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## Most favor classroom smoking ban

By Steve Bass

Chancellor D.W. Colvard established a ban on smoking in classrooms effective February 7. The ban, which stated smoking was banned in all "enclosed spaces where instruction takes place," has been received with general approval. The ban was established after a petition was signed by 2,600 students during registration. The petition was then presented to the University Senate (composed of faculty, staff and student members) which passed a resolution calling on Chancellor Colvard to establish the ban.

Ken Sanford, Director of Campus Information, said, "I haven't heard of any negative response whatsoever. The *Charlotte News* called me the other day and asked me to see if the ban was effective. I took a tour of campus and I didn't see anyone violating the rules. I did see one professor standing in the doorway of his classroom smoking and lecturing, but I wouldn't call that a violation as he was not in the classroom proper."

"Chancellor Colvard sent a memorandum around asking faculty members what the general reaction to the

ban has been," said Sanford. "The response was favorable. I think it is working out just fine."

Dr. Douglas Orr, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, concurred with Sanford's opinion. "Except for Mike's editorial (*Carolina Journal* editor Michael Evans) most of the response I've heard has been positive. I teach one course and I've heard a couple of students grumble about the ban. However, most students in the class were in favor of the ban; they had already requested that no one smoke in the room. In short, I'd say that most of the faculty and students I've come in

contact with welcome the ban as an excellent decision."

Doug Lerner, student Attorney General, said most of the comments he has heard dealt more with the method by which the decision was made. "Well, there hasn't been a lot of negative feedback about the decision itself, most people seem to like it. Many people think there should have been a campus wide referendum on the issue. In my report to the Student Legislature, I plan to make a motion that a referendum should be held during the spring student elections. The decision was good, the method used could have been improved."

## Media heads talk about new system, finances

By Brad Rich

The addition of the new cashier/secretary position has vastly improved the system of checks and balances on the funds of the various media. To find out how the business managers of the media feel about the new system, each of them was asked to state the financial state of his organization.

Max Street, *Sanskrit* business manager, said the literary magazine was given \$11,297.00 at the beginning of the school year, and had \$2,795.00 left from last year. The \$2,795.00, though, had to go toward paying a \$3,747.00 printing bill owed by last year's magazine.

Street said *Sanskrit* is "right on target" financially. He said, "Our printer, George Mitchell of Washburn Press, has agreed to keep us on budget. That's a big aid. One problem we had in the past was the printer quoting us one price, then having it go up with no substantiation. Now, last time I think it was right almost to the penny...in fact, I think it was actually lower."

Street said the magazine probably has more than enough money to put out the next issue without changing any line items on the budget.

He said this year's allocation of \$11,297.00 was adequate "on a sliding scale. Prices usually go up after the first of the year. So our second issue is usually more expensive, but we allocated more for it in our budget."

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Max Street, *Sanskrit* Business Manager

Street thinks the new system utilizing the cashier/secretary is a great improvement. "It makes things a lot easier," he said. "There is less hardship on the students. If Beth (Griffith, editor) or I had a lot of tests, or had to work or something, and couldn't get the check requisitions in on time, we'd only have to wait 24 hours for the checks. Last year, sometimes if you were a day late, the checks wouldn't come in for another week."

*Carolina Journal* co-editor and

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Pete Meuser, *Darkroom* Coordinator

business manager Michael Evans described the newspapers financial situation as "optimistic." The *Carolina Journal* was given \$21,000.78 in student fees and projected \$10,000.00 in advertising revenue. Evans said this was adequate, providing the advertising manager brings in enough money. He said, "We're on target; this academic year we've had two fine advertising managers. Therefore, there is a strong possibility we will reach our advertising projection. When projecting advertising revenue, there is always one overpowering question: Is your advertising manager(s) going to be able to produce the projected revenue? So far we have over \$8,000 in advertising revenue this year."

Evans said the new system is definitely better than the old one. "We are still a long way from developing the completely autonomous student activities fund office. When the office is complete, we will have near perfect accountability of student activity fees."

Pete Meuser, *Darkroom* Coordinator, said he has about \$310.00 left from his original budget. "This should be enough, if everything goes smoothly as it hasn't done in the past," Meuser said.

Meuser said he hasn't started working on next year's budget yet, but it shouldn't be as high as this year's. "Most of the money will probably go to a general repair budget," he said, "for tanks, reels, etc. — things that tend to wear out fast."

Meuser also thinks the new requisition system is a great improvement. "Now somebody has control of the books. At least somebody knows where the money is going. Right now, the best thing we could do is carry through with what's been started," he said.

WVFN/WFAE business manager Carleen Lawing was somewhat less optimistic. The station was allocated \$24,000 at the beginning of the year.

Lawing said right now they have "enough money to get on the air, but beyond that I don't know."

She said she has "no quarrels" with the new system, but thinks "it would be nice" if the checks were sent to the station instead of being mailed directly out.

"I think the computer system needs to be improved," she said. "Its too complicated. Some transactions date back as far as a month. They should handle each transaction as it comes in."

Debbie Merrill of *Rogues 'n Rascals*, said the yearbook received \$18,000.00 this year, and it wasn't nearly enough. "To put out a good book, we need about \$25,000.00. As it is, we've got enough to put out a book equivalent to a high school yearbook."

Merrill said the yearbook currently has about \$9,000.00 left in the budget and is expecting between \$1,300.00 and \$1,500.00 in advertising revenue.

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Carleen Lawing, *WFAE* Business Manager

She thinks the new system of working through the cashier/secretary could be improved. "It is too picky about receipts," she said.

The general consensus appears to be the new cashier/secretary system has eased some of the burden of keeping the media books in order. Teresa Douglas, who was hired to fill the position, has shown herself to be an able and efficient worker, and the office's location in the new Commuter Lounge is much more convenient to the media than the Business Office in Reese Administration Building.

All the Business Managers agreed that the system is an improvement over the one used in the past, but expressed

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Debbie Merrill of *Rogues 'N Rascals*

interest that additional improvements be made as the need for them arises. As one media worker was heard to say, "The system is far from perfect, but it is the best we've developed so far. At least we get our checks on time."

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Michael Evans, *Carolina Journal* Business Manager and Co-editor