

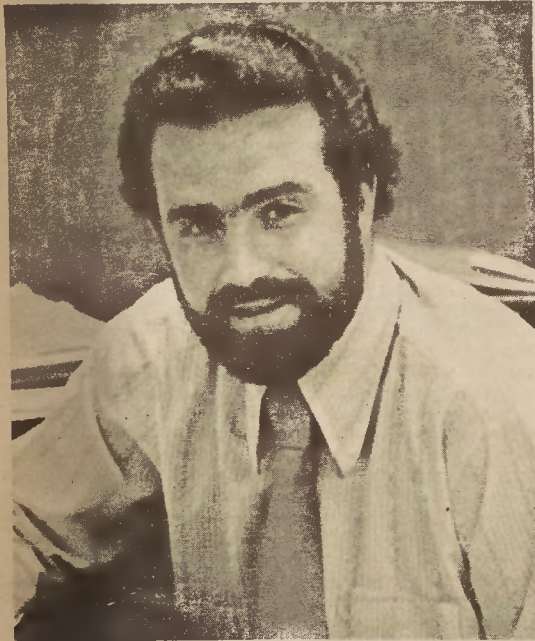
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UNCC Experiences First Housing Shortage



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UNCC Residence Life Office Coordinator Chuck Lynch.

Chuck Lynch, UNCC housing coordinator, faced a shortage problem heretofore unique to the UNCC campus. An overflow of about one hundred residents forced Lynch to convert study rooms to dorm rooms and to move some students in with resident advisors.

A mass of late applications came from students who had no expectations of a shortage. Additional to late applications, many local area students moved to the dorms to save gas.

Although rooms were assigned generally on a first-come first-serve basis, the housing office asked local students to commute rather than move on campus so that out-of-towners could be accommodated. Priorities were

adjusted so that in overflow assignments transfers would live in study rooms and freshmen would room with resident advisors to facilitate the more difficult freshman transition. Even with these solutions, more students are pitching tents near dorms 72 and 73 as well as sleeping in their cars. Room changes are harder to get thus raising the frustration level of dissatisfied roommates.

Lynch indicates that future plans call for more dorm space and possible married-student housing to meet the needs of the fast-growing UNCC campus. Meanwhile, it looks like UNCC is experiencing its first real housing shortage with no apparent antidote until future plans can be met.

NORML Plans Film

by mike evans

The National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML) is presenting a viewing of the film *Reefer Madness* September 13 at eight and ten p.m. Both showings will have a 75-cent admission fee.

Reefer Madness was produced in the 1930's and depicts people going insane from smoking marijuana. At its release it was considered to be a serious movie, but the present public views it as quite humorous. The film has been an effective fundraiser for NORML.

NORML is a nonprofit public interest lobby which does not advocate the use of marijuana. However, the organization does feel that people should not be sentenced to prison for using the drug. In North Carolina, the immediate goal of NORML is the decriminalization of the use of marijuana. They will be actively lobbying in the 1975 session of the N.C. Assembly.

The removal of all criminal penalties from the private possession and use of marijuana has been endorsed or recommended by many prominent organizations and persons. Among these are the American Bar Association, the National Council of Churches, the National Education Association, William F. Buckley, Jr., and Barry Goldwater.

John Finlator, the former deputy director of the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs has publicly spoken in favor of NORML. He has even done some radio spots for the organization.

Anyone interested in NORML can write NORML, P.O. Box 25882, Charlotte, N.C. 28212, or contact Chris Fuller, the campus leader of NORML.

Bookstore Undergoes Vital Changes

by jay eaker

The forced resignation of bookstore manager David MacAuley and firing of "paperback orderer" Larry Williams was a major summer shakeup in the University bookstore. James Mecredy, formerly head of Receiving and Stores, was named as the new manager.

Director of Business Services, Tom Feamster, said the reason for the firing of MacAuley was his lack of organization and profits, although recently completed year-end statements show bookstore profits at 8.6 percent or \$52,233—the highest percentage since 1971. MacAuley was in his second year of management.

The firing of Williams occurred on the second day of Mecredy's tenure. Mecredy cited noncompliance with general bookstore policy. Specifically, Williams says, he did not remain in the bookstore at all times during the work day as he found it necessary in the course of his duties to make trips to the library and academic departments. Williams is currently appealing his firing, although recently he has been offered his job back.

MacAuley cannot appeal because he technically was not fired but asked to resign. He says he thought of refusing to resign and appeal his firing, but he decided it was better to take the "hint" and resign as Feamster intimated that if he did not he would get a "bad report card".

The bookstore profit figure indicates only "net profitability" according to Feamster. The figure includes \$36,433 in "credits" from bookstore vendors, which Feamster says cannot be redeemed in cash but only in further purchases. It is the consensus among observers that these credits could be converted to cash by requesting a refund, as this is money owed the bookstore and is termed credits only as a mutual administrative convenience.

MacAuley says that the large amount of outstanding credits and a high rate of pilferage (shoplifting, theft, etc.) contributed to his dismissal. Also an underlying cause was a personality conflict, a fact which is acknowledged by both MacAuley and Feamster. Feamster

contends that MacAuley failed to follow through on many of his suggestions and MacAuley claims that many of Feamster's recommendations were impractical and cites instances such as being told to put price stickers on 10,000 bluebooks.

Security in the bookstore was hard to maintain, MacAuley asserts, because of existing check-out lines, library shelving which did not quite come to the ceiling and it was also discovered early this year that the back door to the store could be opened with a credit card. MacAuley says that he asked for improvements for the facility but they were not provided.

The new manager has installed new check-out lanes and has been able to hire additional student help. MacAuley says that he was doing a gross business of \$100,000 per employee while most bookstores in the state operate at \$45,000 per employee.

MacAuley says that a further demoralizing factor was a surprise inventory in December of 1973 which was performed by Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs Lou Moelchert, Tom Feamster and Security Chief Jerry Hudson, whose men took the inventory. MacAuley termed the inventory a "CIA operation and a botched job at that". He discovered five inventory sheets afterwards that had been misplaced, and forwarded them to Feamster. After this he was told his profit margin was too low (the surprise inventory placed it at 5.7%) and told unless he improved he was in trouble. Feamster told him he had to have 8.0%—a percentage which MacAuley told him was impossible to attain. He finished with 8.56%.

The major function of the bookstore, all concerned agree, is service to the University community. Supplying the textbooks for the University, which comprises 78% of total sales and are the lowest profit-makers, is their reason for being. MacAuley states that when he was hired the first emphasis was on service to the University and second, profits. Feamster said the primary reason for the change in management is the desire to increase profit and to organize, agreeing

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