

JUDICIAL CORNER

by Doug Lerner

Student Superior Court Chief Justice

Focus on Apathy

Student involvement in activities on the UNCC campus roots itself in the premise that there is more to learn and achieve than intext material and grade points. Creativity, personal development, the advance of the culture and sciences must grow in the atmosphere of constructive and diversive activities - extracurricular activities - that are fashioned by the ideas of students and carried out by the motivation that perhaps what we engage in becomes worthwhile. Certainly all activities don't demonstrate the quality of contributing to the social progress (at least not in the direct way we think about these things), but the very fact that the idea of doing something for satisfaction or curiosities' sake sparked the imagination of a student of group of students should be exciting and encouraging to every person in the University community. I say it should be because it makes us aware of the sort of beings we are. We have minds that won't stay idle, we have ideas that must be nurtured and developed, we want to create, do, think, accomplish, win, construct, build, launch, organize, discuss, hope, care and respond to everything that makes our world and society what it is and should be.

Are these just ideals that should be dismissed because they reflect impractical optimism, that they imply that 'ordinary' students can make a difference? Absolutely not. **To be limited in your goals is to be confined by your own mind.** Students: wake up - don't be trapped by your own mind. Open yourself up to new concepts and let them reach you. *Make* the time to become involved. Envision the world as you would like to see it and embark on the courses that will take you there - otherwise you, your society and your culture will stagnate, falter and eventually die. Believe it or not it *is* the student that will ignite the creative breakthroughs that will guide our lives. Get involved now so that you can at least have a say in your own future.

By now you are thinking, I hope, that in what context does a discourse on creativity and student involvement link itself to this column - a column on the student judiciary? The obvious answer is that the judiciary seeks to protect the students' rights. We serve only to insure that every student who wants a chance to express himself or herself through our ideas of free expression and civil liberties maintains the option to do so. We even go so far as to guarantee your right of self expression in situations where you are "apathetic" to your surroundings. In other words, the student judiciary, through our student constitution, makes it clear that there is no reason why a student must be apathetic and proposes every alternative why students should get involved.

If you are concerned about your rights in the future, the way we live, the quality of social and environmental safeguards, the economics of consumer protection, the reform of laws which act to the individual and public detriment, lobbying for the creation of new laws to increase the quality of our lives and involving yourself, for your own interest and protection, in a group that works and will continue to work for these aims, then you must look into the **North Carolina Public Interest Research Group** at UNCC. NC PIRG simply means that students who want to create change have pooled their resources to get things done. NC PIRG means that students will have the voice and influence to see changes that they have just talked about get done. NC PIRG is the chance to get involved in a continuing, progressive and constructive student-run organization that works side by side with the educational process and the social structures - all the things that make up your lives. Here is the opportunity to let your own ideas become realities. Look for announcements listing the times and places for NC PIRG activities or leave word for NC PIRG at the Cone University Center information desk and it will contact you.

Students fought a long battle in the 1960's to gain basic recognition of our rights. We owe it to ourselves and those who fought for us to utilize every ounce of what we've got to make the University and society itself a better place for the future.

In the Student Judiciary: A. G. Carmichael has been approved for another term as Justice on the Student Superior Court, Francine Bruce has been approved as a new member of the Student Superior Court. Everyone wishes them continued success in working, under the student constitution, to preserve and protect student rights on our campus. Also of interest in the Student Superior Court is that the Justices of the Court will elect, of themselves, a Chief Justice and a Lt. Justice for the upcoming year. All Justices are eligible for these positions and the results will be announced and posted.

ASPA meeting discusses goals

By Brad Rich

The American Society for Personnel Administration (ASPA) held a meeting Thursday, October 2 in the Northwest Lounge of the Cone University Center for the purpose of meeting new members and discussing the goals and ambitions of the organization.

The ASPA, composed of male and female students of at least sophomore standing, is an organization to help Accounting, Business, Sociology and Psychology majors get acquainted with area businessmen and their jobs. The President of the organization, Linda Reese, stated the ASPA's



goals are "To be knowledgeable of community business management and to expose members to contacts that will help them in the business world."

Jim Johns, Personnel Director for Pic 'n' Pay Shoes, is the liaison between the Charlotte Area Personnel Association and the UNCC chapter of ASPA. He said he wants to encourage cooperation between the local groups and insure that the interaction will be profitable.

Future plans for the ASPA include sending a representative to the national ASPA meeting in San Diego, attending the Charlotte Personnel Meeting and participating in the "Manager for a Day" program which will allow members to spend a day observing a manager in their chosen fields.

The ASPA's other officers are: Dennis Gauthier, Vice President, Faye Thompson, Secretary, Jan Russ, Treasurer and Rick Murray, Chairman of the Membership Committee.

The next ASPA meeting was scheduled for October, 1975.



