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WFAE-FM transmitter arrives; Money still a problem

By Liz Mahon

Five years ago, the proposal for an FM radio station was brought to the attention of the UNCC administration. Two years later, an engineering firm took the position of liaison between the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and UNCC, thus initiating steps towards building an FM radio station on the UNCC campus. The FCC, because of its specific guidelines, would not allow UNCC a construction permit to get the ball rolling. After many unnecessary delays, the conclusion was reached that the engineering firm was causing almost all the delays, therefore they were relieved of their position, and UNCC began dealing directly with the FCC.

With the perseverance of Scott Phillips, Coleman Thompson, Frank Talbert and many others, the radio

station has now acquired a construction permit. This allows them to begin scheduling programming, get the station set up and begin broadcasting.

Phillips said, "The cost of equipment and the fact that each piece is made to order slows things down. Even though six pieces of equipment, \$3000 worth, were ordered in July, they are still on backorder. We have no idea when they will arrive; we just keep pushing," Phillips said.

"In July, a \$5888 transmitting unit was ordered and McLean Trucking Company showed record of it being shipped August 24th on one of their trucks. There was a guarantee of one month shipping leeway. Unfortunately the transmitter was lost in shipment."

The equipment that has arrived is set up for use and the production and

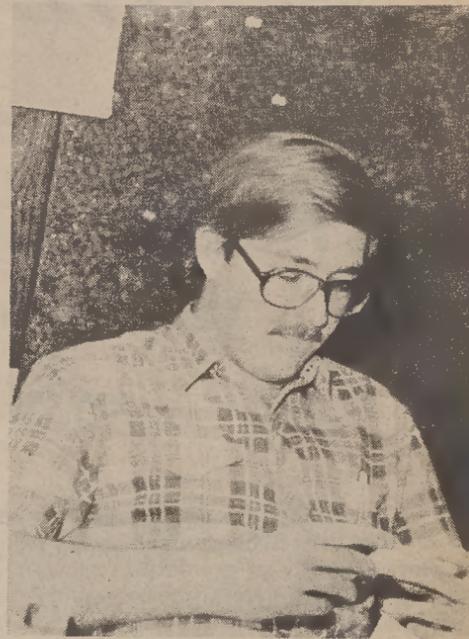
control room are ready to roll as soon as the other equipment arrives. "The only catch," said Phillips, "is we have run out of money."

The price of equipment and labor is astronomical, so even when the needed equipment arrives, the station will need additional funding to begin broadcasting.

The missing transmitter was finally discovered at McLean Trucking Company on Wednesday, September 8th. Around nine o'clock that night, station manager Scott Phillips hooked it up and for the first time, WFAE was temporarily on the air.

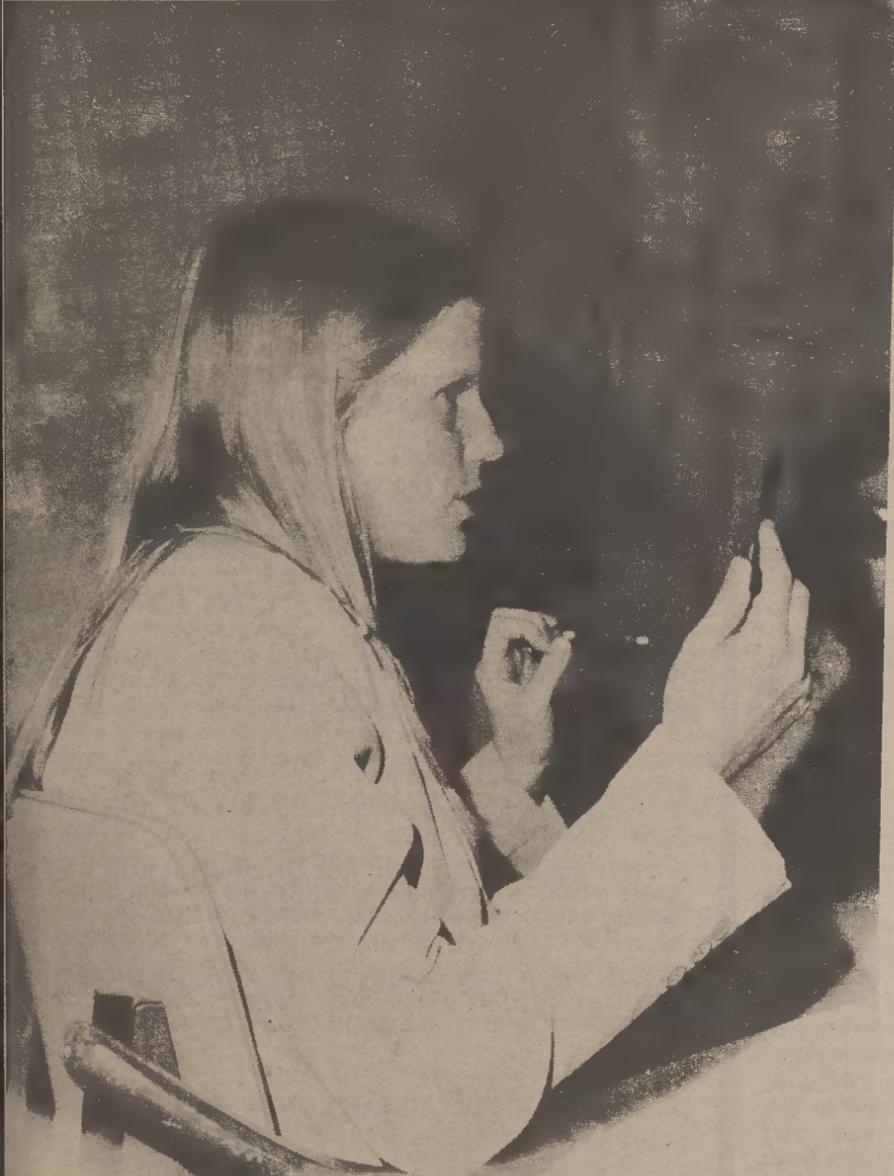
Both Phillips and Business Manager Frank Talbert said they viewed this as a step forward, but it appears that due to financial difficulties, air time is still a long way off for WFAE-FM.

