

EDITORIAL

Brown's Game Plan

Will UNCA expand to several times its size? Will the Bulldogs ever play the Tarheels?

Tune in in 10 years and see if Quarterback Dave Brown and his team of North Carolina legislators have transformed UNCA into a Chapel Hill West.

Although Chapel Hill may be an exaggeration, in a decade UNCA should be on its way, if not at its arrival, as a university force to reckon with.

Our new chancellor deserves a pat on the back. In his one year at UNCA he has stimulated more growth and change than former Chancellor Highsmith did in his 22-year reign.

Although Highsmith paved the way, coaching and nurturing UNCA into an excellent small liberal-arts institution, Brown has made the first down towards the next natural step — expansion and growth.

The past summer has proved an excellent example of our new leader's optimistic foresight. With his urging and the hard work of the Buncombe County legislators, UNCA netted \$13.4 million in funds from the state General Assembly: \$6.4 million for a much-overdue and needed library; \$1 million for the acquisition of 60 acres; and \$6 million to link UNCA with the Research Triangle's microelectronics system, one of the first such systems in the nation.

Opponents say UNCA is growing too fast; the personable quality of the campus is being forsaken.

The Blue Banner agrees that UNCA contains a special quality of closeness.

But we also realize that something must suffer in any major change. The opportunities growth present far outweigh any damage that might result.

A larger campus will attract more donors which would result in more funds and advanced programs.

An extensive graduate program, a medical school and a radio/television facility are all in the realm of possibility, if we continue following Brown's game plan.

Also students of Western North Carolina deserve a viable alternative to the large Eastern state campuses.

So we cheer on Brown's efforts to enhance the quality of on-campus life.

And those who disagree can simply change to another channel.

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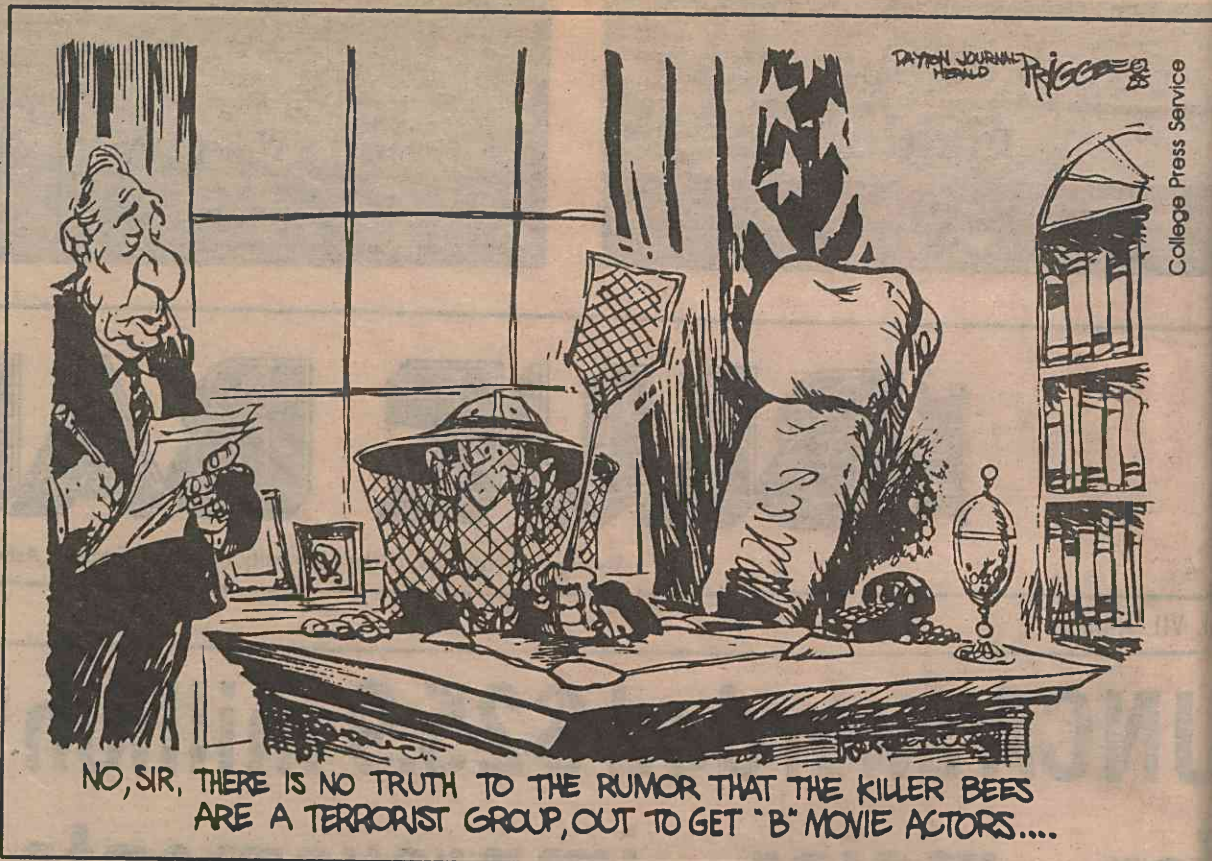
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IN YOUR OPINION

Immunization Records Explained

By Bruce Kelly, MD
Health Service Director

One of the significant, and entirely preventable, health care problems facing college populations today is vaccine preventable infectious disease, primarily measles (Rubeola) and German measles (Rubella.)

This problem relates to both personal and public health. Though each student should have received an explanatory letter and form with your health insurance information, it bears review and general dissemination early in the year.

Many of today's college students were born at a time when the measles vaccine was just being introduced and before immunization had become universal. As a result up to 15 percent of college students are estimated to be susceptible.

In 1983, 38 percent of all cases in this country were college-related. Outbreaks on 12 campuses occurred in 1984, with one situation resulting in three deaths. This reflects the fact that measles is a more serious infection in adults than in children. The figures so far for 1985 reflect those of 1983.

For similar reasons, 10 to 20 percent of students are also susceptible to German measles. Since 1975 adolescents and young adults have had the highest incidence of this illness.

Rubella mimics other viral infections and is difficult to diagnose, so that an infected individual may unknowingly expose a large number of other people.

Both diseases are highly contagious, even more so in a college setting where crowding frequently takes place. A single-suspected case must be considered an outbreak.

The American College Health Association and other national or-

ganizations have addressed this issue and requested each university to have an immunization requirement in place by September 1985. The North Carolina State Legislature has ratified a bill requiring college students to show proof of immunization prior to matriculation effective July 1, 1986.

To this end all students should have received an immunization form and explanatory letter. The measles requirement applies only to those born after 1957. The German measles requirement applies to everyone. For those unable to obtain documentation as requested from your physician there are several options.

We can provide a combination measles/German measles vaccine at the Health Service at no charge through the Buncombe County Health Department. Alternatively, a blood test for immunity to German measles can be obtained here for \$7. There are no problems with giving the vaccine to people who have already had previous vaccination or illness. The only contraindications are pregnancy or allergy to enomy-cin.

We have designed Wednesday mornings as the main time we would like to assist those needing help with this. We are certainly available throughout the week if needed. With approximately 2,700 students, however; this represents a considerable effort on our part and we would like to disrupt our usual services as little as possible. We will begin contacting individuals who have not completed their immunization requirement towards the end of the fall semester. We would appreciate your attention and compliance with these results.