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Students call for "full" investigation by HEW

By Rick Monroe

The NAACP and over 400 students have joined UNCC's Student

Legislature and the Black Student Union in asking the Department of Health, Education and Welfare to in-

vestigate alleged racial discrimination in the College of Nursing.

Kelly Alexander Jr., state NAACP vice president, said in a press conference held March 8 in the Cone University Center, Donna Blunt, a junior nursing student, had been the victim of "... systematic acts of racial discrimination and harassment ... (which) clearly violate Title VI."

(Title VI, Section 601, of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 states, "No person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.")

Blunt said her attorney, Julius Chambers, who was out of town, had advised her not to discuss any of the details of her case, but, Alexander referred reporters to an article in the Feb. 26 issue of the *Carolina Journal* which described problems Blunt was having in trying to register for senior

level nursing courses while taking junior courses.

Black Student Union President Renee Gaddy presented petitions bearing the names of 427 students who agree "... the University has violated Title VI ... and therefore join ... other concerned organizations and individuals in calling on the Department of Health, Education and Welfare Office of Civil Rights to conduct a full investigation." Gaddy challenged HEW to "find out the problems of the nursing department and come up with a solution that will benefit all black students at UNCC."

Student Body President Larry Springs read a resolution passed by the Student Legislature which also called for HEW to investigate the nursing department said, "The university administration has ignored positive evidence of harassment and discrimination."

During the press conference a racially mixed group of approximately 25 students stood outside Reese building with signs saying, "We need more Donna's," "End UNCC Nursing Dept. Now" and other slogans. A spokesman for the group, Steve Powell, said the group consisting mostly of BSU members got together to decide how they could best help Blunt "and this is the end result. But," he added, "it's not over."



(Photo by Debbie Miller)

Donna Blunt looks on as Student Body President Larry Springs reads a resolution.

Measles hit N.C. campuses; not here yet

By Luann Whitley

The German measles, or rubella, are sweeping across North Carolina college campuses with the total amount of cases reported now reaching over 100. The colleges that have reported rubella cases are N.C. State, Davidson, UNC-Greensboro, Appalachian State and East Carolina. Like UNCC, each of these colleges have been out on spring break within the last two weeks, which has given students a chance to carry the disease across North Carolina.

Ken Sanford, director of public information at UNCC, said, "Before spring break last week, UNCC had no reports of rubella. We have no idea what will happen when the students return to campus."

The major concern when dealing with rubella is the fact pregnant women, who have not been immunized or have not had rubella, can damage the unborn fetus if they come into contact with rubella.

The symptoms of rubella are a slight fever, headache, enlarged lymph glands and a rash which usually starts at the head and moves downward. Rubella lasts anywhere from three to five days. UNCC's Brocker Health Center advises anyone who has rubella should go home, do not stay on campus. If you think you have rubella, the health center can confirm it by checking your blood. Also, the blood test can be used to check and see if you have been immunized for rubella.

According to nurse practitioners Kay Lackey and Willie Wachowiak, at the health center, "No measures

have been taken yet to set up immunization clinics on campus. We will have the vaccine on hand and students can come to the health center to be immunized."

At the health center, students will

be charged for the vaccine injection. The charge for the titer or blood test, to check for rubella, is \$7.25. UNCC students may want to note that at the Charlotte Health Department one can be immunized free of charge.

Student Bill of Rights proposed

as addition to student body constitution

By Luann Whitley

Larry Springs, student body president, has a proposed student bill of rights which will be included in the constitution referendum to be voted on during the elections. "It is essential for the welfare of the students to have certain rights. These rights should be assured and should be a part of the constitution," Springs said.

"Actually, the student body is already operating under most of these rights but the present constitution is void of any 'written rights' concerning the students," Springs said. "The rights I am proposing passed in Student Legislature with only two amendments.

"My main concerns are the first two rights listed, freedom of speech and freedom of the press. On number six, there was an amendment added to the end by the legislature which includes university policy. Also, number eight was amended by adding sexual preference and affectual preference," Springs said.

Student Bill of Rights

1. Students shall have the right of

freedom of speech and inquiry. The Student Association or administration shall make no policies that limits this right.

2. Students shall have the right to freedom of the press. The Student Association or administration shall make no policies that limits this right.

3. Students shall have the right to peaceful assembly, petition, picket and demonstrate to the Student Association or administration for redress.

4. Students shall have the right to be protected against improper academic evaluation. Student performance shall be evaluated solely on an academic basis, not on opinions or conduct in matters unrelated to academic standards. Students shall have this protection through orderly procedures against prejudicial or capricious academic evaluation.

5. Students shall have the right to academic due process and procedural due process in disciplinary proceedings. Students shall have the right to appeal.

6. Students shall have the right to

participate in institutional government and the formulation of academic policy and university policy.

7. Students shall have the right to privacy and the protection against improper search and seizure. Students shall have the right to be protected against verbal harassment, mental harassment and political surveillance.

8. Students shall have the right to be protected against the effects of racism and sexism. No student may be discriminated against because of race, sex, religion, national origin, sexual and affectual preference.

9. Students shall have the right to be protected against improper disclosure of any student records. All information about student views, beliefs and political association which professors or university officials acquire in the course of their work at the university shall be confidential. No records shall be kept which reflect the political activities or beliefs of students.

10. Students shall have the right to freedom of association and the right to from clubs or organizations to promote their common interest.