

UNCC MerryGoRound

By Doug Lerner

Like wars and rumors of wars, the ups, overs and arounds about which students vying for the presidency are reaching more intense proportions each day. The current list includes such diverse choices as Theresa Hammer of the Student Legislature, Ricky Pharr of the Legislature, Attorney General Bob Verdinek, Fees Commission member Pat Rose and Commuter Association Secretary Cindy Rudolph.

Although at least two of the above mentioned hopefuls are counting their ballots already, there is, in fact, no front running candidate and those persons latest to announce their political intentions stand as good a chance as the early declares.

To make the choice a clearer one for the student body, most of the candidates have agreed to submit to a series of questions on the role of the Student Body President (and other views) and I'll have the results tabulated before you vote - so don't miss my Special Election Review column before election day.

President of the Student Body, Jamie Stemple, deserves a looking into as far as his political activities go. We all know that Jamie tends to step more to the right than the middle, but his recent association with North Carolina George Wallace forces is a fact the students should know about.

An open word of advise, as a friend, to Jamie is clearly necessary, "watch out for that group - they haven't changed that much over 10 years and they are dangerous."

Jamie should also anticipate a pointed response to his "Big Mac" joke in last week's Stemple Speaks from the Big Mac himself. I've seen it and the University is going to 'eat it up'. Wait until next week for that one.

Student Legislature is in a squeeze for time as half their members were 'on the square' with WBTV's Doug Mayseduring their Tuesday meeting, causing the Chairman of Legislature, Davis Trotter, to adjourn. Many matters, including the critical apportionment and news about elections were left dangling. Legislature needs a 'quorum call' rule to prevent this from happening again. They already have more than three by-laws per legislator - one devised to make things run more efficiently might be a novel change.

The NC PIRG people will present their petition for referendum to a hopefully convened Legislature on Tuesday. They don't need Legislature's approval to get on the ballot per se - they have enough signatures already. The move, according to PIRG sources, is intended to cut red tape and cooperate with the Student Government in gearing the student body for the big changes that PIRG will bring to the campus next fall when voted in.

Elections themselves are going to be run on a drastically different level this spring. As I said last week, election officials predict the heaviest student turnout ever, and for several good reasons - (1) There will be polls in places never imagined before. If you trip, you're going to fall over a poll. Some of the places that have been proposed include the main entrance of the University, the walk from the Cone University Center to the Gym, every dorm (maybe even door to door in the dorms), every classroom (with prior permission of the professors) and, of course, all usual polling places. (2) There will be enough money to fund the elections in ways never done before, such as being able to pay students to man the polls, printing and distributing more professional publicity and posters, etc. This extra money is realized because the voting booths the election people were going to rent are unavailable because of the March primaries and bond referendum. (3) The organization of the elections is changed due to Superior Court rulings. There will be no Election 'Staff' and Election 'Board' as there was last year when the Staff chairman resigned at the last minute, turning all the administrative responsibilities over to the Board. Now the Board will handle the whole thing from the outset. Also, this year the Election Schedule has already been worked out so all the candidates will know what they are doing. Terry Fulbright, a special Court appointed assistant for the elections, says the timetable will look as follows: Nominations will open on February 9th, all prospective candidates for any office should sign up to be on the ballot this week at places that will be designated. If not completed, nominations will re-open when we get back from school the following week and all the final, approved names (and referendum questions) will be posted on Friday, February 20th. Then the campaign will start; publicity concerning elections and campaigns should not go up before the 20th.

The next week is a free-for-all campaign week and election days will be March 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th with runoffs (if needed) on March 10th and 11th. The Election Code that the elections are to be operated under is available to any student in the Student Government Offices in the Cone University Center.

Enough said about the elections except to point out that all the spring elections will be held at the same time this year so losers don't have a second try at a lesser post as they have in the past - so good luck people.

Question of the Week: Whatever happened to Bonnie Cone's Bronze Bust, discovered mysteriously missing from the North West Lounge some months ago? Information trickling in is increasing speculation about the broad activities of the Office of Student Affairs.

Since, as I reported last week, the University supporting staff will be voting on their Constitution soon, why doesn't the University Senate's Executive Committee, which is still deliberating how to hold the vote, ask the student Election's Board to put it on a separate ballot and hold all the elections at the same time? There is no sense in confusing everybody with a whole bunch of assorted elections all within a few week's time.

