

UNCC MerryGoRound

By Doug Lerner

GOODBYE JAMIE STEMPL

I first met Jamie Stemple my first day on the UNCC campus as a new freshman. It was Orientation Week, August 28, 1974. I didn't know anything about our campus, where to go or what I was expected to do. I also wanted to work.

When I came to the University Bookstore, it was closed for inventory. Undaunted (I was more naive then) I held up my placard, "Work?", to the glass door and Jamie motioned me to the back where he set me up in the job I was to continue for almost a year and a half.

Inadvertently, sometimes (Dr. Frankenstein may have felt this way) certain people set examples of participation and open doors for newcomers that would otherwise be closed. Jamie was the first advocate of my participating in Student Government. Without equivocation, it can be said that I would never have found a place of any recognition in the University if not for Jamie Stemple. Without Jamie, I would not have had a job, I would not have worked in Student Government or the Media or the University Senate or PIRG or any of all that followed. In other words, without making an attempt at becoming overly maudlin, if it had not been for Jamie, I would probably never have made my University as second home.

Finding a degree of acceptance in an institution of total strangers is no small thing. Upon Jamie's taking leave of the University, I want to say that I am grateful.

Knowing Jamie personally, to some extent, I understand some of the overriding philosophies of his student administration. I know his concept of student government, student participation, student influence in a university's development, student involvement as citizens in a community and what the basic purpose of student leadership means to him.

In reviewing his year as the most influential of students, the Student Body President, I must take this into account.

Jamie has a sign in his office which reads, "Not To Decide Is To Decide." The hallmark of Jamie Stemple's administration has been an overriding desire to mediate and compromise for, what in Jamie's opinion was, the best interests of the student body. Nonetheless, exceptional compromise leads to erosion of rights and the last year has seen what amounts to a near abdication of our student leadership roles. I sincerely believe, in looking at the actions of the school administration this past year, that the UNCC administration is not as concerned with student involvement and thinking in the development of the University as it ought to be. It is my opinion that we have witnessed a general decline (at least not an increase) of student responsibility in many areas: student orientation, student fiscal management and student activities are some examples. It is also my opinion that the school administration has, perhaps for no other reason than they were able to do so, taken advantage of the fact that our student leaders, for the most part, did not actively try to stop them from encroaching on our rights.

As President of the Student Body, Jamie Stemple reigned over many good things. He tried very hard to generate a sense of spirit and participation in many areas. The accomplishments, genuine accomplishments, of his year as President are things that he can look back and be proud about. He missed the point, however, and perhaps led the student body, without leading them, to a point of disarray and some lack of purpose. In the interests of education and developing our best qualities, it becomes vital that students are able to initiate important activities that have a real impact on that education. It is also important that students are able to actively work to change their environment (the University and the Community) in ways they deem important. We have perhaps missed out on another year of working for these goals.

Jamie would consider these concepts 'radical'. They are not radical, they are the foundations of any democratic institution which advocates free expression and the dissemination of diverse and controversial ideas. We must not be here to learn interpretations of school administrators, stated as fact, of what our society means and what our place is in that society. We are here to acquire means of deciding that for ourselves.

Jamie relied to much on administrative opinion. Administrative opinion should always be taken just for what it is - opinion. The Faculty and the Student Body must have the right to exercise final authority in providing the University with its basic philosophy of development. Administrators are here to serve our purposes; we know best what direction the University should take in the long run. Not understanding this, or simply not believing this, was the greatest single flaw that Jamie Stemple made in determining the extent of his leadership and the extent of the student body's rights.

And where do we go from here? We have a new student administration to work with, one we have hopes for. Individually, we must participate in the areas that we have left untouched this past year. Each of us has a new responsibility to come forward and express what we feel the purpose of the University is (it may be different from anybody else's idea), what we feel needs to be done, what we feel the students' role is and what we will do to accomplish the ends we think are important. Our individual opinions are as important as the official opinion of the entire UNCC administration. We must work, without compromising our principles, to successfully accomplish our purposes, as we see them to be.

The present role of so-called 'Institutional Policy' is largely a myth. No greater obstacle to achieving our goal of securing a complete undergraduate education exists than the threat to actively deter the students and faculty from completely controlling educational policy and academic development.

INFO line in Cone addition

By Susan Sluss

The opening of the new Bonnie E. Cone University Center brings with it the new INFO line.

