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Freshmen Comment on Campus Life

"I like it," was the frequent comment when freshmen were asked their impressions of UNCA. Many people like the personal atmosphere of a small school. Instead of being a number, each student is a person where "the professors are willing to work with you." One chronic sleeper expressed his feelings of pride in staying awake in all of his classes.

Emphasis was put on the amount of personal freedom college offers in comparison to high school. Students enjoy being able to "come and go as you please." They like the relaxed feeling of taking it easy between classes.

One problem commuters expressed was the difficulty in getting to know other students, since most come for classes, and then go back home. One student, who came from a high school where everyone knew one another, felt UNCA is "not as friendly as it could be."

Positive comments were made about several different things. Students like the "wonderful course offerings," the new radio station, and the campus. One freshman enjoys drinking the free beer offered at Student Government functions.

On the negative side, students were frustrated at having to wait weeks for books to arrive at the bookstore. Registration and the Admissions Department are both considered too disorganized. A comment was made on the terrible jokes all professors seem to inflict upon their classes.

But how do most freshman, (who haven't really formed an opinion yet), feel? As one student so eloquently put it, "Its all right, I reckon."

"Five Year Plan" Steering Committee Purposes Reviewed

The second meeting of the Steering Committee of the "Five Year Plan on Student Services" was held Thursday afternoon, Sept. 4 in the Administration Conference Room. The 45 minute long meeting was intended to re-organize the Committee which only met once last year.

Chancellor Highsmith, initiator of the Plan, opened the meeting with a review of its purposes. He said that in light of UNCA's past emphasis on academics, "not much has been done for the students as human beings." "Student services have taken a backseat to academics," the Chancellor reported. He said the purpose of this Five Year Plan is to improve student services on campus in the future.

The Plan grew out of a Board of Governors request to all 16 campuses in the North Carolina public university system. Last year the Board required a plan for the future of each institution, especially those areas related to academic development. UNCA's plan, presented last October, is still awaiting action by the Board.

This new Plan, dealing solely with student services at UNCA, was sanctioned by the Board of Trustees. Once adopted by them, the Plan will become "official university policy." Completion date for the Plan is December 1975.

The Five Year Plan on Student Services is broken into seven subcommittees, each dealing with a different subject

area. Attending the meeting were: Fred Tone-Intercollegiate Athletics; Kim Manning-Special Programs; Marilyn Powell-Student Government; David Ramseur-Student Organizations; Ed Harris-Intramurals and Recreation; Nora Aiken-Student Center, Dorms, and Food; and Dr. Andrade-Broadcasting and Publications. Dean of Students Tom Deason chaired the meeting.

Dr. Highsmith identified three specific questions each Subcommittee should address in its particular area; "(1) what do we now have, (2) what do we want in the future, and (3) what will it take to get what we want."

In completing his remarks, the Chancellor emphasized the importance of the development of the Plan. He said that although designed to alleviate difficulties in the long run, immediate solutions to pressing problems were encouraged. Short range solutions, he said, should be brought to the Steering Committee and forwarded to him for implementation.

Mr. Deason announced several areas of progress since the Committee last met May 6. He reported the recent appointment of a Director of Intramurals and Recreation, Mr. Lancaster. At a dinner meeting between Dr. Dula, Director of Administration; S. G. President Gary Aiken; Mr. Hartman, Director of Athletics; and himself, Mr. Deason said cooperation was encouraged in reference to UNCA's

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Faculty Tenure Policy Presently Being Revised

An ad hoc faculty committee is presently in the process of updating UNCA's document on faculty tenure. The seven man committee met Friday, Sept. 5 to discuss the several working drafts of the document to be presented to the Board of Governors by Nov. 1.

The committee is chaired by Dr. Phil Walker, and its other members include Dr. Harry Johnston, Dr. Jim Vincent, Dr. Shirley Browning, Dr. Arnold Sgan, Dr. Walt Boland, and Dr. George Kramer. The committee was originally appointed by Chancellor Highsmith in 1973 to draw up the first statement on faculty tenure.

The 1973 document was adopted by UNCA's Board of Trustees in December of that year. It was forwarded to the Board of Governors who never took official action on it. The main reason for inaction by the Board was their revision of a state-wide document upon which the UNCA plan was not based.

