauderdale, Myrtle Beach or the Outer Banks. I am going to look for a summer job. Anne Heath said, "I might go to Chapel Hill. But, mainly, I got to go to the dentist."

Linda Martin said, "Not a thing."

Some people are not

sure what they're doing. The lucky ones are going to the beach and a few are going to Chapel Hill. A lot of us are working, either on their job or on one of the many papers due after break.

The weatherman had better predict sunshine and warm weather for the week of March 12-16. If it rains and sun has been predicted, life will be in grave danger.

Student nominations open



By Kathy Espin

Nominations are now open for student body elections scheduled for March 27-28.

Tom Chumley, chairperson of the Elections and Publicity Committee, said any student interested in running for office should fill out a nomination form in the student government offices before March 19.

Chumley said around 12 students have already declared their candidacy for various offices. Karen Popp, Kim Burns and Jack Summerlin are running for student body president, David W. Perry is running for senior class president and Jo Dawkins and Matt Barhydt are vying for vice chairperson of the University Program Board. Several other students are running for various Student Legislature positions.

Offices to be filled include: student body president, Student Superior Court justices, Carolina Journal editor, Sanskrit editor, Rogues 'n Rascals editor, WFAE chairperson, senior class president, junior class president, sophomore class president, all University Senate seats. Also, the following seats are open in the Student Legislature: commuter representatives, architecture, business administration, science and math, social and behavioral science, HDL, humanities, engineering and nursing.