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Morrill talks about the growth of UNCC

by brian king

In recognition of UNCC's 10 years anniversary, the Journal will talk to selected members of the UNCC faculty to get their views and opinions of how the University has changed, grown, and developed. Here is the first of the series of interviews.

UNCC today is a modern and ever-expanding state institution of higher education, with an enrollment of close to 7000 students. A decade ago, however, the college consisted of 900 commuting students, the Macy and Kennedy buildings, and a large barn. This

tremendous growth and the changes it has brought about were among recollections and observations of Dr. Dan Morrill, history instructor who has been at UNCC for 12 years.

Sheer growth is the most significant change which has occurred here in the last ten to

twelve years. Dr. Morrill talked about the assets of growth to the school, which include a larger and more diverse student body and the hiring of capable and varied faculty. A greater variety of academic programs has also come with the growth. "Any concept of a black studies, BCA or HDL program was unimaginable in the early years", said Morrill.

Inevitably, however, growth and change eliminated to a large degree the sense of identity the faculty and students had with the school, known then as Charlotte College. The smallness of Charlotte College made everyone feel important and significant in its activities and development. Dr. Morrill attributes much of the work in the early development to Bonnie Cone. Like many others here at the time, she had a dream of the school becoming an institution of academic excellence. Dr. Morrill longs for "the sense of community and warmth of those early years".

Physical growth is only one aspect of change during the past few years. The early sixties was a time of "the rational search for truth, a time when values

were secure and clearly defined". Dr. Morrill feels that we now live in times of "pessimism and self-doubt". He also stated that he doesn't feel that UNCC is the special place it was meant to be, rather it is just another school in the system.

In the history department, Dr. Morrill has observed a slower change than in most other departments, which is unusual considering that only seven of the 63 faculty members were from the history department when he came here in 1963.

Dr. Morrill, who received his BA degree from Wake Forest in 1960, and his MA and PhD degrees from Emory University, feels he has established himself and his family enough to remain at UNCC. Only 25 when he came here, he considers himself "not primarily a faculty member, but a human being".

Talk of the early change to a more conservative administration brought mixed feelings from Dr. Morrill. Overall, he considers UNCC "richer in traditional terms, poorer with loss of sense of community, and there are fewer oddballs around these days".

Election Returns

President	Dorm	Commuter	Total
*Kat Braswell	176	129	305
Dennis J. Hall	119	65	184
Steve Morris	198	47	245
*Jamie Stemple	246	88	334
Vice President			
*Davis Trotter	218	52	270
Steve Hammock	140	49	189
*Bill Kincaid	230	104	334
Ian Larlee	94	81	175
Chairman, UPB			
**John Knight, For	475	176	651
John Knight, Against	174	71	245
Vice Chairman, UPB			
Gary Bridges	277	111	388
*Greg Reynolds	343	123	466
Rogues & Rascals Editor			
Terry Fulbright	276	184	460
**Robert Van Gill	409	103	512
Journal Editor			
*Jay Eaker	211	147	358
*Michael Evans	249	76	325
David W. Ledbetter	178	59	237
WVFN Station Manager			
**Wyzanski, Simmons Hughes	391	198	589
Ted Cannady	339	99	438
Sanskrit Editor			
**Beth Griffith	356	154	510
Ed Rollins	288	123	411
Media Board At Large			
Jim Eddings	213	80	293
**Mark Griffin	397	155	552
**Bill Shields	437	140	577
**Bill Stricker	392	148	540
Bob Verdineck	293	94	387
**Tommy Wofford	424	145	569
Student Superior Court			
**Robert Hull	443	131	574
**Clay Elder	411	141	552
**David Graham	439	171	610
**Doug Lerner	505	215	720
Mike McLain	404	139	543
**Lori McOwen	444	200	644

*Run-off

**Winner Declared

Security tightened in Sanford

by jayne gordon

A new security procedure has been initiated at Sanford Hall. The procedure which includes an I.D. check was started on Friday, February 21.

Anyone entering Sanford after 11:30 p.m. any night of the week is required to show some form of identification to the security officer on duty. Any person, male or female, who presents a valid UNCC student identification card will be allowed to enter the dorm. Non-students are required to show a driver's license or some other form of positive identification. The person's name is written down and if they are unescorted, they are asked who they are planning to visit in the dorm. That person is called and permission must be given before the non-student is allowed to enter the dorm.

Residence Life Director Chuck Lynch and Sanford Hall president Donna McCollum could not be reached this week for comment on the new procedure, but Marian Beane, Resident Coordinator for Sanford Hall made it clear that the ID check was initiated by the students in Sanford, not the

administration. According to Ms. Beane, the girls felt that security needed to be tightened after several thefts. She added that one night someone entered the dorm and wandered around with a knife and gun. He didn't use either, but episodes of this sort made the girls realize that stronger security measures were needed. Ms. Beane said the girls would have preferred full-time security, but available manpower and funds do not allow for this.

The reason that Sanford is the only campus residence hall employing the new procedure is that no other halls have requested security of this kind. Most of the students interviewed from the other three dorms stated that they thought the procedure was a good one, but they hoped their own dorm didn't go that far. One Dorm '73 resident said, "I agree, it's pretty bad that stuff gets stolen, but I hope my dorm doesn't do that. That would be just like living back home with Mom and Dad and that's just what I came to school to get away from!"