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Radio station to acquire satellite dish

By Kathy Espin

Student radio station WFAE will have a satellite receiver dish designed to receive National Public Radio (NPR).

WFAE station manager Robert "Bo" Pittman, said a site inspection team from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) which is funding the NPR satellite project, was on campus last week to find a location for the dish.

Pittman said NPR plans to start satellite broadcasts in March of 1980

and WFAE will probably have the dish installed by that time. The dish will be located near the track in the woods between Cone University Center and the gym.

One of the major benefits of the satellite dish will be immediate, on-the-spot broadcasts of important events from all over the world, Pittman said.

WFAE is one of 10 developing radio stations selected to receive a satellite receiver dish. "You have to be a qualified station to get a dish," Pitt-

man said. "We are not qualified, but this shows CPB has faith we will be qualified by the time we get the dish installed." He said the 10 stations were selected from around 45 stations being built or upgraded around the country.

CPB is building 126 receiver dishes for NPR qualified stations, at a cost of approximately \$75,000 each. WFAE will be one of four stations in North Carolina to receive a dish. Other sites will be Chapel Hill, Wake Forest and Warrenton.



Station Manager Bo Pittman.

Demonstration planned for Hunt



Marvin Sparrow.



Charles Parker.



Governor Jim Hunt.

By Kathy Espin

A demonstration against Governor Jim Hunt's actions in the Wilmington 10 and Charlotte Three cases will be held outside the Charlotte Coliseum on graduation date May 12.

Hunt has been invited to speak at the graduation ceremony.

In a letter to Chancellor E.K. Fretwell, UNCC alumni Marvin Sparrow asked the invitation to Hunt be withdrawn. "If you do not do so, I intend to join those students, faculty, former students and friends who plan to 'unofficially' greet Hunt and let him know that his failure to act on the case will not go unnoticed," Sparrow wrote.

Sparrow was a leader of the Charlotte Red Hornets May Day Tribe, a local counterculture group of the 60s, and was the main complainant in the "Billy Graham Day" lawsuit against the Nixon Administration.

Dr. Ann Carver, English instructor, said for students and faculty members who would like to silently show their protest, there will be arm bands available to wear during the ceremony. The arm bands will be

given out outside the Charlotte Coliseum on graduation day.

Carver said a number of concerned faculty members are signing an appeal for action asking Hunt to set an example to UNCC graduates by immediately reducing the sentences of those still in prison to time already served.

Charles Parker, T.J. Reddy of the Charlotte Three, accused of burning the Lacy B riding stables, and Ben Chavis of the Wilmington 10, are alumni of UNCC. Jim Grant, also of the Charlotte Three, was the first advisor to the Black Student Union and was instrumental in establishing the black studies program at UNCC, according to Carver.

In his letter to Fretwell, Sparrow said, "Thousands of people, including the Charlotte City Council, have called on Hunt to review the case, correct the injustice, and release the men from prison. Rather than deal with the case in a forthright and direct way, Hunt has chosen to play politics with those men's lives."

Fretwell was unavailable for comment at press time.

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