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## Campus rally emphasizes Child Care needs and parking

By Les Bowen

What was described as "a general purpose pep rally" was held at the Belk Tower on Sept. 25. The rally began at 12:30 P.M. and lasted for approximately 45 minutes. A crowd estimated at around 250 students witnessed the event, which was emceed by Student Body President Jamie Stemple. The presentation included remarks by Athletic Director Lee Rose, Student House of Representatives Speaker Pro-Tem Sam Wilson, Superior Court Chief Justice Doug Lerner, and several other faculty members and students.

The rally was billed as a chance to discuss the issues of child care and parking, and also as a promotion of intercollegiate athletics.

Stemple noted that he was disappointed with the size of the crowd as he tried to invigorate the audience prior to the rally. The beginning was delayed somewhat as the Pep Band couldn't find their drummer, and Stemple ad-libbed for several minutes before introducing a promised "special mystery guest" who turned out to be Athletic Director Rose.

Rose talked about the University's intercollegiate athletic program. He noted that UNCC now offers five sports for women whereas only one was offered last year. Rose also spoke briefly concerning the four intercollegiate sports activities available for men on the UNCC campus. Rose concluded his talk and handed the microphone back to Stemple, who was immediately beset by a barrage

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interested individuals.

Mrs. Fran Eury, a UNCC student, spoke after Wilson concluded his remarks. Mrs. Eury held her three year old son in her arms as she spoke on the need for on-campus child care. She mentioned that she now had to leave her son eight miles away from UNCC, and she concluded that "eight miles is a long way should he get sick. Mr. Josh Haskett, a UNCC psychology professor, spoke following Mrs. Eury's remarks. He reminded the audience that faculty members need day care facilities just as badly as students with children do.

Haskett asked the audience if it had ever heard "the story about the donkey." He said: "You kind of have to bash it over the head to get its attention." Haskett recommended that the students "treat the administration as the animal it seems to be." Haskett said that administration officials were worried about the esthetic affects of an on campus day-care center. He said that the administration was "reversing that good old North Carolina motto 'to be, rather than to seem.' They've changed it to 'to seem, rather than to be.'" said Haskett.

The last comment on the child-care situation came from Stemple, who announced that he was establishing "A Presidential Committee to deal with the child care situation." Stemple said that the committee would try to have public hearings for greater citizen involvement. Sam Wilson and Betty Wackenhagen were appointed as co-chairpeople of the committee.

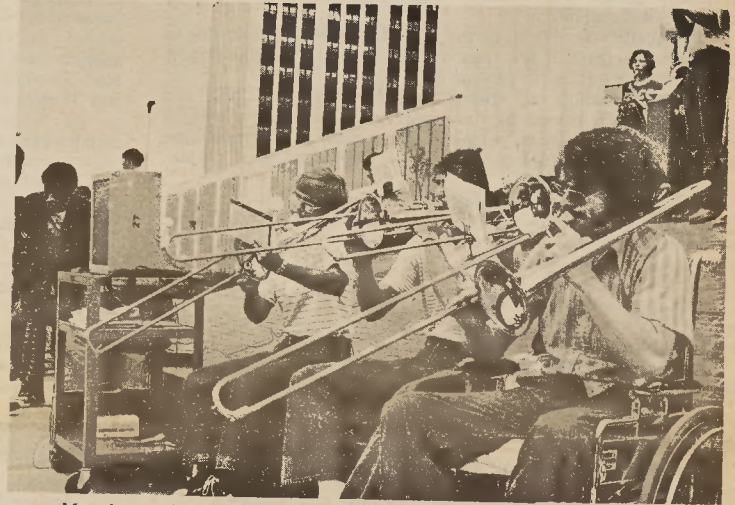
The Pep Band and the cheerleading squad performed before the discussion

moved into the UNCC commuter parking situation. Wilson spoke briefly on the parking problem. He asked the audience "How many of you had to walk here from Harrisburg this morning?" He received an enthusiastic response. Wilson acknowledged that the parking situation "probably isn't going to get any better" but he told the students "we can't just sit on our ass and take it."

Student Superior Court Chief Justice Doug Lerner also spoke regarding the parking situation. Lerner attacked the

policies of the Security Division of the Department of Public Safety with regard to parking violations. He is presently circulating a petition advocating a change in policy that would give the Student Superior Court jurisdiction in parking cases. Lerner said: "The only time someone should be given a parking ticket is when they are disrupting the traffic flow." Lerner also attacked the Security Division for using parking citations as a source of revenue.

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Members of the Pep Band performing at the Rally.

