

# winter treat

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The recent frigid temperatures turned UNCC's Heckenbinker Pond into a skaters' delight. Here the light of the Belk Tower shillouettes two daring students.

## Committee to assist In running of Center

By Pat Griendling

A committee is being formed to help in the running of the University Center. Vern Parrish, Director of the Cone University Center, explained some of the reasons for the committee. "When the University Center was first starting out, it was getting prepared to grow. A University 'expanding committee' was formed and helped in planning the center until the opening of the building.

"The committee established priorities for the Center, general guidelines and structure, then the committee disbanded. I needed a committee that would be advisory to me in such things as time schedule, priorities, policy procedure and budget. It would give us more input. The actual decision-making still has to remain here.

"The Student Union Committee helps in advising the arts and crafts program and the Rathskeller," said Parrish. "They assist in directing the

University Center and advise through the Dean of Students. Representatives came from all different sections of the campus. There were staff members from the Creative Arts department, Admissions Office, continuing students, commuter students and student government to name a few.

"The committee will be very busy to begin with. Policy, procedures and memorandums to different areas will be a few of the things to be dealt with. The Student Union provides a stage and gives the comfortable matting a program needs."

The members of the committee are:

David Addison, Residence Halls; John Knight, University Program Board; Michael Evans, Student Media Board; Joy Kincaid, Student Government; Cynthia McCain, Commuter representative; Lucia Long, Commuter representative; Donald Byrum; Kathi Ann Misenhamer; Dr. John Moore; Dr. Earl Backman, chairman, and Vern Parrish.

## Cashier/Secretary In Commuter lounge

By Patti Tracey

One of the newer faces on campus these days is that of Teresa Douglas. Teresa is the cashier/secretary for the Student Association.

Her office is in the newest Commuter Lounge, which is located in the Cone University Center. The lounge opened on December 6th, and was designed as a meeting place where commuters can get together with both dorm students as well as fellow commuters, away from the classrooms.

The lounge offers a large area for studying, relaxing and getting acquainted. Facilities include seven study carrels with six typewriters, free coffee and storage closets for use by clubs

and organizations on a first come, first serve basis.

Teresa considers the lounge to be the clubs and organizations own business office. One of her many activities includes handling and selling all tickets for the University Program Board (UPB) events and Rathskeller performances.

Teresa works in close coordination with Bob Hull, the commuter lounge coordinator. All University groups are welcome to use the lounge for any kind of lectures, speakers, coffee houses, etc. Both Teresa and Bob are hoping that funds will become available for the possibility of scheduling some special events in the new commuter lounge.

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chair of the committee, says that the committee is not out to have war with the SFC or any group. He plans to have hearings with the representatives of all

three Student Association divisions and the SFC to derive a cross-section of data.

According to Orr, the goal he hopes the committee to achieve is

"recommendations for a cohesive policy which can be easily understood and can be grasped easily by new students."

However, many students take a

# The battle against smoking

By Pat Griendling

For the last couple of years, the issue of smoking on campus has been brought up on student referendums and by organizations. The students were given the chance to voice their opinion on a smoking ban.

The general student consensus was against smoking on campus. Housekeeping gave a report on the effects of smoking and the safety committee handed in a report. The policy has to go the University Senate and then before the Chancellor. A smoking ban is upheld now at Chapel Hill.

The two people behind the smoking issue at UNCC are Mark Smith and Charita Miller. Mark discussed some of his reasons and actions on the smoking-ban issue. "I am not a smoker and I'm allergic to smoke," said Smith. I felt that something ought to be done about it for everyone. I talked to Doug Lerner about the

possibility for a smoking ban. My fiance (Charita) and me decided to get people to sign a petition after registration. We thought we could probably get a lot of people this way. We still missed about 2,000 people this way, but the part of the student body we did reach was generally enthusiastic. About one-third of the student body was against smoking. A majority of the people on campus are non-smokers.

"Of course, there are a few obscenities and some felt it was a violation of their rights. I don't think some smokers realize the danger they put non-smokers in. There were proposals about putting smokers in a certain section of the classroom, but I feel that a lot of people wouldn't pay attention to this and would just sit where they want. Also the fumes would still circulate around the room.

A meeting of the University Senate was held to discuss a

non-smoking ban and the motion passed 15-5. "I was pleased with this until the Chancellor said that the results meant the non-smoking ban would be looked into. I was annoyed because I was hoping for immediate results. I felt intimidated because of all the work and time put into the project. I realize the Chancellor is concerned, but its just I hoped there would be quicker action," said Smith.

Smith mentioned several times that student attorney general Doug Lerner has helped with the smoking-ban project. "Lerner brought up the idea of smoking and non-smoking periods in exams," said Smith. "This is one of the few college campuses without a smoking ban. I'm really concerned about the library. If the library was located outside the campus, smoking would probably be outlawed as a fire hazard. I hope we can achieve a smoking-ban here especially."

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Cedric Maxwell stuffs for two of his game-high 18 points against Appalachian.

different overview of the committee. Evans says, "The basic question is one of students rights: Should students have control over the money they pay into the University. We think they should."