Dr. Sol Gordon entertains with talk on 'Human sexuality'

By Steve Bass

Dr. Sol Gordon, internationally recognized expert in the field of human sexuality, spoke to 400 students on the topic, "Population and Human Sexuality," Thursday, January 29, in the Rowe Arts Building Auditorium. Dr. Gordon's lecture was sponsored by the departments of Anthropology and Sociology, and was in collaboration with the Sociology department's course, "Population and Human Sexuality."

Dr. Gordon's wit and wisdom kept the large crowd laughing and interested. Gordon said, "Humor reduces anxiety. To be a sex educator you must have a sense of humor."

Gordon stressed sex education should be handled primarily by the parents. "Parents should bathe with their child. If the child observes you making love, tell him to get out of the room. You can explain sex to him tomorrow."

Dr. Gordon's lecture also included discussing such topics as homosexuality, male/female orgasm, virginity Women's Lib, masturbation and the importance of the size of the male penis.

Regarding homosexuality, Gordon said, "A few homosexual thoughts does not make one a homosexual. It's analagous to the fact that a few drinks does not make you a drunk. There is no such thing as a latent homosexual. We all have homosexual thoughts and fantasies."

Gordon says about orgasm, "Some people are too gymnastic and performance oriented. We've forgotten love in lieu of sex. The meaning of sexuality is loving and caring for a human being."

"Some men say that they only want to marry a virgin," said Gordon. "I say I hope you marry a person, not a hymen."

The current controversy of equal rights for women was discussed by Gordon. "Women are assertive. When they don't

get what they need and want they become aggressive."

Gordon tried to ease the guilt associated with masturbation by saying that masturbation is a "normal experience of sexuality at any time, at any age. But, if you do it once and don't like it that is too much."

Gordon said that contrary to popular opinion, the size of the male penis has nothing to do with sexual performance. However, the myth still persists, "Men are looking at other

urinals in restrooms to find men with smaller penises. It's a lifetime experience."

Dr. Gordon justified the existence of sex education by pointing out there are one million unwanted pregnancies, and three million cases of venereal disease in the United States.

Gordon's credits include being an author of numerous books on sexuality, counselor and professor of "Family and Child" counseling at Syracuse University.

Photo courtesy of Sociology Department



Dr. Sol Gordon speaking on human sexuality.

UNCC switches phone systems

By Michael Evans

Due to changes set forth by the State Department of Administration, the UNCC campus telephone system is now on the Direct Access Intercity Network (DAIN). Don McKay, Director of Special Services, said DAIN "is whole bunch of WATTS and FX (foreign exchange) lines, allowing one telephone switching gear to the telephone switching gear of another city.

DAIN replaces the Telepak system at UNCC. The Telepak

system allowed telephone calls to be made to Greensboro, Raleigh and Chapel Hill for a monthly fee. All state agencies are in the process of changing over to the DAIN system according to McKay and it "was our turn, in effect."

The State Department of Administration, said McKay, "leaves the lines because of the volume of traffic and the rates can be lower than what Southern Bell has to offer." DAIN bills its customers at

nine cents per minute. McKay said the basic charge for Southern Bell is about 21 cents per minute and the charge goes up in terms of distance of the call. "The DAIN charge remains constant for all calls in the continental United States," said McKay.

There is no cost to the school strictly for being a part of the DAIN system. Bills will be processed by the State Department of Administration and will be detailed in form similar to that of Southern Bell telephone bills. According to McKay, users will receive two bills each month, one from the State Department of Administration and one from Southern Bell. The cost of calls on the DAIN system is expected to remain at nine cents per minute as they are constantly adding agencies to their system.

In addition to the DAIN system, the university is planning to change the campus to an Electronic System (ESS) when funds can be made available. McKay said it would take up less floor space than the present system and would provide extras the present system does not offer. However, the system is an expensive one and the school will have to rely on the state to furnish the money.

Sailing class offered

By Steve Bass

UNCC's Venture Program has announced plans to add a course on sailing for the spring semester. The course, to be taught by Chris Weiant, an experienced instructor of sailing, will meet two days a week and cost students approximately \$10.00 for the semester. Students interested in participating in the non-credit course should register during the first two class periods. The class will be held during the free periods on Tuesdays and Thursdays in room Denny 115.

Weiant said the purpose of the course is to get new people

involved in the sport, properly instruct the individuals so they may make a contribution in a crew situation and expose students to the pleasures of sailing.

"Students shouldn't worry about getting out on the water at first," said Weiant. "The first weeks of the course will be during mid-winter, so we'll just concentrate on basic terminology, how to fold sails and getting to know the boat. It's like a Driver's Education course, first you receive the classroom training and then you get behind the wheel."