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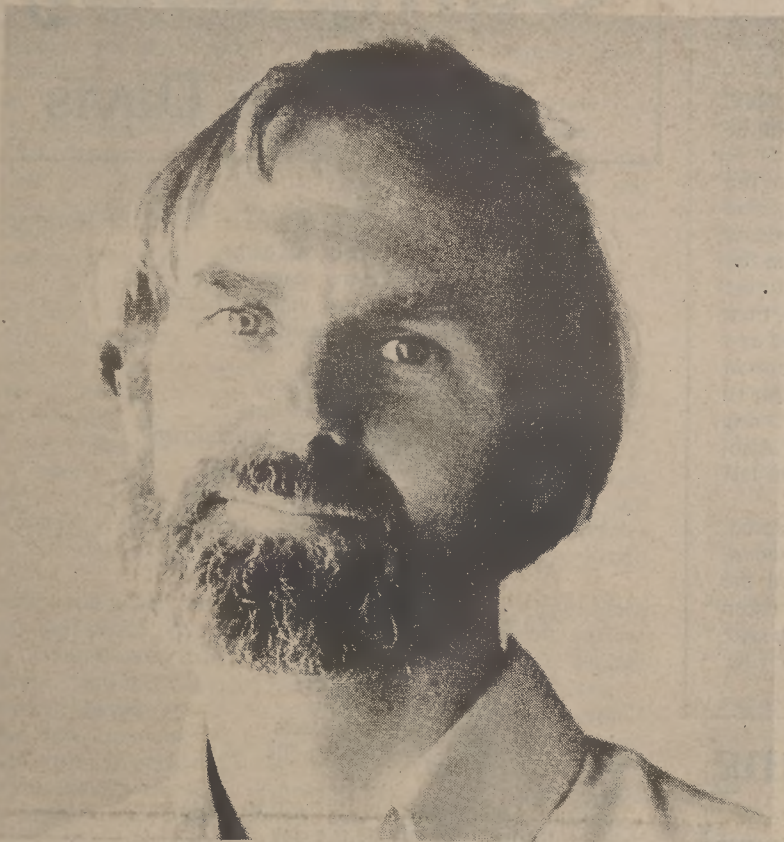
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New Office/Classroom Complex Designed To Save Fuel, But Older Buildings Weren't

Ayers: Fuel Supply 'Appears To Be Adequate'



Ed Ayers, Director of the Physical Plant. (photo by Jack Green)

By Steve Bass

"Often its a case of productive procrastination. We try to stall the inevitable long enough to get a good look at our cards," said Ed Ayers, Director of the Physical Plant. "Right now our fuel supply for the winter appears to be adequate to meet the demands. Of course, at this point last year we thought we had adequate supplies too."

Ayers and his staff are the people responsible for keeping UNCC warm in the winter and cool in the summer. UNCC demands 250,000 gallons worth of fuel per winter to keep the buildings at an average temperature of between 67-68 degrees. "If we don't have a great many problems in getting fuel on time this winter, we should be able to keep the University community fairly comfortable."

Ayers said part of his job includes the problem of rising prices. "Right now the prices are the same as last year. Of course, I rather expect them to go up during the winter. Fortunately, we've spent about \$15,000 on improving the controls in the buildings which should, in the long run, save us money and create fuel savings."

"The new office/classroom complex being built is designed specifically for fuel savings. It will be about 10 per cent more efficient than our present buildings."

Basically, the problem we've got is that our other buildings were not designed to be particularly fuel efficient and they are getting old. I'm not saying that the buildings were poorly built. Rather, I believe they were built pretty well, but they weren't designed for fuel efficiency. For example, most are based on the air mixture system. In the air mixture system, a sample of air is taken from every room in a building and the system adjusts itself. It's comfortable, but hardly effective.

"People have accepted the cooler temperatures in the winter and the warmer temperatures in the summer," said Ayers. "As long as we keep the temperature no higher than 78 degrees in the summer and no lower than 68 degrees in the winter most people don't complain, sometimes when even I would."

"Basically we can summarize the situation like this, if we have a mild winter, which is highly unlikely considering what the prognosticators and the wooly worms tell us, then we should make out all right. If the winter is severe, and I believe it will be, then the students should prepare to be uncomfortable. My only suggestion is that everyone get a sweater. The days when we had all the heat we wanted in the winter and all the cool we wanted in the summer are over."

