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Contract renewal undecided will SAGA foods leave UNCC?

by charles n. hartis

The fate of Saga Foods at UNCC is still very much in the balance but no matter which way the dice turn up, 49ers will be eating better next year.

Saga Food Service, a California based operation, is having a tough road with school officials over the question of their return.

Mr. Jerry Foster and Mr. Frank Brooker, co-managers of the cafeteria, are about the only people on campus who would be left quite jobless if the contract falls through, but they have ironically little to do with determining the decision. Having no negotiating power, they have resorted to their only course of action--to make as much improvement as possible before a

final vote is taken. Foster contends, with the sincerity of a country preacher, that if the standards of his operation were up to the "Saga Tradition" the quality of service could not be topped anywhere.

This quality skidded first semester because the former manager, Mr. Ernest, was suffering from bad health and was unable to keep the cooks and helpers in line. Cooks ad libbed with their own home remedies instead of following the Saga menus and recipes. This often left students with three kinds of rice for entries and hominy and turnip greens for vegetables.

With half of this semester gone, many improvements have been made. Menus are being strictly

adhered to, fresh meats are the rule as opposed to frozen stock used before. Also there are fruit plates, diet soft drinks, and skim milk for dieters.

In addition, Foster and Brooker are trying to instill a greater sense of moral and pride in the kitchen workers. As Foster put it, they are supposedly professionals, being paid as professionals with students' money; they should turn out a pro quality product.

And that suggestion box by the door isn't just for show, either. It's checked daily, and the co-managers consider each form. Most they classify plainly as "bitches" but any valid suggestion or complaint are checked out and acted upon.

If a student complains of too hard brownies, Mr. Foster has an immediate pow-wow with the baker.

Donald McKay, one of men battling for the students in the contract negotiations, gave few facts outside of the April deadline for the decision. His opinion was guarded, but officially he was impressed with Saga's efforts of improvement and was glad to see the student consensus moving

towards the affirmative. But Saga "still has a long way to go."

Therefore, as long as Saga is kept in suspense, our eats will continue to improve, but if in the end they lose out, despite their changes, they will only logically be replaced by an outfit that is already superior.

Either way, students' stomachs will get a better shake come this fall.

Biologists study conservation sites

Students at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte are participating in a State-wide field study project to pinpoint natural areas in North Carolina that should be preserved and protected.

The natural areas survey project is being sponsored by the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development's parks division. C&D Director Roy G. Sowers, Jr. issued a release today announcing the program.

University of North Carolina students involved in the program are working under the direction of Dr. J. F. Matthews in the Department of Biology.

The students are visiting sites

near UNC seeking to list and describe those areas which possess qualities of significant scientific and educational values worthy of being preserved.

The student groups will file a written report at the end of the current semester with the parks division. A complete summary of the areas judged most suitable for preservation will be published by the C&D agency, according to Sowers.

Sowers, who initiated the project, said the students involved will receive academic credit for their work.

"This is a great program and it's the kind of thing State Government agencies should do

more of," he said.

"There are many needs in North Carolina and we in Government should be more than willing to take advantage of our students' interests and concerns," Sowers added.

The project is being co-ordinated by Robert Teulings, who is associated with the Conservation Council of North Carolina, and a member of the parks division staff.

The extent of student involvement varies with each institution, according to Teulings. In some instances, two or three students are engaged in the natural areas survey, and at other schools, entire classes are conducting the study.

Pub Board reverses decision

by ron foster

The Publications Board handed Mike McCulley the right to run for Editor of the JOURNAL, Monday, as they struck down a March 10th decision. Over an

hour of debate preceded the board's reconsideration of the earlier decision which disqualified McCulley from the Editor's race.

The decision comes after more than a week of appealing and petitioning the student body by the former managing Editor of the JOURNAL for the right to run.

McCulley will now face Student Legislator, Susan Sutton, in the first dual race this campus has seen in five years.

Also seeking positions on student publications in the April 1 and 2 elections are: Peggy Caldwell and Melanie Wilson, co-editors of the ROGUES AND RASCALS; Mike Dobson and Charlie Peek, SANSKRIT; Gerald Jones and Doug Monroe, JOURNAL business manager; Garry Scotty, ROGUES AND RASCALS business manager. Vicki Hinson and Dean Duncan are seeking the business manager spot on SANSKRIT.

Friday

Halmos talks on math

CHARLOTTE—One of the nation's outstanding mathematicians will lecture at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte at 11:30 a.m., March 26 in room 220 of the Denny Building.

Dr. Paul R. Halmos, who was chairman of the Department of Mathematics at the University of Hawaii before being named professor of mathematics at Indiana University in 1969, will give a lecture of general interest entitled, "Some Mathematical Prejudices."

At 3:30 p.m., he will give a more specialized lecture on "Algebraic Operators."

Recognition of his teaching service came in 1970 when Indiana University awarded him the special title, "Distinguished Professor of Mathematics."

Professor Halmos received the B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Illinois. He has taught at the University of Syracuse, the University of Chicago, and the University of Michigan.

Among other honors, Professor Halmos received a Guggenheim Fellowship for research in 1947 and in 1948 was recipient of the Chauvenet Prize for Mathematical Exposition, presented by the Mathematical Association of America.

Constitution goes to committee

The controversial proposed SGA Constitution has been referred to an eighteen-man review committee. Legislature voted to postpone the approval until the 19th and 20th of April.

The move caught no one by surprise. Public hearings brought to light conflicts between the SGA, the Union, and publications, that could not be resolved by the April 12th ratification date.

A resolution asking that a new site be chosen for the proposed hospital on Randolph Road passed the legislature easily. A move supporting the ill-fated consolidation charter also was approved.

Rick Norton broke a tie vote on a bill asking for a fixed agenda during legislature meetings. The bill, introduced by Claire Tausch, was defeated.



Health Services Center rests in the valley between the dorms and gym. It opened last week. (photo by dean duncan)