The "Academic Freedom and Tenure Code," commonly referred to as "Chapter 6," was adopted by the Board of Governors in June of this year. This document sets down general guidelines to which all 16 campuses in the North Carolina university system must conform. It dictates certain standardized areas which the individual documents of each campus must share in common (except N. C. School of the Arts).

In response to a directive from the central administration in Chapel Hill, UNCA is developing a tenure document to conform to Chapter 6. The Chancellor re-activated the original 1973 committee on tenure to preform the task. The committee met several times during the summer.

Chapter 6 represents a considerable change in philosophy by the central administration. It fails to be specific in most areas, but rather is a general statement open to various interpretations. In addition to Chapter 6, UNCA's document should conform to a list of "suggestions" drafted by two members of President Friday's staff, Vice-President Dawson and Mr. Phay, a legal advisor. These suggestions re-emphasize the generalities desired by Chapel Hill.

A tentative first draft of a UNCA tenure document was the subject of a meeting in Chapel Hill Aug. 20. Attended by Doctors Riggs, Vincent, Browning, and Walker, the central administration strongly advised against the specificity of the document. Last Fri-

day's meeting was an attempt to mesh the suggestions with the reality of UNCA. The general consensus of the committee was that little deviation from the Chapel Hill directives was the best route

Chapter 6 and the central administration's list of suggestions seem to provide local administrations with more power to grant tenure and fire faculty. According to one member of the committee, the Chancellor will be able to fire faculty for reasons of changing programs at UNCA. Chapel Hill maintains that specificity often grants more rights to non-tenured faculty than they actually have. For example, non-tenured faculty have certain time periods of re-appointment. Specifying certain safeguards and appeals routes, as does the present UNCA document, may prolong these periods, thus allowing more possibility for tenure receipt. Another incentive for

the committee to make the new tenure document general is time involved in amending it. Once adopted by the Board of Governors, any amendment, more likely in a very detailed document, could easily take a year.

One committee member said the "committee is baffled at the (requested) changes, but not necessarily rebelling against it." He said there is, "no feeling of forcing something down people's throats." Another felt the Chapel Hill proposals were as much a surprise to the UNCA administration, as to the members of the committee.

The committee is to finish its work by the end of September, when its recommendations will be presented to the Board of Governors.

Closed meetings, at least to students, will continue for the next few weeks on this important matter. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 12.

Student Senate Receives Large Budget Requests

The first Student Senate meeting of the 1975-76 academic year was called to order by S. G. Vice-President Pete Austin at 9:07, Tuesday evening, Sept. 9. The meeting was attended by nine of 16 possible Senators.

Following an announcement by Chairman Austin disallowing proxy votes, Senator Aiken requested the floor. She expressed her desire to see the Bill presently regulating financing procedures for the Summit "killed." Ms. Aiken claimed the Bill causes full-time students to pay more for the annual than part-time students.

The approval of several executive appointments of Commissioners was the next item on the agenda. The following students were confirmed by the Senate for their respective positions: Joan Adams and Bob Lehman-Social Commissioners, J. C. Hyatt-Intramurals Commissioner, Pat McCraw-Elections Commissioner, Johnny Wicker-Finance Commissioner.

Byron Ballard was approved as Co-Commissioner of Publicity and Communications following suspension of the rules of procedure to vote on her Bill. Normally Bills must be introduced one week before they may be voted on.

The greatest amount of the hour long meeting was the introduction of the budgets of the campus media. The Summit budget of \$5971 for the year met some opposition. Senators Leguire and Aiken expressed displeasure with the present financing process of the Summit.

The annual Ridgerunner budget request was a total of \$6114.50. It included itemized requests for printing costs (\$4500), office expenses including mailings (\$445) and money for equipment purchases (\$894.50).

The radio station request of \$3728.50 is for first semester only. It includes allocation requests for engineering, music, scholarships, and telephones. All three budgets are eligible to be voted on at the next Senate meeting. Informal budget hearings will be held during the week of the 8th.

A resolution calling for the relaxation of the visitation regulations in the dorms was introduced. It was tabled pending an inquiry into the legalities of some of its phraseology.

A 15 minute debate over the date and time of the next meeting ended the official business of the first Student Senate meeting of the year.