WFAE Offers European Rock On 'The 49th Parallel'

By Brad Rich

Contrary to popular belief, WFAE, UNCC's radio station, does play something besides classical and jazz music. On Monday and Friday nights from 11:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m., "The 49th Parallel," a mixture of early and recent "underground" rock can be heard. Chris Wright, WFAE Program Director and host for the Friday night show, (Bat Humphries is the host on Mondays) said the name of the show was chosen for two reasons. "We wanted it to have something to do with the school, so at first we tried something like the 'Mineshaft,' but that didn't work out, so I thought of the '49th Parallel.' It (the 49th parallel) runs through Europe, and we play mostly European music, and it has something to do with the school."

Wright says one of the major problems with the program is that he has gotten no feedback from students, so he doesn't know if they like the music, hate it, or simply are not listening. He feels part of the problem is that students don't know the show is on the air, so station staffers flooded the dorms with program guides last week.

At first the show consisted almost entirely of recent European rock, but lately, Wright said, "I've toned it down to include some old stuff that's not heard around here anymore." Examples of artists heard on the show include: Yes, Rory Gallagher, Tangerine Dream, Family, Vandergraff Generator, John Lennon and Steve Winwood.

Wright said the lack of student response is not only difficult to deal with, but also disappointing. "It gets discouraging when you know nobody is listening. It's kind of like playing albums for yourself."

The program so far has not included any mainstream American rock like Little Feat or Bruce Springsteen, but Wright says he is not opposed to including it.

"That's why I need people to call me with requests," Wright said. "I haven't even thought much about bands like that. When you only have two hours to work with, it's hard. I go a lot by what I like,

and a lot by my mood. If I can blend something in that someone has requested, I'll play it."

"The more people we get working in rock, the better it will get," he said.

"More people means more personalities and it will show up in the type of music that is played. Of course, we have to be careful that we don't turn into WROQ, with too many people in rock."

Hudson Says Parking Crisis Will Ease Soon; He'll Discuss It With University Senate Thursday

By Steve Bass

"I suppose I'm the Bert Lance of UNCC," said Jerry Hudson, Director of Campus Police. "On September 22, I have my day in the University Senate to face the thundering herd about the parking situation. If people want to take their shots at me then, they should contact their senator."

Hudson's problem can be summarized in the following figures: 'A' designated cars registered - 37, 'B' cars - 1,182, 'E' cars - 3,320 and 'D' stickers issued - 1,215. "We have approximately 4,600 spaces on campus. Of course, 400 of the spaces are under construction and 700 are unusable because of the construction. When you consider that many of the cars we have registered are "duplicates," or second cars people have registered, we have enough parking spaces on campus. Come October 1, when our new deck opens, we should be in outstanding shape."

"Right now though," said Hudson, "I'd say all the gripes student and faculty members about parking are justified. People who have to park in Lot 6, or the "East Harrisburg Lot" or "Moelchert's Memorial" do have a legitimate complaint. Of course, even Lot 6 isn't real far if you have classes in the Denny area. If you have to walk to the gym from there, its a pain. The only thing I can say

is that things should get better come October 1."

Hudson said the much discussed heirarchical allotment of parking spaces is a creation of the Chancellor's Parking Committee. "Quite frankly, from an enforcement standpoint, it would be easier to have parking on a first come, first serve basis. We have five different elements who visit the campus daily: (1) faculty-staff members, (2) commuter students, (3) dorm students, (4) parttime students, and (5) visitors. When the University was established the desire was to interact with the community. If the community is coming to the campus, we must provide parking close to the centers of activity. The committee figured that faculty and staff members needed close parking due to the many materials they carry home. Still, with the resulting problems this leaves for the students, commuter parking is still pretty good."

"Dorm parking is a unique situation," said Hudson. "Because the dorm room is the student's home, the parking must be in close proximity to the dorms in order to provide the so-called "living learning experience." People will be coming and going for visits, dates, etc. Parking cannot be a major worry."

Hudson said that in a growing university like UNCC, parking would continue to be a concern. "The deck was

built to accomodate the visitor problem primarily. Of course, commuter parking will be a problem to be dealt with in the future. Off hand, I'd say the next lot will be built near the Physical Plant. But, that's a problem of the long-range future. Come October 1, I believe things will get better."



Jerry Hudson, Head of Campus Police, said the parking problem should ease by October 1.

(photo by Lisa Lancy)