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Health service policy explained

by sharon deck

Health service policies at the Student Health Service will make it easier for students to obtain contraceptives or abortions quickly and confidentially, according to the health center doctor, Dr. Bill Davis.

Dr. Davis will prescribe birth control pills for any woman who asks for them who is willing to have a physical examination.

If a pregnant student wishes to have an abortion, the Health Service will refer her to fly to Washington, D.C., for a legal abortion. The cost of the abortion is \$150. For \$230, a woman can fly to Washington, have the abortion, and return to Charlotte the same day, with a little money left over.

If this is done confidentially. Although Dr. Davis will encourage a pregnant woman to inform her parents, he will not tell the parents himself without the permission. Neither will administration officials be notified.

These policies were not stated explicitly in the Student Health Service booklet issued at registration, Dr. Davis said, because "they might fall into the hands of mothers and daddies" who may not be overly understanding.

Having a full-time doctor on the staff will mean that other health needs can be handled more efficiently. Many laboratory tests, including tests for venereal disease, can be conducted at the Health Center.

Lost medications will be stocked at the Health Center. Although the student will be charged for most medications, the cost will be less than one would pay at a store. Since the Health Center buys drugs at cost, and cannot mark up the price to make a profit, the student can get medication cheaply.

The tight financial situation necessitates charging for some drugs and laboratory tests. The Health Service is supported entirely by student health fees; no state funds can be appropriated for the operation of the Center.

Health fees here, Dr. Davis said, are "ridiculously low" — \$10 per student, compared to \$28 per student at UNC-G. Since the Health Service must be completely self-supporting, the addition of a full-time doctor and laboratory tests has put a strain on the budget that only additional charges to the student can rectify.

The policy of charging for some medications and lab work may be temporary.

Dr. Davis plans to try this approach for a year to see how it works. At the end of the year, he will examine other possibilities.

"A raise in the health fee is inevitable," Dr. Davis said, "but we will try to keep the fee low and equitable."

Although Dr. Davis anticipates an increase in the number of students coming to the Health Center with minor ailments, he does not believe the crowds will be overwhelming. A screening procedure will enable the nurses to treat patients who do not need to see the doctor. Dr. Davis emphasized, however, that any student who needs or wants to see him will be able to do so.

Apparently, Dr. Davis runs the Health Center with little or no pressure from other administration officials. He hopes that a student advisory committee can be established in the near future. The Health Center, Dr. Davis believes, is different from other areas of the University, because it is supported directly by student fees.

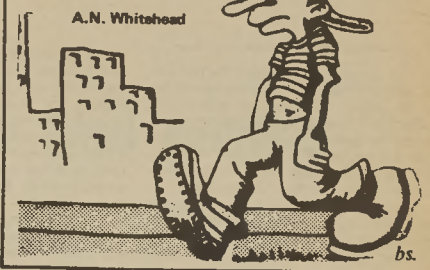
"In a sense, the Health Center is a student function. Students should have a say in how it is operated. I would like student input, whether formally through a committee, or informally," Dr. Davis emphasized.

Almost all university health services have some sort of student advisory committee, and Dr. Davis thinks that such a group could be beneficial here. This does not mean that students will operate the Student Health Service, Dr. Davis emphasized; he believes that the operation of the Center is his job. But he will be open to any ideas and suggestions from students.

Dr. Davis, an affable general practitioner, gave up a private practice in Davidson to come to UNCC. He had done some part-time student health work at Davidson College and enjoyed it. When administration officials asked him to come to UNCC ("I got recruited like a seven-foot basketball player," he said), he decided to forsake his private practice for full-time student health work.

No plans have been made yet for adding more doctors to the staff. Doctors are hard to get, and the income from student health work is far below that of a private practice. As the student body grows, however, the University must find more doctors.

In the study of ideas, it is necessary to remember that insistence on hard-headed clarity issues from sentimental feeling, as it were a mist, cloaking the perplexities of fact. Insistence on clarity at all costs is based on sheer superstition as to the mode in which human intelligence functions. Our reasonings grasp at straws for premises and float on gossamers for deductions.



New buildings needed

by susan regan

The University of North Carolina at Charlotte's long-sought earth-life science building has been placed in a top priority category in building requests recommended by the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina system.

University officials stressed the urgent need for the 4.6 million dollar science building because of crowded conditions in the present science building, which was constructed in 1961 before UNCC's enrollment explosion began.

Dr. Hildreth, dean of the college of science and mathematics, stated that the building will consist of 100,000 square feet and will encompass two 200-seat lecture rooms, some 100-seat lecture rooms, and some 50-seat lecture rooms. Also included in the building will be laboratories for biology and earth sciences. Office space will be provided for 45-50 people.

Dr. Hildreth said they hope to have audio-tutorial labs which students will be able to use during specified hours. The students can go on their own time and get the information at their own paces.

If the request for money is granted, the earth-life science building should be completed by 1975 and will be located behind the Kennedy building, alongside the Smith building.

Along with the \$4.6 million building in top priority are \$100,000 for landscaping and \$225,000 for a maintenance building. A \$2.5 million request for recreation fields was placed in a third category.