## Petition to commute death sentences

### ...a chance for Life?

By David Ledbetter

Recently the Criminal Justice Task Force of the Pilgrim United Methodist Church in Durham, North Carolina wrote up a petition with the purpose of urging North Carolina Governor James E. Holshouser to commute the death sentences of the people on death row in North Carolina to a life sentence. There were 81 on death row in this state on July 7th, 1975.

Today there are approximately 88 people on death row in this state, which constitutes over 31% of all the people on death row throughout the United States.

The United Religious Ministry at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte was contacted and asked to support circulation of the petition at this university and agreed to do so. Members of the Christian Fellowship, the Baptist Student Union, the Black Student Union and various churches in the Charlotte area volunteered to help acquire signatures for the petition.

The governor has the power to commute the sentences to life. There is reason to believe the governor is against capital punishment for while he was in legislature, he favored legislation to abolish the death penalty.

Presently the death penalty is mandatory for first degree murder and first degree rape in North Carolina.

There have been numerous attempts to do away with the death penalty through legislation but all attempts have failed. According to Paul Larsen, a UNCC chaplain, the only hope at this time seems to be the governor.

Larsen said about the petition, "I would hope there would be enough signatures to force his (the governor's) attention." In reference to the possibility of the governor commuting the

sentences, Larsen said he is "hopeful about it."

At this time the governor has not taken an official stand on the death penalty issue.

362 persons have been executed in Central Prison Death Chamber in Raleigh since the state took over execution from the counties in 1910 with the last execution in this state occurring on October 27, 1961.

In 1974 there were 22 people on death row. Today there are over 80 with

65% being black and by the court's definition, 62% are poor.

A United Nations study on capital punishment stated that 1) comparison of the murder rates (in countries which are geographically, economically, and culturally similar) fails to demonstrate that capital punishment has a deterrent effect superior to that of lengthy punishment, and 2) that removal of the death penalty has never been followed by a notable rise in the incidence of the

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## UNCC ranked fourth in North Carolina in SATs

By Brad Rich

Many people seem to think that UNCC is a "crip school," a haven or refuge for second-class students who cannot meet the requirements at the other schools in the North Carolina system. This, however, just is not the case.

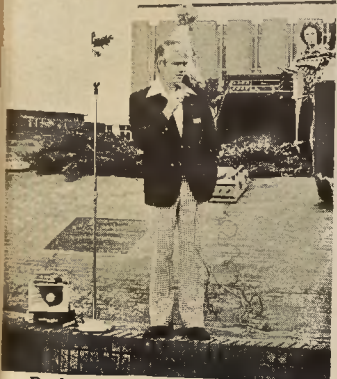
Though statistics for this year are not available, last year's new freshmen had an average SAT score of 958 (460 on the verbal test and 498 on the math test) and the school as a whole ranked fourth in the sixteen school state system.

Entry to UNCC is not easy either. A minimum SAT score of 800 is required, with no less than 350 on either portion of the test. Since the average score of 958 is much higher than required, many of our students could have easily gotten in anywhere in the system. This clearly refutes the idea of UNCC as a "haven for second-class students."

According to Bob Gwaltney, UNCC

registrar, exceptions are made occasionally, but this 800 rule is generally followed. If, for example, a student has low SAT scores but ranked high in his high school class he may be allowed to enter. "Also," says Gwaltney, "grades become important in admission to the various colleges within the University. A student with D's in high school science and math classes would probably run into trouble if he declared his major as Engineering, for example."

A study began with last year's freshman class to determine what percentage of our students receive degrees. Figures for the past years are not available, but Gwaltney cited the fact that our graduating class has increased from 73 in 1965 to 1273 last year. "Overall," said Gwaltney, "We have a good student body and have very few academic suspensions each year."



Basketball Coach Lee Rose.

of marshmallows from Speaker Pro-Tem Sam Wilson. The attack was a spoof on the much-discussed marshmallow incident that occurred when the Indian Ambassador spoke on campus a few weeks ago. After weathering the farcical attack, Stemple introduced Wilson to the crowd.

The atmosphere of frivolity surrounding the event suddenly disappeared as Wilson spoke on the need for a child-care facility at UNCC. He cited a report prepared in July 1974 by the Child Care Center Development Committee which advocated the establishment of a child-care facility on campus. Wilson blamed "bureaucratic red-tape" for the administration's failure to act on the committee's requests. He asked the Chancellor to appoint a committee to deal with the application of the Child Care Center Development Committee's suggestions. Wilson advocated personal involvement in the child care battle, and mentioned visiting the Chancellor and getting involved in the proposed committee as productive courses of action for