Carolina Journal photo by Jack Turbyfill



Frank Talbert, Business Manager for WFAE-FM

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New Campus Programmer Jennifer Cernosia

New Programmer hired

By Pat Greindling

UNCC's new campus programmer, Jennifer Cernosia, has had interest in campus activities since her undergraduate days at South Dakota University. To develop that interest, Ms Cernosia came to Charlotte filled with expectations and ideas.

Ms Cernosia feels 'an alternative to room routine is essential'. She hopes expand committees include people with special interests such as music and movies, in order to develop a well-rounded program.

"I would like to reach out to residents as well as commuters" said Ms Cernosia. "Commuters contribute much to the financing of campus programming, so they should also have the chance to

benefit by them."

Ms Cernosia would like programs to have educational value and hopes to utilize more of the University Center. "I would like to have local speakers instead of just outside lectures; someone who has something of special interest to share with the students."

Ms Cernosia also spoke about the Free You program saying she would like to work with people outside of campus, to let students know what classes and opportunities are offered in Charlotte.

Ms Cernosia was enthusiastic about her prospective plans for the students and the opportunities she hopes to make available to them.

Parking being studied

By Steve Bass

The parking situation continues to be a major problem on the university campus and Jerry Hudson, head of Security, is given responsibility for sorting things through the maze. Hudson says that two areas of student concern, the overcrowding in the dorm lots and the new visitor parking lots near the Cone Center, are being studied and will soon be solved.

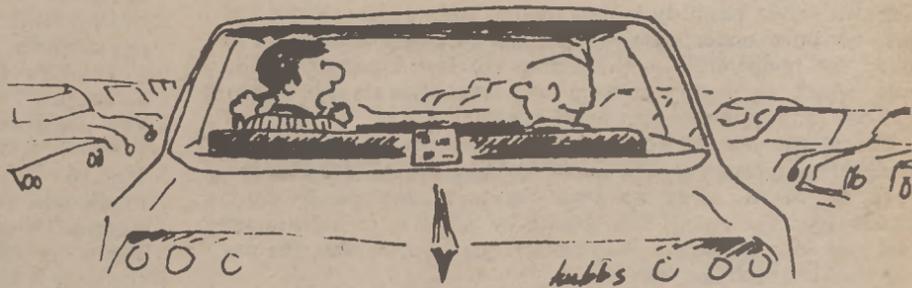
"The dorm parking lot problem has been allowed to exist this week for one reason. A lot of students especially when we open school before Labor Day, bring cars down only to return them after moving in," Hudson said. "This week and next week we'll be examining the problem as the situation gets back to normal. It is true that dorm stickers are being bought in greater numbers, but I haven't got the computer print-out showing if this is more primary cars or the (\$2) secondary sticker for a second or third car."

Hudson said that due to overcrowding, violations of resident hall meters are being overlooked at the request of Chuck Lynch, Resident Life adviser. "We are also allowing (dorm) 'D' stickers to park in the Cone Center lot for the time being, but we have to be careful not to overcrowd this lot for commuters and staff even though we being lenient with the dorm situation now, we will not allow strictly illegal parking such as pulling up on the curb, blocking the street or parking on the grass."

"We are also allowing some 'E' cars (commuters) and visitors park in the dorm lot, so people may visit easily. However, I've found that most people prefer a place for themselves over a visitor or friend having a place," said Hudson. "In the future if the problem continues we may have to eliminate this practice."

Hudson continued by saying that plans were underway to expand the dorm lot by some 50-100 spaces by transplanting the magnolia trees around the lot.

Students returning to campus for the fall have doubtlessly noted the new "Visitor and Conference Parking" lot in what was the "B-E" lot between Cone Center and the gym complex. Hudson wished to stress that basically the lot would remain for students. "Vern Parrish in the Center requested the lot to accommodate visitors to the Center. When the roping off of the lot is complete we will keep about 30 spaces for visitor use only. During conferences and the like we will expand this area to include about 100 spaces. During other times, students will be free to park there. It will cost 50 cents to park in the lot which will replace the visitor meters we did have," Hudson continued. "It will be possible to get tokens which will reduce the price (of parking) to a quarter. We will be careful to keep this lot open to visitors and not allow students to park there. The rest of the lot will be used for normal 'B-E' sticker parking. Basically, nothing will change."



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