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NCCU's Infirmary: An Informative Review

by Cynthia Bennett



Dr. Harrell

"My head feels like its splitting man!" "Hey, why don't you check by the infirmary?" "What for man, like the way I feel, N.C. N.C.C.U.'s infirmary is one of those untapped natural resources "for coricidins!" "They are not going to help my head now man, I need some real attention, like a head x-ray check or something." "Do you have insurance?" "No man. Why should I take out insurance?"

Is it true? Is N.C.C.U.'s infirmary really a pusher for coricidin, "C&D"? Is there really any need to take out insurance? Lets go to the infirmary and find out.

Whisking by the desk we see Dr. Harrell entering his office. We go in to talk with him. He informs us that: us that:

The student insurance policy is contracted with Blue Cross & Shield at very low rates for the individual student. The insurance takes care of the payments up to 80% on any surgery or hospitalization—including emergency room visits to any hospital

—not related to pregnancy, though DNC, vaginal bleeding, may be covered in some instances. The check for pregnancy may be covered also in policy, if used to rule out pregnancy in some cases. Pregnancy insurance can be obtained from Blue Cross & Shield. This is not advised however, in view of the fact that students are here to study, and unless one knows that pregnancy will probably occur, it would be an extreme waste of money. The policy given to students at \$18 per year is low compared to the regular rates of \$400 per year. Pregnancy insurance would be considerably high also. In the past students were required to take the insurance or sign that they did not want it. This proved to be illegal and now it is placed totally at the student's discretion as to whether he should not take out insurance. Without insurance the students often find that they need services which they can not afford. Also students without insurance needing urinary and blood lab test find that payments are due in advance; this is because many students fail to pay, and this payment comes directly out of the infirmary's budget.

Many of the students who frequently visit the infirmary suffer from colds or sore throat. This is the only disease that reaches epidemic proportions on campus. This is due to the constant contact of living so close together. Second to colds and sore throat is venereal diseases. syphilis and gonorrhea, of the two, gonorrhea is far more common. For every one syphilis victim, there is approximately one-hundred persons suffering from gonorrhea on this campus. About 200 persons or more were treated for gonorrhea last semester. Persons are treated with shots or oral medications. Shots treat gonorrhea within 3 days, while the oral medications take a little longer, about a week. Treated persons are asked to bring in his contacts, however, this is completely optional. In these treatments, information is

strictly confidential. There are no reports to the dean or elsewhere.

The infirmary has also availed itself to assist young ladies who wish to have abortions. First they are given a pregnancy test, which cost \$3.50 or \$5 if results are wanted immediately. With positive results from the test, the

infirmary will recommend places at which the performance can be done. Prices for an abortion range from \$200 before the 12th week and \$400 afterwards. Presently, a gynecologist is visiting the infirmary once a week. This professional does abortions as part of his private practice. These are not reported to the dean either, everything is strictly between the doctor and the patient. The infirmary is not equipped for prenatal care, however, the gynecologist will see pregnant mothers with visiting charges. The initial visitor's charge is \$70 to \$80. Afterwards regular visits are \$10.

Also stated is the fact that infirmary is not equipped to prescribe birth control pills, for pap smears are necessary and they can not get them free. However, they will issue prescriptions for refills.

The infirmary welcomes students. Dr. Harrell states, "The infirmary is here for the students, to deal with both physical and mental problems." He feels that the worth of the infirmary has slipped from the minds of the students, and that they tend to view the place as having a cold atmosphere.

The nursing staff works diligently to assist the students in anyway they can. They make full use of the infirmary's facilities. The infirmary has undergone and will undergo some moderations. Some new additions include refurbishing, gynecologist, surgeon, psychologist, dentist, and hopefully birth control pills will be offered.

Suggestions are welcomed from the students, as to what they would like to see in the infirmary. However they should keep in mind student charges.

WHERE WILL YOU LIVE?

by Regina Marrow

Students, are you wondering where you will live next year, on campus or off-campus? If you are, you are not worrying alone. Ms. Green and Ms. Eta Young of the Office of Residence Operations are equally concerned about where returning students will live.

"The picture looks very bleak at this time," Ms. Green recently stated. This is no understatement; the situation does seem pretty bleak right now. On April 20, housing assignments began to be made. To date (April 27) 1,750 housing assignments have been made. But, only a total of 1,810 spaces will be available this coming school year. There will be 1,162 spaces for women on campus and 648 spaces for men on campus. Some students, however, should not worry too much. All incoming Freshmen who have applied have been housed and all males who have applied have been housed. Unfortunately all students are not included in these two categories.

Some students will find their names on the waiting list. The waiting list consists of students who have not been assigned any housing accommodations. It is reported that some of these students paid their room deposit as early as February. There are approximately 300 names on the list.

