

EPIC a new tale in education

By Gary Nelson

Returning to school is probably one of the most exciting and yet most frustrating periods in an adult's life. After the final decision has been made to return to school, many hours are required to complete the necessary paperwork, registration, etc.

Many persons do not realize that although they are returning to the academic environment, they will have to devote evenings and time off from work to accomplish this paperwork.

Until this past fall semester, this was virtually impossible, since most of the university business offices close at 5 p.m.

However, Dr. Ronald Ostrowski, director of Evening Studies, decided the evening student needed to have the availability of resources of the day student. With this in mind, he pioneered a program on campus that has gained strong momentum during the past few weeks.

Ostrowski engineered

a program called EPIC (Evening Program Information Center). The center is staffed with re-entry students each Monday through Thursday from 5-9 p.m. Twenty-five percent of UNCC's student population is evening students with an additional 20 percent of all students taking at least one evening course.

Basically the staff is able to accomplish most any function that can be performed during the day. Recently, after sending a personal letter to all evening students explaining the facilities, Ostrowski noted a tremendous increase in the number of evening students dropping by EPIC during the week.

According to Ostrowski, EPIC serves to offer a bond between the University and the evening student to assure them the University is really concerned about their welfare.

In checking the journal where staff members log each evening's activities for EPIC, it was

found a great number of the evening students come from a considerable distance to attend classes. Towns like Shelby, Huntersville, Monroe and other neighboring locales recurringly appear in the log.

Many students have mentioned it would be virtually impossible for them to drive to UNCC during the day to take care of their business.

Other students have noted they have encountered difficulties with their employers in trying to arrange time from the job to accomplish university business.

One man noted he works in a complex near Carowinds. His employer does not allow him to take time from the job to take care of university business. It is not feasible for him to drive to UNCC, accomplish his business and return to his job in the one hour allotted to him for lunch. Therefore, EPIC has been invaluable to him.



Serving as Peer Counselors are (left to right) Theo Robinson, Gary Nelson, Joann Wolfe, Jean Stockton, Pat Stephens and Rick Henley.

Another evening student noted her employer would not allow time from the job to visit UNCC and accomplish her university business. The alternative offered to her was to take a day of her vacation to take care of her business. She was very frustrated at being almost penalized for an attempt to upgrade herself.

Both students noted it

made them feel more "wanted" when they learned that facilities were being made available in the evening. From the monetary standpoint, many evening students are concerned they are not actually getting their money's worth. Evening students pay the same tuition and fees in most cases and all they receive in return is

physical space in the classroom.

EPIC has successfully tied the bond between the University and the evening student. The program has been so successful, in fact, Ostrowski has been asked to appear on the "Good Morning Carolina Show" on WSOC-TV, Nov. 29, to discuss EPIC and the evening program.



Student Government (right) lost a close one to the Sigma Phi Epsilon team (left) in last week's College Bowl.

(photo by Robin Colby)

UNCC College Bowl like the real thing

By Kathy Espin

The Media Board College Bowl team defeated the team from Scott Hall 170-160 and the team from Sigma Phi Epsilon won over the Student Government team 175-60 in the second round of competition last Friday.

Five teams are competing for the right to represent UNCC at the regional finals of the academic contest. The

Varsity team, which represented the school last year, is in first place with two games won. Sigma Phi Epsilon has won one game and lost none, the Student Government team has lost one and won none, and the Media Board team has lost one game and won one. The team from Scott Hall has lost two games.

Six more games are

scheduled in the competition. The next two games will be held on Nov. 30 at 12:30 p.m. in Cone 2. The Media will play Sigma Phi Epsilon and the Varsity team will play the Student Government team.

According to Barbara Torres, assistant dean of students for campus programming, the winning team, along with four all-stars selected by

the judges from all the teams, will compose the varsity team for this year which will go to the College Bowl finals in February.

Torres invites anyone interested to come out and cheer for their favorite team. "Everyone enjoys watching. Even the teams have a good time considering the pressure," Torres said.

Student show off campus to prospects

By Kassi Miller

Prospective UNCC students from high schools everywhere continuously call the Office of Admissions wanting to know more about UNCC before they make their final choice of college.

If they want to visit the campus, they are first turned over to an admissions counselor, and then to our invaluable public relations people known as Campus Aides. Campus Aides are a group of students who have volunteered their time to helping the Office of Admissions recruit students.

Their services include tours of the campus for students who are considering attending UNCC, assisting the office in various ways, participating in college day programs at high schools, and helping in many of the activities taking place on campus.

Campus Aides must know all there is to know about UNCC because they are asked every imaginable question about



it. This year there are over 37 Campus Aides and they are as follows:

The freshmen are: Kenneth Caldwell, Vickie Hall, Bob Harrison, Clifton Horton, Theatrice McClammy, Kassi Miller, Donna Stillwell and Robin Tew.

The sophomores are: Irene Clodfelter, Jeff Fouts, Mike Harris, Rick Henley, Judi Keener, Michael Kemp, Brent Mitchell, John Norwood and Judy Williams.

The juniors are: Joseph Austin, Barbara Barket, Jeff Barbee, Lark Covell, Joe Gaines, Melody Goode, Debbie Horne, James Misenheimer, Karen Polifko and Ray Swagerly.

The seniors are: Ricky Bradley, Judith Collora and Susan Duncan.