

The Carolina Journal

The Student Newspaper Of The University Of North Carolina At Charlotte

Volume XII; Number 20 (i.e. #21)

14
March 7, 1978

Emergency conservation measures shut off 'non-academic' lighting

Lights Go Out At UNCC

By Steve Bass

The grim reaper is preparing to dance over the UNCC campus and the nation because of the national coal strike. Night activities in the Cone University Center have already fallen victim to the reaper, along with gymnasium free play periods, warm buildings and well lit rooms. According to Ed Ayers, director of the UNCC physical plant, "fun and games time is over. This is serious business we're dealing with. Unfortunately, the private is not doing its part to conserve. The burden of example is on us, the public sector, to conserve. If the situation does not improve quickly, we're dealing with everything, except hospitals, having the juice cut off."

"Our immediate goal is to get through spring break. These are short-term efforts, but we've got to do what we can." The Cone University Center has already started closing after hours. Activities which were previously planned have been cancelled. The gymnasium will be closed except for intramural playoff games and scheduled intercollegiate activities. All buildings' heat will be reduced to 62 degrees, and all lights not necessary for health and study areas will be dimmed. Tentative plans call for all offices to be closed during the spring break. According to Ayers, "I've found most of the people on campus cooperative. They

grumble a bit, but when they discover what we're trying to do they will work with us."

Ayers said the response to the crisis was triggered by Governor Jim Hunt's directive to state affiliated institutions to conserve. "The directive does not really tell us how to conserve, it only gives general guidelines like shutting off lights, turning off water heaters, etc. What I hope they do is tell us to cut back, say 40 percent of our usage, then just have someone check on us, and if we don't make it then cut off the juice. If they make strict guidelines and establish a bureaucracy to enforce the regulations it will be unfortunate. Those things have a tendency to backfire."

"We are trying not to shut off anything related to academic goals. This is getting late in the semester and at least a few people are concerned with graduating. We certainly don't want to interfere with those noble goals," Ayers said. "That's why we are eliminating nonessential usage. The more we can expand these policies then we get trade-off credits for essential usage. Joe Boykin, director of the library complex, is really working with us. There is an attempt to reduce lights in areas not concerned with study."

"Our whole concern is to make the coal supply last (at deadline time it was

(cont'd. on p. 6)



Lee Rose, UNCC head basketball coach and athletic director for the past three seasons, held a press conference Monday to squelch rumors that he might be leaving here to take the head coaching job at the University of Tennessee.

(photo by Frank Alexander)

Presidential Candidates

Bryan Burns



By Nancy Davis

Bryan Edward Burns, a junior history/business administration major, is concerned with student relationships, student faculty relationships and dorm commuter relationships in his campaign for student body president.

"The commuter students and the residents are in two different worlds," said Burns. He feels they need "a place where they can get together and have rap sessions." Burns would also like to see

activities that the whole student body can get involved in.

A 20 year old graduate of South Mecklenburg High School, Burns went to high school with opponents Jeff Hall and Jack Summerlin. He has served as president of St. Mark's Lutheran Church's Youth Group and of Charlotte's chapter of Youth Against Dystrophy.

When asked why he had decided to run, Burns said, "I just felt there's student apathy..." He plans to try

(cont'd. on p. 2)

Gary Davis



By Nancy Davis

The allocation and spending of student activities fees is a major issue for student body president candidate Gary Davis. A sophomore engineering major, Davis says he is running "because I have seen the waste of

student government during the 14th legislative assembly...The first thing I will cut will be student government salaries.

"I support cuts in Student Legislature funding. For example, Matt Barhydt has already proposed cutting funds that go to the

Model United Nations and NCSL. These organizations receive academic credit and are funded by the Legislature...This type of spending means that organizations on campus

that need funding and serve a large number of students, are excluded from legislative budget considerations," said Davis.

He also made reference to the fact that two of his

(cont'd. on p. 9)

Jeff Hall



By Steve Bass

Junior political science major Jeff Hall has announced his candidacy for student body president. Hall, presently serving as attorney general in the student government, has submitted his resignation as attorney general so "no one can say I'm using one office as the stepping stone to another." In an interview last week Hall discussed the issues confronting the candidates, and his decision to run.

"Originally, I had

considered running for the office, but later changed my mind. Then I began to witness people I supported dropping out of the race, and other people constantly asking me to run. This caused me to again reconsider and I made my decision to run," said Hall. "I am convinced that I can do a good job."

"I believe I have good qualifications," said Hall. "I have served in student government as a legislator,

(cont'd. on p. 5)

Larry Springs



By Les Bowen

Junior political science major Larry Springs says he

hopes to work for better publicity guidelines for elections, increased

awareness of students' rights and better communication between government and the students if he is elected student body president.

Springs, 24, is a Huntersville native and a member of the Huntersville Community Development Association. Springs said the commission's work included "...getting streets paved, assisting people in getting weatherization for their homes...We've helped to organize a Head Start program for Huntersville,

and we act as liaison for people who need social services."

With regard to election publicity, Springs said he favors a disclosures act that would require publicity expenditures to be made public, would like to see a ceiling set on the amount of money candidates can spend, and would seek to limit money contributed to candidates by clubs and organizations.

"Right now," Springs

(cont'd. on p. 6)

Jack Summerlin



By Brad Rich

Jack Summerlin, a junior political science major who is running for student body president, arrived at UNCC from Charlotte's South Mecklenburg High School in the fall of 1975, and has been involved to varying degrees in campus politics ever since. Recently, he has served as chairperson of the Student Legislature.

Last week, Summerlin was interviewed in an attempt to see what he feels are the important issues in

the upcoming election, and why he feels he is qualified for the job.

"Well," Summerlin said, "When I've talked to students on campus, I've gotten the feeling that they aren't too interested in money, or how the Student Association itself operates, or how our constitution operates...the feeling I've gotten is that they want to be represented better."

"The student body president appoints a great many students to all student

(cont'd. on p. 7)