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Inter-dorm Cookout

The thermometer was hovering around freezing and the wind was cold and biting, but the fire was warm and food tasty, at an Inter-dorm sponsored cookout held last Saturday on campus. (Staff Photo by Jane Nicholson)

Area Health Center Planned for Asheville

Plans are currently underway for the establishment of an Area Health Education Center (AHEC) in Asheville which will have great impact upon the future of UNC-A, according to Chancellor William E. Highsmith.

The AHEC center will be located between St. Joseph's Hospital and Memorial Mission Hospital, on Biltmore Avenue. The center will offer continuing education programs for doctors, nurses, and other public health personnel. The center hopes to be underway shortly after the beginning of the year.

Last spring, the UNC-A Board of Trustees passed a resolution asking the UNC Board of Governors to approve the establishment of a school of nursing and health sciences at UNC-A, as part of the Chancellor's new programs.

If the UNC Board of Governors approves the school of nursing and health sciences and if the AHEC is built as scheduled, it would be possible for a student interested in nursing or public health training to do his undergraduate work at UNC-A and graduate work at AHEC, all without leaving the western end of the state.

In 1970, the Carnegie Commission on Higher Education published a report on higher education and the nation's health in which it stated, "Despite America's vast wealth there are still severe health problems. The Commission recommended that medical schools be expanded into medical centers for research and for training physicians."

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Duplication of Services

WCU's Oteen Program Attacked by Highsmith

Chancellor William E. Highsmith called Monday for a policy decision by the UNC Board of Governors on the operation of the extension program at Oteen by Western Carolina University.

Highsmith told the UNC-A Board of Trustees that a duplication of programs offered in the Asheville area by the two institutions is an unrealistic burden to the taxpayers of the state.

"We need to develop with the board of governors a basic policy statement as to what this institution (UNC-A) is supposed to be, where it is supposed to go, what level it is supposed to work at--and the board is going to have to make some decisions in reference to what Western is supposed to be doing over here in Asheville," Highsmith said.

The WCU extension program at Oteen, it was pointed out, was started at the request of industry in this area while UNC-A was still a junior college.

But now in addition to programs in education and business administration, WCU is offering courses "as part of their program which is a direct duplication of what we are offering over here," Highsmith said.

And the Cullowhee institution, he said, does not have adequate library support, classrooms or laboratories in the Asheville area for those programs. The WCU classes at Oteen are held at night.

"And yet over here on our campus at

night, the library and classrooms and laboratories are empty," he said. "Whether we are UNC-A people or Western Carolina people we are all taxpayers of North Carolina, and that doesn't make any sense at all."

Highsmith told the trustees that the enrollment at UNC-A is stabilizing, and that budgets are now being developed as a direct reflection of the number of students enrolled rather than the types of programs offered.

"In order to protect what we have already (Continued on P-4)

Trustees Lower In-state Tuition

The Committee on Finance and Real Property of the UNC-A Board of Trustees Monday unanimously approved a reduction of in-state tuition by \$17 per semester.

Meeting in the administrative conference room prior to the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, it was decided that this change would become effective next semester.

The \$17 tuition reduction will be reapplied to student activity and athletic fees. Students will now pay an additional \$8.50 activity fee, and an additional \$8.50 athletic fee per semester.

The Committee also redefined its definition of who should pay activity and athletic fees. The Committee ruled that any student taking more than 10 hours per semester shall be required to pay activity and athletic fees.

Chancellor William E. Highsmith told the Committee he was con-

cerned about the free riders on campus who don't pay activity fees but yet attend campus functions. Highsmith said there were over 100 students on campus who are taking 10 or 11 hours per semester and not paying activity fees.

The Committee will pass the resolution on tuition changes to the UNC Board of Governors who have jurisdiction on any and all tuition changes.

In other action, the Committee unanimously voted that no one intercollegiate athletic sport could receive more than 30 per cent of athletic fees paid by students.

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