

Security tighter at patio parties

By Nancy Davis
Celebrating the last rites of summer, the coming of spring or for no reason at all. These are reasons for some of the biggest parties on campus — patio parties. Sponsored by the University Program Board (UPB), dorm councils and the Residence Hall Association (RHA), patio parties are held on the dorm patio surrounded by the cafeteria and Moore and Sanford halls.

This semester hasn't been a very good year for the traditionally successful parties according to many of the sponsoring groups. Attendance has been up, but damages have been at an all-time high. After the Oct. 2 patio party, where

a large amount of damages to the dorms and an arrest for carrying a concealed weapon occurred, steps immediately began to keep future incidences from happening.

Jack Tyler, director of Residence Life, said after the Oct. 2 party, it was evident "we need to develop some different kinds of coverage. There needs to be advance notice given to Security and more Security staff present." Meetings took place and plans began to formulate for the recent Oct. 12 patio party.

Some of the most difficult problems at patio parties are keeping non-students out, limiting damages and traffic. RHA was sponsoring

the next party and explored alternatives to help out the situation. Sally Antosek, president of RHA, was worried patio parties would be forbidden on campus. "Patio parties are what the students want," Antosek said. "We survey them time and time again and students want more patio parties."

The situation seemed somewhat helpless for RHA, Antosek explained. "There is absolutely no way to restrict people coming on campus . . . and the damages must be paid for out of dorm funds. I see it as extremities. I don't like paying my money for damages I didn't do, but I enjoyed the patio party."

A last chance, so to speak, happened two weeks later when another band played before what was termed as "the biggest crowd ever." New to the scene, however were marshals, more Security personnel and rerouted traffic.

According to Walter Hall, a founder and student advisor to RHA, the success of the patio party falls on the organization of Antosek. The Interfraternity Council cosponsored the dance and each fraternity supplied a number of members to serve as marshals. Security was on the scene early and handled traffic in addition to checking ID's of students entering dorms. And by 12:15 a.m., the patio was swept up.

The marshals stationed themselves at strategic locations and were on hand to intervene if any situation got out of hand. "They were ready in case anything did happen, but I don't know of any

actual confrontation," Hall said. The Interfraternity Council volunteered the marshals and clean-up crew in conjunction with one of their goals to "increase students' awareness of what fraternities do. It was a P.R. project by them," he explained.

Security cut off traffic access to the party early. According to detective Mark Hawkins, there had been a problem at past parties with cars double parked in the "U" parking lot in front of the patio. At this party, they blocked off access to the dorms and rerouted parking to the parking deck and commuter lot by the gym. Some cars even had to park on the road behind the gym leading to the tennis courts.

The gates to the lower deck were broken, but Hawkins said the person responsible had been caught and will pay all damages. Other than that, he said they had no other reports of damage.

Security's new procedure was something Hall said needed to be done. Hawkins said the same, but emphasizing they were there "for safety purposes; we're not looking to catch anyone." Some students questioned the need for an ID and key check, but after the broken doors and elevators from previous parties, Hall was very enthusiastic in praising the successful job done by security.

There were more people, 16 donated kegs to add to the usual high consumption of alcohol and a heavy rock 'n' roll band adding to the spirit of rowdiness. However, all involved parties, including the students have said it was relatively orderly. When asked whether it was the presence of marshals and Security, Hall said, "Well, more accurately, we were lucky."



(Photo by Jimmy Froneberger)

Crowded, loud, rowdy, messy, destructive, out of hand and crazy. These are just some of the words describing UNCC's great tradition of patio parties and the problems UPB, RHA and Security are having.

College Bowl back

By Debbie Cooper
The UNCC College Bowl organization is beginning its competitive year by organizing teams for intramural and intercollegiate competition. The program involves teams of four persons each, who learn facts from several disciplines and who answer questions about these facts in competition.

Tentative plans for the group, include traveling to the regional competition in Tennessee and hopefully going to the nationals in New York. The team winning the nationals may travel to England.

Gary Nelson, a member of the steering committee, stressed the

importance of a good team. Nelson said the group "needs to get active participation from the students to get a good sound program." He emphasized the benefits of belonging to the organization and participating in competition. These are (a) good opportunities for travel and meeting people, (b) regional and national recognition, and (c) a broadening of the depth and knowledge of the individual.

For anyone who is interested, a meeting will be held in McKnight Lecture Hall on Oct. 26 at 4:15 p.m. At this meeting a video tape of the Davidson College team will be shown.

Office spaces create problems

By Kim Burns

A motion was made in Student Legislature, Sept. 19, asking the Black Student Union (BSU) and University Program Board (UPB) to vacate their office space in government by the end of fall semester.

The motion, introduced by Lynne Black, Clubs and Organizations Committee chairperson, recommends "UPB and BSU be allowed to continue using their current office spaces until the end of this fall semester, at which time they will be expected to vacate their spaces . . . that these groups be notified in writing they should be searching for alternative office space." This motion was tabled back to Clubs and Organizations for further investigation.

The big question in

legislature seems to be when did BSU get the office space and who has the authority to take it away from them?

"The office space BSU occupies was not allocated to them by my office. The space they presently occupy is with in the student government office complex," Vern Parrish, director of the Cone University Center, said.

To understand how BSU and UPB obtained their office space, a little history was provided by Parrish and Jane Sigmon Dunn, vice president of the student body 1974-75.

The Student Union Board (SUB), now UPB, had two offices in the student government complex. The peer counselors also retained an office there. The SUB (continued on page 11)

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