Additional requests are \$8.4 million for a high-rise office and classroom building, a \$3.25 million renovation of Kennedy, Winningham, and other buildings, roads and walks at \$2.5 million, and \$3.4 million for parking facilities.

In outlining the space problem at UNCC, Chancellor Colvard said the classrooms have had to be taken out of service to provide offices for faculty members, the College of Nursing had to be located in the gymnasium, and the College of Human Development and Learning and Architecture had to be housed in the Atkins Library along with the University Store and the Post Office.

He said that the Institute for Urban Studies and Community Service is being housed in a new portion of the library along with the offices of Personnel, Placement, Purchasing, and Financial Aid.

The basic problem behind these conditions, the Chancellor said, cannot possibly be remedied before the fall of 1975, since it would take that long for a building authorized in 1973 to be completed and occupied.

"Yet by 1975," the Chancellor said, "UNCC's full-time equivalent enrollment will have increased by 67 percent over this past year's figure, 127 new faculty members will have joined the staff, and the administrative and service functions will, of course, have expanded."

...AN ANALYSIS

by jay eaker

In the wake of the busts...

You may have heard that nineteen UNCC students have been charged with selling drugs. It rated a six column headline in the Charlotte News. The Observer, with a better sense of proportion, put it on 12A with the obituaries. The News comes on like an emasculated National Enquirer, but they know what sells newspapers. A big drug bust/scandal at UNCC appeals to the prurient interests of a panting masses they write for.

D. W. Colvard, our Chancellor, was put in a very ticklish spot. His prepared statement was the source of three quotes in a related article entitled, "Chancellor anxious to Nip Campus Drug Sales." They are as follows:

"...we are anxious to have any person involved apprehended."

"We are cooperating fully with the State Bureau of Investigation and are encouraging them to apprehend persons who may be dispensing drugs in our territories."

"We shall make every effort to prevent any person from illegally dispensing drugs on our campus."

In view of the fact of the drug arrests, these statements are not surprising, indeed, they are what should be said.

Many students have blamed various University agencies for the busts, most prominently Security. The story goes something like this: In January, February and March the SBI had an undercover agent, or rather a student informer, by the name of John Walker, sign up for courses and come to UNCC for the purpose of "pushing." He did. Recently he "surfaced" i.e. blew his cover and signed at the nineteen warrants — all people he has allegedly purchased drugs from. Here's where security comes in. On August 25, the agents came to campus security chief Jerry Hudson and told him they had warrants for nineteen students and in effect asked him did he want to get them or did he want them to do it. Jerry, picturing riots and all sorts of trouble, volunteered to apprehend the people named in the warrants. He did this by going to the person's room and telling them that the SBI was on campus with a warrant for their arrest and would they please come down to the security office? And so it went.

Back to the Chancellor. When asked to clarify his statements to the press, he commented, "We are not trying to bust students. We're trying to help students and preserve a desirable living environment on campus."

"Disciplinary actions should be used...our desire is to have the student courts handle each situation on its merits." "We want to help students have maturing experiences... providing the maximum of freedom within the bounds of the law and with respect to the rights of other students."

Dean of Students, Dennis Rash, said that there are two things that students must realize. First, that the University is not a sanctuary from the law. The laws

are enforced here the same way they are in the community. Second, the SBI will come on the campus without the permission or knowledge of University officials. And when they investigate, they don't let anybody know what they're doing... nor do they have to. The same goes for any lawful investigatory agency.

Rash also said, "Once the spotlight is turned... many other things will follow." This means that now that there has been one bust, in all probability other agencies will launch investigations on this campus.

Rash said that he has just ordered a book on both the prosecution and defense of narcotics cases and that if anyone is interested it is available in his office.

There is some doubt as to whether the University actually passes along information about drug offenses. In the News article Rash said, "If we get hard information about anyone pushing drugs on campus, we pass it along, too. They told us a long time back that if we run into instances like this to let them handle it." He said when University officials get information about drug activities, "usually rank rumors" — the information is passed to the SBI.

However, an article on the University's drug policy which appeared in the November 1, 1971 issue of the Journal said this:

But Rash says the University does not call the SBI to alert them to drug offenders and does not ask them to come on campus.

"When they come, we have an obligation to cooperate. But cooperation doesn't mean initiating investigations," Rash said.

Although these statements are seemingly contradictory, they needn't be. The overall impression is that the University doesn't really care to involve itself with passing information to law enforcement authorities. This is as it should be. One reason is that it results in bad publicity.

As Rash said in the Journal article, "Our function is to educate, not to investigate."

The University has a discipline committee which is in the process of being reconstituted. The disciplinary action taken ranges from probation to suspension, however the case is not referred to civil authorities. The aim of the committee is to educate and rehabilitate — not primarily to punish.

The thing that cannot be stressed strongly enough is that if you are doing dope — be cool about it. Smoking at concerts is not cool — smoking before you go is. Going door to door with garbage bags full of lids is uncool — getting some for a very trusted friend is. Discretion, it is said, is the better part of valor. Until the drug laws are changed it is very wise to cover your ass in every way possible. We are living in the height of a period of prohibition, which we hope will someday end. Until that time all you have to do is be cool and hope for the best.