

Scribblings

By Brad Rich

Spring at UNCC...frisbees flying heaven bound, then darting, diving downward into impatient fingers, curling around corners, slithering down sidewalks...the clippity clatter woosh of midnight skateboarders around the dorms...loud rock 'n' roll echoing through the night and the pop clank of beer cans hitting trash cans...sunburned bodies reclining lazily in every sunlit spot...the dull thud of aluminum bats colliding with mushy softballs...worn out baseball gloves being pounded and shirts being haphazardly discarded.

Spring at UNCC...books tossed away, notebook pages fluttering in the cool breeze beside snoring bodies who have tests the next day...convertible tops down, careening out of the parking lot headed for another night at the favorite watering hole.

Spring at UNCC...tests missed, parties attended...late night bull sessions with everyone talking and no one making sense...dirty dorm room curtains flopping out wide open windows...barefeet, bare backs, bare thighs, straw hats covering hair turning gold in the sun...

Spring at UNCC...for seniors, anticipation and memories...for others, the "wait til next year syndrome"...for the clean-up crew, bigger and better messes to clean up...for professors, more red marks and more half empty classes...dozing students with their heads on desks who don't really give a damn about animal behavior and Weber's sociology...

Spring at UNCC...ducks finally swimming in the pond instead of walking awkwardly on the ice...new buildings and construction workers, as usual...students eating picnic lunches outside, battling flies and bees for the last bite...lone figures under shade trees, picking guitars with unwilling fingers and playing wornout harmonicas full of spit and out of tune...

Spring at UNCC...going home and waiting for those final grades...friends saying goodbye until next year...crowded elevators that seem stuck on one floor for hours...suitcases and stereos being stuffed into MG's and Toyotas, lamps sticking out windows and iced down coolers in the front seat ready for the long ride home...tape players in cars blaring...hands waving, maybe a couple of tears, and finally, empty parking spaces, the sun pouring down on sticky asphalt and broken glass...

We Were Wrong:

A sentence in last week's the administration, story "Springs Tops Hall In Runoff" was worded poorly. The sentence said there is no student constitution agreed upon by the students and the chancellor. This is true. The constitution passed by the students in 1976 is not recognized by the administration. However, the story should have also said that the 1976 constitution is in effect; the student body government and the student media are operating under it, though it isn't recognized by

Also, a sentence in the same story reads "The revised version of the constitution that was approved last year was voted down..." The sentence refers to the 1976 constitution; there was not a constitutional referendum last year. Last week's "National Column" trivia quiz contained two incorrect answers. William Webster is the current head of government and the student longer in prison.

What Do You Think About UNCC?

News Release

Have you ever wanted to tell this University exactly what you think of it? Until April 28, almost 12,000 students will have the opportunity to do just that. By participating in a survey sanctioned by the Dean of Students office, and conducted by Monlen Roberts, a masters candidate at UNC-Chapel Hill and temporary research assistant with UNCC's Dean of Students office. These students will have a chance to let the University know how well they think it is doing in providing services

in such areas as:

- (1) academic flexibility
- (2) career counseling
- (3) job information
- (4) financial assistance
- (5) assistance in developing learning skills

The group asked to participate in the survey are the non-traditionally aged students 30-35 years old to see if the university is providing services and programs which are suitable for the students. At UNCC, the number of students in this age group has increased from 491 in 1972 to 1,314 in 1977.

Registration Made Easy

By Steve Bass

The rites of fall include meeting new people, facing new environments, and griping about registration lines. At least one of these rites became a thing of the past during advising week as the long anticipated computer system went into operation.

Registrar Bob Gwaltney said last week he is pleased with the way registration went. "As far as we can tell at this point it went very well. The lines Friday afternoon were pretty bad, but during most of the week things went surprisingly smooth. Of course, the real test for the system will not come until fall. Then everyone is going to have to get used to the cultural shock of not getting course cards and all the other procedures associated with registration, and we will be able to see if everyone got signed up for classes correctly.

"Between 4,500-5,000

people have turned in their forms, which I think is very good. This is, I think, a little above the number of students we usually have sign up for pre-advising, so we are very pleased." Gwaltney said the forms were currently being keypunched by the computer department. "We expect to run about four or five trial runs before we go with the final run to work out errors we have built into the system. For instance, we may have given the computer improper instruction, and we don't want the student to suffer because of it. We are also going to run a demand count for the academic departments to give them an idea of the course demands within their departments."

