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Staff photo by Scott Sharpe

Blazing burlap

A small fire broke out on the construction site at Wilson Library Monday when workers accidentally left an acetylene torch on when they went to lunch, Capt. Maynard of the Chapel Hill Fire Department said. A spark from the torch caught a burlap bag on fire which burned the tube supplying the torch with gas in two pieces and burned a hole in the cement floor on the site. No other damages were incurred, Maynard said.

First female SHS director chosen: Dr. Judith Cowan

By LUCY HOOD

For the first time in the history of The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill a woman has been named director of Student Health Services.

Dr. Judith Cowan, former director of student health services at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, was chosen to replace Dr. James Taylor who resigned as director in the spring of 1980. Since that time doctors James McCutchen and Joseph DeWalt have acted as co-directors.

Cowan was chosen from a field of four candidates which also included Dr. Samuel S. Wright, SHS director at Vanderbilt University; Dr. Paul Trickett, SHS director at the University of Texas; and DeWalt.

In response to a question concerning her role as the first woman director, Cowan said she felt no additional pressure. "People are interested in competence, not in gender," she said.

In comparison to the University of Arkansas, Cowan said the SHS was larger at Carolina.

After a half day on the job Tuesday, Cowan noted that the main difference between her job as SHS director at Carolina and at the University of Arkansas was that she now had a larger operation to direct.

"My basic job is to come here and see where things are now," she said.

She added that she would like to increase the contact and communication between SHS and the students.

Cowan moved to Chapel Hill Monday with her four children and started work on Tues-

day. She left Arkansas after serving the student health services for 15 years, first as director of the Student Mental Health Clinic for 12 years and second as the director of the Student Health Services for 3 years.

As an undergraduate, Cowan attended the University of Oklahoma where she received a degree in Psychology before going to the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine.

Cowan's husband currently is teaching English at the University of Arkansas and will move to Chapel Hill where he will do extended research for books and papers he has been working on, Cowan said.

Cowan said the move was one her family was looking for and Chapel Hill was a "good place."

Much of the new director's previous education and experience with teaching, writing and working has been related to psychiatry.

In addition to serving her residency in psychiatry, Cowan was certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, and she taught psychiatry and psychology courses at the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine, Tulane University School of Medicine and the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville.

However, she said that her main objective was to focus on the administrative aspect of her career. "Basically, I'm interested in administration and pursuing that," she said.

Catherine Cowan, Dr. Cowan's oldest child, will enroll in the University as a freshman this fall. She also has three younger children: Cynthia, a senior in high school; Christina, an 8th-grader; and Michael.

Court decision on registration receives mixed area reaction

By JOHN HINTON

The Supreme Court's recent decision to allow Congress to limit draft registration to men only provoked mixed reaction from students and area residents who participated in an informal survey.

Respondents were generally opposed to the court's ruling and its position that women were physically weaker than men for combat duty.

Junior Carol Krom, 18, from Wilkesboro, said she disagreed with the high court decision. "Men should not be the only ones to go off and fight and women should not have to wait home for them," she said.

"That idea is outdated. If women can do the same jobs, they should be able to fight the same wars." She added that some women were weaker and should perform the non-combat duties.

Ennis Squires, 27, a copier mechanic from Durham, said he thought women should not be submitted to the violence of war. "Women give men something to look forward to when they come home."

Squires said women would lose out fighting against a male enemy because combat is more than machine guns and rifles.

"It can also be hand-to-hand fighting and women are physically weaker than men in combat."

Ophelia Andrew, 58, a Chapel Hill resident and a World War II veteran of the Women Auxillary Volunteer Emergency Services, said she was unhappy with the court's decision because she was for equality across the board.

"Generally speaking, women are weaker than men, but there are some women who are stronger than some men," Andrew said.

She added that women could fight in combat because combat requires more endurance than physical strength. "Generally speaking, women have at least as much endurance as men. It doesn't take much strength to lift a rifle, push a button or drive a tank," Andrew said.

Michael Holland, a 20-year-old math major from Raleigh, said the ruling was valid. "Women should not be included in the draft. It should be on personal basis (that) they can sign up."

Holland said women were not physically weaker than men for combat, but they just did not have the necessary skills to serve in combat.

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