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## New Cone Center Extension Opens

By Johnny Williams

On Monday, April 5, UNCC celebrated perhaps its greatest moment in architectural achievement. This achievement presented itself in the form of the immense new Bonnie E. Cone University Center Extension.

This new addition more than doubles the meeting, lounge and recreational space for the university community.

Included is the large C.A. McKnight Lecture Hall where dedication ceremonies were held Monday morning at 10:00 am. Presiding over the ceremonies was University Chancellor D.W. Colvard. After an invocation by the Reverend Joseph L. Kellerman, Dr. Colvard introduced Mr. Addison Reese, chairman of the Board of Trustees, who gave a touching speech dedicating the Lecture Hall. In his speech, Mr. Reese praised C.A. McKnight, "for his diligent work in striving to help make UNCC a great university."

After the dedication, McKnight, who is the editor of the *Charlotte Observer*, stepped forward and thanked "the entire university community for the great honor of having my name attached to such a great palace for learning." In his closing remarks, McKnight made mention of the UNCC basketball team. He remarked it was, "truly amazing that a group of slender young men who can

run, shoot and jump could grab more national publicity in eight days than our newspaper could give it in 30 years."

The McKnight Lecture Hall has a seating capacity of 623 and can be used for multi-media presentations, films, lectures, debates, small concerts and theatrical presentations. A distinctive elevated seating arrangement highlights the large spacious lounge. An adjacent art gallery offers an opportunity for visual art shows.

The Music Listening Lounge offers a unique setting for casual relaxation and music listening equipment. Three conference rooms offer a great deal of flexibility for meetings, social gatherings, luncheons and receptions. The new games and recreational facilities will be the site of many tournaments and is a badly needed expansion to our recreational components on campus.

The large outside plaza serves as a gathering place for informal socializing for all members of the university community; also concerts, cabarets and art shows can enhance the plaza. All in all, the University Center Extension is composed of more than 48,500 square feet at a total cost exceeding \$2,500,000.

The director and coordinator of the Extension is Vern Parrish. Under him is a staff of very qualified personnel. Included in this staff are a large number

of UNCC students.

Students at UNCC should be very proud of the new Bonnie E. Cone University Center Extension. It has a multitude of things to offer to everyone.

Not only does it enhance the beauty of the campus, but it might not be too far off to state that the Extension is the most outstanding addition to the campus to date.

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Lounge area of new Cone Center Extension

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The plaza area of the new Bonnie E. Cone University Extension will be the foremost "people place" on campus. Ken Sanford, Director of Information, has compared the plaza to a similar area in San Francisco where spontaneous art exhibitions, concerts and lectures occur.

## Political Science offers Human Survival course

By Steve Bass and Brad Rich

The political science department of UNCC, in cooperation with various departments in the university, is offering a course entitled "Global Development: Investment in Human Survival." Dr. Nish Jamgotch, of the political science department, writes regarding the course, "Whether humanity merely survives or whether it survives by designing for itself a better quality of life is the topic of a semester long interdisciplinary course (three credits) fall 1976. Its purpose will be to explore a range of man's most pressing problems.

The following professors and themes will be used during the course:

1. "A New Ethical Structure for Global Peace" by Stephen Fishman, philosophy. This section of the course will deal with the assumption that for world peace to exist on Earth, a new world morality structure must be devised.

2. "Comparative Demographic Trends in 1976: The Malthusian Dilemma in a 200 year Perspective" by George Rent, sociology. The various degrees of success and failure in the field of family planning through out the world will be the topic of focus in this section of the course.

3. "Man's Most Important Resource: Food" by John Catau, geography. The emphasis for this part of the course will be in the range of the food crisis, its long and short range implications and possible solutions.

4. "Comparative Social Organization, Law and Human Violence" by Ray Michalowski, sociology. How does man's propensity for violence affect his life on Earth? Also stressed will be the types of personality most prone to violence.

5. "Are Synthetics a Reasonable Substitute for Current Resource Scarcities?" by James Clay, geography. An emphasis on the current dangerous shortage of natural resources and possible solutions.

6. "International Defense Expenditures and Human Survival: The Great Human Paradox" by Nish Jamgotch, political science. The question for discussion in this segment of the course will be: Do weapons now being manufactured protect man or make his survival less likely, and is it true that man will experience thermonuclear war by the year 2000?

The course will be for three credits and meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 2:00-2:50 in the fall semester.

Dr. Jamgotch, who is heading up the course said, "I feel this course gives students a rich diet intellectually. The six instructors bring to the course many years of experience and I feel they are all high-powered instructors."

Jamgotch said, "It is scary to read the pessimistic views of many of today's books." He felt one of the most important questions asked is "Do we have a right to ask unborn generations to forego the chance to be born and enjoy civilized life."

Last fall, at a gathering of Harvard and MIT intellectuals, the conclusion was reached "that by the year 2000, if the current trend continues, man will have experienced a thermonuclear war." Jamgotch's question was "How are going to save ourselves?"

The course will be the result of summer research by the six professors. Jamgotch has asked Washington for money for the research, but said, "I will offer the course regardless of whether we receive the money or not."

The course is interdisciplinary, because, as Jamgotch said, "Our preliminary study indicated that the course is not easily susceptible to disciplinary compartmentalization. There are no rigid barriers."

Jamgotch said he is "pessimistic that Americans today are willing to make the hard sacrifices and live lives of self-denial so that the grandchildren of current Americans will have a world to live in."