INFO line consists of a cassette tape library of recorded information on topics of special interest to the University community.

Topics fall under categories such as admissions, Cone University Center, the Counseling Center, Office of Development, the food service, the Library, student organizations and academics.

Brochures containing the tape numbers and titles are now being circulated around campus. There are 375 tapes available.

To hear a certain tape, the caller should call the main number, 597-2401 and request the tape he wishes to hear by number.

Sally Allison, Administrative Assistant in the Cone University Center said,

"The are several benefits to the INFO line. Increased accuracy of information is one of the benefits the staff feels is important.

Since the information comes from the responsible office and made directly available to the students by phone, it is not distorted or incomplete. Convenience and centralization are two other benefits offered by the system."

A fourth major benefit that Ms. Allison feels is important is that INFO line provides information of a highly personal nature that students are often reluctant to seek out. Recorded information on personal matters such as VD and birth control offers effective ways of relaying important information through a convenient and personal means.

The tape information system idea is not unique to UNCC. The system is based upon NEXUS and the

information tape system at the University of Cincinnati. Vern Parrish, Director of the Cone University Center, implemented the idea for UNCC. The staff felt the expansion of the Center was a good time to implement the system. Ms Allison says, "We have the space, the personnel and the money. The cost of the system was included in the expansion budget."

INFO line hours are 8 am to 11 pm Monday through Friday; 10 am to 11 pm Saturday and 12 noon to 11 pm on Sunday.

Ms. Allison feels the INFO line will "end a lot of frustration. It will increase the accuracy of information whereas students, faculty, staff, parents and the Charlotte community will be able to call up and receive accurate, up to date information. It will also add accessibilities to commuter students about activities on campus."

Cone Center addition opens

By Brad Rich

The week of Monday, April 5 through Friday April 9 will be the grand opening for the new addition to the Cone University Center. All week long activities are scheduled to familiarize students, faculty and staff with the large number of interests the addition will be able to serve.

The Center will open Monday morning at 9:30 am. Coffee will be served in the Main Lounge, followed by dedication of the C. A. McKnight Lecture Hall at 10 am. Then, at 11, the Cindy Holmes Memorial will be dedicated. At 12, tours will originate from the Main Information Desk.

Other highlights of the week include: a week long billiards tournament, a 1 pm Monday showing of the film *That's Entertainment* in the C. A. McKnight Lecture Hall, a performance by the Rowe String Quartet, a billiards exhibition by BCA professional Paul Gerni, and a performance

by country-rock group "Colours."

Also, there will be a showing of the film *Alice in Wonderland*, a lecture by Joe Armstrong, publisher of *Rolling Stone Magazine* a lecture and

performance by John Kirkland, the "Friz Whiz" and a performance by the Monty Alexander Trio.

A schedule of all events is listed below, excluding events of Monday and Tuesday.

Photo courtesy of University Program Board



John Kirkland, the Friz Whiz.

Schedule of events

Tuesday, April 6

8:00 p.m. - The Monty Alexander Trio will perform in the C.A. McKnight Lecture Hall

Wednesday, April 7

11:30 a.m. - Billiards Tournament Play, Game Room

12:00 p.m. - Colours, a country rock group, will perform on the Plaza

3:00 p.m. - Film: *Alice in Wonderland*, C.A. McKnight Lecture Hall

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Thursday, April 8

9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. - Art competition and exhibit by BCA students, Plaza

11:30 a.m. - Tournament Play, Game Room

12:15 p.m. - UNCC Chorus, directed by Dr. William Dailey, performs "Selections for a Spring Afternoon," C.A. McKnight Lecture Hall

3:00 p.m. - Judging will begin for art competition

8:00 p.m. - Joe Armstrong, publisher of *Rolling Stone* magazine, C.A. McKnight Lecture Hall

Friday, April 9

9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. - Art competition and exhibit

11:30 a.m. - Tournament Finals, Game Room

12:15 - Dorian and Janice Blake, a show of illusion and fun, Plaza

3:00 p.m. - John Kirkland, The Friz Whiz

4:00 p.m. - Winner of art competition will be announced

7:00 p.m. - Lecture by John Kirkland, The Friz Whiz, C.A. McKnight Lecture Hall

9:00 p.m. - Entertainment in the Rathskeller