Gwaltney said the procedure to be followed for the fall has not been established at this time. "Only one thing is certain," he said, "and that is that students will not have to

stand in registration lines to pick up their cards. We are going to have to figure out how to coordinate fee schedules, etc. and register the new students." According to Gwaltney a joint committee with representatives of the academic departments and a committee appointed by Academic Affairs Vice Chancellor Phillip Hildreth are designing the procedures to be used in the fall.

Originally, it had been planned to severely penalize students who did not register in advance, but, Gwaltney said the plan had been dropped. "They are just going to have to wait until the last day before classes to register, which is a penalty in itself, as so many classes will be closed out. But, beyond this we haven't decided to impose any greater penalties.

"The big problem we've faced has been the confusion with the alternative course selections

on the forms, and sp where the student had to in courses with labs. didn't have too m problem with the res time form, mainly bec not many people har them in," Gwaltney sa think all this has been e because we asked students to hand the fo into our office. This se as a kind of on the inspection."

Gwaltney's complaints have been "We've had no resp from any of the advisor I don't really have any about how they feel. M of the people who cam our office during the e part of the week v pleasantly surprised at ease of registration. Fr when the lines got so long we heard so complaints, but it w directed against the fo or the system. I thin going to work very well of course we will no sure until fall."

Model UN Learning Experience

By Nancy Davis

It was the perfect week to be in the United Nations and even more, to be the delegation representing the country of Panama. For the 17 member UNCC delegation attending the Model UN simulation session, April 10-19, it was an honor.

Every year, students from colleges and universities throughout America, representing 50 some countries, meet in New York City as the leaders of the world. They make decisions, meet in top committees and pass resolutions just like the "real guys" do, and this year at the same time.

They were sitting in session when the Palestinians attacked the Israelis and even got the same bulletin that the real General Assembly got. The Model UN session immediately broke into blocs to prepare resolutions after discussing the situation.

The students were also in session when the first vote of the Panama treaties were passed. Lynne Black, chairperson of the UNCC delegation, watched the news and listened for the results of the vote in order to keep her Panama delegation informed. "As things happened in the news, they happened in the United Nations," said Black. "The most exciting thing was that what we were doing was so pertinent to what was going on."

The UNCC delegation along with faculty advisor Pat Kyle was one of three schools invited early to attend workshops with UN personnel. They met with the Director of the General

proceedings of the assembly. Other workshops included meetings with the chief negotiator in the middle eastern talks and the Director of the Foreign Policy Association. The students were the first group of non-UN personnel ever allowed to go and talk to them.

UNCC also went up early to participate in a Venture Program in Harlem. Black said they actually "walked the city." After breaking up in small groups, the guides took the students around and talked about many of the social differences. "It put us in a social environment different than our own...It doesn't

Graduation:

Barbara Walters To Speak At Commencement

By Brad Rich

According to Harold Clarke, Director of Admissions, plans for the 1977-78 graduation ceremony have been set.

As usual, the ceremonies will be in two distinct parts. The first part, the general commencement ceremony, presided over by Chancellor D.W. Colvard, will begin at 10 a.m. in the Charlotte Coliseum on Saturday, May 6. Barbara Walters of ABC News will be the featured speaker.

Clarke said the second part of the ceremonies will operate on a staggered schedule. Each college will have its own degree presentations, which will take place on campus. The times and places of these ceremonies are listed below:

Architecture, Rowe Theatre, graduates report at 1:45 p.m., ceremonies at 2 p.m.

Business, McKnight Hall, graduates report at 2:45 p.m., ceremonies at 3:15 p.m.

English, Rowe Recital Hall, graduates report at 3 p.m., ceremonies

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HDL, Rowe Recital Hall, graduates report at 1:30 p.m., ceremonies at 2 p.m.

Humanities, graduates report at 2:45 p.m., ceremonies at 3:15 p.m.

Nursing, graduates report at 3 p.m., ceremonies at 2 p.m.

Science and Mathematics, graduates report at 3 p.m., ceremonies at 3 p.m.

Social and Behavioral Sciences, graduates report at 1:30 p.m., ceremonies at 2 p.m.

In addition, Clarke said there will be a reception held for "graduates and guests" in the Library Plaza (the area under the "bridge" that leads to the library tower) Saturday, May 6, between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Clarke said graduating seniors should pick up their caps, gowns and invitations at the Bookstore at any time between now and the May 6 ceremony. Caps and gowns may be returned either at the Coliseum or at the Bookstore on the afternoon of May 6.