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Chancellor D. W. Colvard hands donation to United Way Chairman Jim McCreedy.

(Photo by Bob Henderson)

## United Way campaign kicked off by chancellor

By Kim Burns

Chancellor D.W. Colvard started off the United Way campaign on the UNCC campus Thursday by pledging his share to United Way Chairman Jim McCreedy.

The United Way campaign will run from Sept. 14 to Oct. 26. According to McCreedy, the UNCC goal "for this year will be \$12,000 and last year's goal was \$11,000. Last year we had \$9,938 in contributions which represented 21 percent participation by the UNCC community. Of this 21 percent, 44 percent was contributed by nonmanagement individuals. It is pretty obvious that if there were greater participation on campus, there would be no reason why we couldn't meet our goal of \$12,000.

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Every UNCC employee will be sent an application to contribute. Each will be asked to give a fair share. Fair shares are determined by one hour pay per month if earnings are up to \$12,000 per year.

Any students who are interested in donating to United Way may leave their donations with McCreedy in the Bookstore.

## New yearbooks ready to go

First come, first serve. It may not be the easiest way to distribute yearbooks, but it's the fairest. The 1978 *Rogues 'n Rascals* have arrived and are ready for

## Rally to be held at Belk Tower

In response to the many questions and interest shown by students concerning the UNCC Judicial Act, an opportunity for questions and answers has been set for Thursday, Sept. 21 at 12:30 p.m. at the Belk Tower. Members of the Judicial Committee of the Student Legislature will be present to distribute flyers explaining the act. This will also be a chance for concerned and interested students to find out how the Judicial Act will affect them.

The Judicial Committee is presently revising the act that was voted down in the 1978 spring elections. Because of the importance of the act, the committee feels students should have more input into its writing. This act will govern the judicial procedures for campus cases, dealing with everything from dorm damages to cheating in class.

Students are encouraged to come by the Belk Tower and take part in the proceedings.

distribution on Monday, Sept. 25., at the Information Desk, at no cost.

Students with a valid ID or any student enrolled in UNCC last year are eligible to pick up a yearbook. Freshmen are not allowed, and names will be checked on a registration printout from last year. The information desk is located in front of the McKnight Lecture Hall in the Cone University Center.

There are only 1,500 copies of the 1978 *Rogues 'n Rascals* available. This year, students must order their yearbooks and pay an extra amount to receive one. However, this will assure each student who desires a book that he or she will get one. This will also allow the staff to budget for more pages and pictures.

This year's book features an outstanding section on women's athletics and includes all sports, both men's and women's. Individual pictures are separated, by department, which is a different twist from most yearbooks. Pictures also include commuter, as well as dorm life, academic, as well as social, and includes a very thorough section on clubs and organizations.

The cover is very unique. The off-white material used this year is called buckrum, and adds greatly to the professionalism of the book.

## UNCC no exception Crime rate rises

By Scott Gardner

With the ever increasing enrollment at UNCC, it has become evident that the reported criminal activity has increased right along with it.

"There has been a marked increase in reported crime over the years, whether that indicates a rise in crime is questionable. We like to feel it is because the student body has confidence in us and are reporting more suspicious activities than they used to," commented Jerry Hudson, director of Public Safety at UNCC.

The damages that occurred last year were in excess of \$40,000 worth of automobile accidents, vandalism and property theft. Even with the large amount of property damage and stolen articles, there has never been much physical violence committed on campus.

So far this year, starting January 1, there has been 40 incidents where automobiles on campus were either stolen or stripped, compared to the 71 which occurred all last year. Property loss is at an alarming height so far this year, at an astonishing \$26,500. Property damage is at \$3,500, which presents us with some very staggering figures for this year's statistics.

The most recent and most expensive individual robbery occurred over this past Labor Day weekend when entrance was gained into apartment B-104 and when the occupants returned to their residence, after the weekend, they found that the stereo system they had all chipped in for had been stolen. The occupants claim that someone had broken into the apartment by lifting the sliding glass windows out of their tracks; although no sign of forceable entrance could be found. This investigation is still underway.

Due to the fact that the campus police department consists of only 16 men, there are numerous times when more men are needed but unavailable. "The neighboring police departments are always available if an emergency arises in which we feel more assistance is needed and they (the county officials) work hand in hand with us on a lot of big cases because they have the facilities to handle investigations more rapidly than we could," commented Mark Hawkins, who works in the campus investigation and crime prevention department.

Hawkins later went on to say that the "campus police department is one of the most professional forces in the state and can compare with any other anywhere. At least one half of our officers have their degrees one even has a masters, which just adds to their professionalism."

The crime which occurs inside the dormitories is usually a student entering a room which isn't theirs, but they found the door unlocked; therefore inviting a thief to come in and take something. Dorm students found guilty of committing crimes in the dorms or on campus can have charges brought against them from the administration, Residence Life office, or county officials, depending on the severity of their actions. "Usually when confronted with the fact that they can be removed from their campus

residence students deter from actions which would bring about such drastic measure." Charles Colby, assistant director of residence life, commented.

Colby added that "we realize that college is an institute of learning and growth. Part of this growth includes a party or two and a time to get roudy, therefore we are extremely lenient because we by no means want a student to leave college with a record but by the same token won't stand for other students' rights being infringed on, so it's really a two way street."

Presently, the security precautions in the dorms are as good as they could be. At night a security guard is assigned to the different dorms for protection and service of the residence students. These guards do not have police authority but serve as an additional set of eyes for the police. In addition to that if a student locks his or her key in their dorm room they must go to Residence Life to get a duplicate key which is in reality not an easy thing to get a hold of without the proper identification. "The best precaution I know of is just that the students always lock their doors whenever they leave their room whether they're going down the hall or just next door because it doesn't take long for someone to walk in and pick up a wallet or purse then leave," commented Jerry Hudson, director of Public Safety at UNCC.

"The campus police do a good job with the men they have, but I believe they are understaffed. Therefore, not being able to handle an emergency, as well as they could if they a few more men, due to the time it takes them to get a man to the site where they are needed," Colby commented.

When asked if he felt the campus police force was understaffed, Hawkins stated, "Hopefully we will be able to add some men to the force by next year, which we will need desperately since the new apartment complex will be opening and with all the new residence space available the student population living on campus will increase by 50 percent.

If you observe what you believe to be a crime in progress don't hesitate to inform the campus police immediately because they're there to serve the public and protect its rights. Any information leading to the apprehension of a criminal will be held in the strictest confidence.

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