CAMPUS SAFETY

by Rebecca Whitener
Safety Coordinator

This week is "National Fire Prevention Week" all over the United States and Canada. Now, do not automatically shrug your shoulders and say "so what".

Instead, try, if you can, to imagine the excruciating pain of burns over your body, of lungs that are aching from smoke and gas inhalation and of knowing while you lie there that if you live, your face, your body and your life will never be the same. Then try to shrug your shoulders and say "So what."

Indifference to fire breeds tragedy. Just because you have never been exposed to this killer does not mean you never will be. After all, fire kills 12,000 persons a year. Scars and terrifying memories remain with 300,000 Americans who are injured in fires in that same 12 month period, and 50,000 of those injured have to undergo series of major reconstructive surgery. Many will never resume normal lives again.

Fires will and main persons you love. It destroys homes you have worked for, places where you work or go to school and places where you dine and drink beer.

The National Commission on Fire Protection and Control reports that when people are fire safety conscious the number of fires decreases. Therefore, in an effort to encourage this safety consciousness at UNCC, several fire programs are planned for the week.

Monday, 2:00 - 3:00
Thursday, 9:00 - 10:00

"Fire Kills," a startling lecture, slide show, film, and discussions.

Tuesday, 2:00 - 3:00

Learn how to use a fire extinguisher on a real fire!

Wednesday

Listen for the Bells! They are your fire alarms. Stay put this time but if you hear them again, Evacuate orderly and peacefully.

Call 2449 for your free "Home fire Checklist" and note the "Learn Not to Burn" posters around campus. They contain valuable fire safety information.

The following DO's and DON'T's are suggested by the National Fire Protection Association, the National Safety Council and the American Insurance Company:

Watch for trash build-up and accumulation of paper, paints, rags. Never store rags wet with flammable liquid.

Don't overload electrical outlets, use only appropriate fuses and replace frayed cords.

Store Gasoline only in approved Safety cans and never inside water heater closets.

Plan escape routes from your work area and your home. Always note exits upon entering public buildings because you may have to find your way out in thick smoke or darkness.

Buy garments that meet Federal Flammability Standards. Keep loose, frilly garments away from stove burners.

Exercise extreme caution with cigarettes and matches. Do not smoke in bed!

And one last DO and DON'T of my own:

Don't be nonchalant about fire. When it hits, it hits hard and fast and brutal.

Do be concerned enough to plan, this week, before a fire occurs, what you should do and how you should do it.

Accident Case History No. 3

The scene--a high rise dormitory at the Columbus Campus of Ohio State University. At 5:30 am, a student on the 11th floor notices smoke in the hallway and goes to set off the alarm. The fire alarm sounds and students on the fire floor awake to heavy smoke and heat when they attempt to enter the corridor. Most students stay in their rooms, open their windows and stuff bedsheets and towels around the doors to keep out the smoke. Two girls panic and dart around seeking an escape route. Later, they are found dead on the floor from smoke inhalation.

Apathy major problem confronting new Elections and Publicity Chairman

By Michael Evans

John Deal has been approved by the Student Legislature to serve as the chairman of the Election and Publicity Staff replacing Pat Rose, who resigned the position. Deal, a senior Economics major, worked with the staff during the 1975 Major Spring Elections. "When Pat resigned," said Deal, "Jamie (Stemple, Student Body President), mentioned the position was open and I told him I'd do it if Legislature approved me."

Deal says apathy is the major problem confronting him. He said, "I think apathy is

running rampant even though everybody wants to gripe about the Student Body Government." When only 300 out of 7500 students have any interest in the people who run the government, a problem is present, says Deal.

"The first problem in an election like the one for the University Senate is that no candidate had any kind of posters up," said Deal. He feels the people running in the elections are not known to the commuters. "I got the response most often of 'I don't know anybody.' Students feel safer

voting for people they know.

"If a student doesn't know about candidates, maybe he'll ask a friend. If they don't know who the candidates are, they could know," Deal went on to say that in order to make Student Government work, "they (the students) have to get involved or at least find out who the people are that are running." There are plenty of hard working people on this campus wanting to become involved, Deal feels.

The first change Deal hopes to initiate concerns commuter interest in elections. He wants

to get more commuters working at the polls as part of the Staff, which he says would aid commuter turnout. During the University Senate elections, mostly dorm students manned the polls.

Publicity, which has been a problem in the past, is another prime concern for Deal. He plans to place posters a week in advance of fall election in places where the most students are concentrated during the day, including the cafeterias.

In the last election "some students came to vote," Deal said, "and were told they could

not vote for anybody in their college because nobody was running. Students are welcome to submit write-in votes in paper ballot elections. There was a case in the University Senate election where one voter submitted a write-in vote and the person receiving the vote won the election."

The next election is tentatively scheduled for October 21022 said Deal. Election of Student Legislature representatives and one student body representative on the Student Media Board will be on the ballot.