

A Probe of Faculty & Staff Opinion Dave Ledbetter

This is the first in a series where faculty/staff members of UNCC will be able to speak out on subjects which they feel are pertinent to this university. Any suggestions as to subject matter and/or Faculty/staff to be interviewed are urged and should be sent to David W. Ledbetter, Carolina Journal, UNCC Station, Charlotte, NC28223.

On September 24, Dr. Nace Toner of the Psychology Department spoke out on the "Impact of the East Carolina Medical School on higher education on this campus and throughout the University of North Carolina Higher Education System." The opinions expressed are that of Dr. Toner as a faculty member and not as a faculty spokesman.

Last year (North Carolina) Legislature attempted to enforce a large tuition increase at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and at other universities within the UNC system. Student pressure coming from rallies such as the one held at the Belk Tower during the spring semester by UNCC students may have been instrumental in causing legislators to withdraw the bill; but there was some increase. Apparently students felt the issue had gone away, but it still exists, though in an altered form. For example, because of the allocation of money to the ECU medical school, we get less money for this campus than we need.

Hiring of new staff and faculty has been curtailed. This means that classes will not be smaller. If the University grows, and this is inevitable, classes will become larger and this means learning conditions will decline.

The faculty was also hit by the ECU Medical School, receiving an average pay increase of less than one percent with the inflationary increase approximately ten percent.

There are faculty and student morale problems at UNCC and these are partially caused by the money problem. I believe we (the faculty) would honestly be willing to take a small pay increase if we knew the money was coming back to the campus. But, alas, it is not.

What can students do?

The authorization for building of the medical school came from elected state representatives and not the board of governors. Students should make elected representatives answer to the vote. Some representatives from Mecklenburg County voted yes to the medical school.

This is an example of things that went on without the bulk of students really knowing about it. We should have known before and not after it had happened.

How do you alert people early enough so they can make a difference?

The press should draw a point to certain issues such as this so that students can have a chance to make their voices heard while they can still make a difference.

The ECU Medical School is taking its toll, in a quiet way, on the quality of education here at UNCC. Certainly the tuition was not raised as much as legislature wanted, but buildings won't be built, nor quality recruited and retained. It seems as though the legislature left the students' money in their pockets, but at the same time took a good chunk out of the educational potential of this university. We are in a quiet way letting it happen to us.

Labor Party candidate on campus

By M. P. Agresta

Last Tuesday September 23 Elijah Boyd, United States Labor Party (USLP) candidate for the United States Senate, spoke to a handful of people in the basement of Dorm '72.

He told his audience that the USLP was conducting a "peasant educational campaign." Then he began to speak to the audience about the evils of capitalism. Mr. Boyd explained how the U. S. economy after a peak in '52, started to collapse and the black men suddenly found themselves out in the streets. Boyd continued that our capitalist government then created the welfare system to support these unemployed people. The economy still went down and the '60's saw an upsurge in "day-care centers" (schools and universities). This happened, according to Mr. Boyd, because there weren't enough jobs for everybody to be gainfully employed, and if you didn't have a job you went to school. But the C. I. A. discovered that the people were becoming too intelligent, so in the late sixties they pumped LSD and other drugs into these "day-care centers", hence the breakout of the flower children (the "Blooming idiots"). The C. I. A. did this in order to keep the level of intelligence down. They didn't want "intelligent people"

running around investigating the economy.

Boyd went on to explain how the C. I. A. along with vice president Nelson Rockefeller and his assistant "the football player" (Jerry Ford) are conducting a secret war and genocide in the African country of Angola. He showed how David "the beetle collector" Rockefeller and the World Bank, would drain third world nations into tremendous debts which they wouldn't be able to pay off and then they would come in and "slit their throats."

He attacked the news media, N. Y. Times, Washington Post, Jack Anderson, and Harry "Reasonable" Reasoner, saying that "these are the guys who create an illusion for the American public. This is the primary means of psychological warfare which is designed to keep you from actually finding out what goes on in the world as well as what you as a human being can do about it."

Mr. Boyd called for the impeachment of Vice President Rockefeller. "We are in the last stages of the break-down crisis that will signal the end of 400 years of capitalist rule," Mr. Boyd said.

At the end of his two-hour lecture, collection cans were passed around and members of the USLP tried to help propagate the organization.

Hypnotism demonstrated here

By Sandra Fowler

The strong power of hypnosis, described as one of the most amazing phenomena of life was demonstrated for members of the UNCC Community Thursday, September 24. The demonstration was held in Cone University Center and was conducted by Edwin L. Baron, a graduate psychologist. Baron is director of the Hypnotism Institute of Chicago, which offers classes in hypnosis. He was the first non-medical man ever appointed to a hospital medical staff for studying hypnotism in medicine.

"During a recent war," Baron said, "hypnosis was used to treat soldiers suffering from shell-shock. Hypnotism, in professional hands and professionally applied, works very well."

"No person can be hypnotized against his will," he said. "They cannot be hypnotized to do things against their religious or moral character. Only normally intelligent people can be hypnotized. And for this to work," he continued, "the subject must be 1) sincere, 2) have the ability to concentrate, and 3) co-operative. Hypnotism is one of the most pleasant, relaxing experiences in life."

Approximately 25 people volunteered to be subjects for hypnosis. During the demonstration, Baron:

--Held a lighted match under the hands of eight

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Hypnotist Edwin L. Baron

subjects, without disturbing them.

--Had subjects laughing hysterically at an imaginary funny movie and crying at an equally sad one.

--Held an imaginary watermelon contest in which eight subjects competed.

The highlight of the evening was at the imaginary picnic. Here several subjects were

fighting imaginary ants and had to be rescued by Baron, who killed the ants with imaginary DDT.

To Baron, the future for hypnotism lies in medicine. "Combining hypnotism with medicine," he said, "one should uncover a vast range of possibilities for benefiting mankind."

United Way report

As reported in the last issue of the Carolina Journal, a weekly report of the United Way contributions received so far on the UNCC campus will be reported.

As of this writing, the total contributions and pledges have totaled 2,570 dollars or 21% of the total goal. The goal for this year is 9,700.

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