Ms. Green stated that room assignments are made on a first come, first serve basis. Explaining the system, she said that first the student pays her money to the Bursar's Office, then someone in the Bursar's Office stamps the application card and sends it to the Housing Office. The Housing Office places its own date on the card when it is brought to their office and this is the date they use when making assignments. So, if you paid money in January and the Bursar's Office did not send you your card over to Ms. Green's office until April, your chances are slim for living on campus

next year. Incidentally Ms. Green remarked that students are still paying room deposits, (deadline June 1).

If you are wondering what your chances are for living in your favorite dormitory, mabe these facts will help. Because Annie Day Shepard will be closed due to renovations, housing on campus will be sort of 264 spaces. The number of

students in each dorm will be:
Baynes — Capacity 400
Eagleson — Capacity 400
Latham — Capacity 200
McLean — Capacity 78
Rush — Capacity 84
Chidley — Capacity 648

Students, if you would like to know where you will live next year, you can stop by the Office of Residence Operations before you go home.

Quality of Undergraduate

Members of the Southern Sociological Society considered a report on the quality of undergraduate level sociology programs in the South at their meeting in Miami on April 7-10.

The study was prepared by the society's Committee on the Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities, chaired by Mrs. Sandra M. Rogers of the North Carolina Central University Department of Sociology.

The study, which examines the nature and quality of uate sociology departments and course offerings, was authorized by the societ society after a cause graduate training to be a cause of difficulty in graduate study.

All four-year colleges, both pre predominantly black and predominantly white, were included in the survey by the committee. The report included recommendations for action, according to Mrs. Rogers.

Dr. Charles E. King of NCCU, a member of the executive

committee of the Southern Sociological Society, served on the Committee on the Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities, as did Dr. Joel Smith and Dr. Jacquelyne J. Jackson of Duke University and Mrs. Gwen Asetlyne of Middle Tennessee State College.

Twelve North Carolina Central University faculty members and employees was honored by their fellow workers at a reception Sunday, April 25. The twelve are officially retiring.

Some may continue to work full-time with the university. For Dr. Charles W. Orr, the official retirement dictated by the calendar permits a welcome resumption of a heavier teaching load.

Dr. Orr has served as director of summer sessions and continuing education. That administrative position has not allowed him to carry a full teaching load as professor of education. His appointment as a professor of education next year permit him to resume the classroom work he thrives on.

In alphabetical order, the retiring personnel are as follows:

Hodgesty V. Alston, security officer, who joined the university as a watchman in 1966.

Miss Mary Bohanon, assistant professor of English, who joined the university faculty in 1966.

Mrs. Mattie Canty, housekeeping assistant, who joined the



Mrs. Sandra Rogers

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university staff in 1955.

Mrs. Josephine Denard, secretary, who joined the university in 1956.

Mrs. Anne M. Duncan, assistant professor of law and law librarian, who joined the faculty and staff in 1952.

Latha Gray, housekeeping assistant, who joined the university staff in 1964.

Caulbert A. Jones, associate professor of history, who joined the faculty in 1947.

Dr. Orr, professor of education and director of summer session

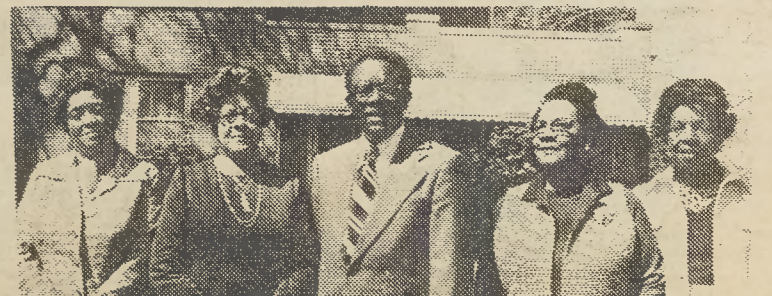
and continuing education, who joined the faculty in 1963.

Dr. Sylvia Render, professor of English, who joined the faculty in 1964.

Mrs. Luetta Sims, housekeeping supervisor, who joined the staff as a housekeeping assistant in 1956.

Mrs. Willie G. Sneed, housekeeping supervisor, who joined the staff as a housekeeping assistant in 1954.

Mrs. Dorothy Williams, food service assistant, who joined the staff in 1967.



RETIRING PERSONNEL—Left to right, Mrs. Dorothy Williams, food service assistant; Mr. Luetta Sims, housekeeping supervisor; Dr. Charles W. Orr, Professor of education and director of summer sessions and continuing education; Mrs. Willie G. Sneed, housekeeping supervisor; and Mrs. Josephine Denard, secretary.