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Rented textbooks?

By Rick Monroe

This week most of UNCC's students will have stood in long lines, killed numerous hours reading "for sale" notices, and spent anywhere from \$50 to \$150 on textbooks.

Last week most of Western Carolina's students stood in line for an average of 20 minutes, and paid anywhere from \$25 to \$50 for textbooks.

What is the difference? Western Carolina students rent their textbooks.

According to Ron Core, manager of Western Carolina's book and supply store, the rental procedure is rather painless. Core explained students pay a flat fee of \$25 per semester. "That's restricted to one book (per course) per semester," Core said.

Because professors are required to use the same books for three years, and because these books may become out-of-date, supplementary books are sometimes used by the professors. But, "professors cannot require supplementary books over \$8," Core said, "without permission of the dean of students."

Core added the biggest problem with the rental system is "professor resistance," but, other than that, the system seems to run smoothly.

Western Carolina freshman Sara

Burgess thinks the system is "great." "You have to stand in line for 20 minutes," she said, "but you save a lot of money."

Cathy Landry shared Burgess' enthusiasm. "I loved it," the former Western Carolina student said. "We saved a lot of money. That's one thing I hated about coming to UNCC," she said.

Beverly O'Brian, a Western Carolina junior, was not quite as enthusiastic. According to her, the average student spends about \$15 on supplemental books, "except the nursing students. They have to pay as much as people at other universities." O'Brian explained the nursing majors pay more because of the type and number of books required for their classes.

UNCC Bookstore Manager Jim McCreedy says he and Tom Feamster, former director of business services, studied the Western Carolina rental plan in 1975 and found it to be unsatisfactory. He said the main problem was some books would become obsolete before they could be used for the required number of years. "Can you imagine a political science textbook without the Nixon regime?" McCreedy said. He also said that considering what a student pays for tuition and room and board, "books are the cheapest part of an education."

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Annual Staff Plans Issue For August

By BETTIE TRAPPS

Yearbook editor Judy Harrison is being "bush-hus" concerning the theme and color design of UNCC's first annual.

It is more to say a tradition not to disclose the theme of the book or its cover design until the annuals are distributed on campus, and Miss Harrison has been busy planning, inquiring through mail from other schools for picture ideas, and dreaming up ways to make the '66 yearbook even better than the preceding ones.

During the summer, Judy spent four days at a special workshop at UNC-Chapel Hill, to work on ideas and planning layouts for the year's annual.

Three staff members, Paris Mitchell, publisher, president, Ann Hood, business manager, and Marilyn Bowers, Campus Life Editor, also attended the session which was sponsored by the American Yearbook Company.

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Journal Goes Weekly

Newspaper Will Be 'Weekly' Starting Spring Semester

The Carolina Journal at present is a bi-weekly newspaper published by the students of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. It has announced plans to go to weekly publication this semester.

The changeover will be made possible by an increase in staff members and advertising.

"We would have gone weekly a lot sooner," said editor Howard News, "but we were lacking in both the advertising department and in qualified staff members. Now I believe we have enough of both. At least we have enough to attempt a weekly."

Because of the semester break, the issue will be the 22nd, and published in January. The following number, which will be published in February, will be the first in a weekly publication.

"This is something we've wanted to do for a long time," said News. "We feel that a University deserves a weekly student publication."

With the change in publication dates comes a new newspaper facilities. The Journal, the yearbook, and the Student Government are all being run out of the same building, while construction work is being done in their former offices.

"The Journal is printed at the Charlotte Observer and at the Observer-News Enterprise in Newlin. Composition work is done at the Observer and off-set printing is completed in Newton."

"The cost of printing being what it is, we are going to need additional advertising if we are to continue the paper as we have planned," News said.

"Also there is the matter of retaining qualified staff members. At present, no journalism courses in either (state) or (federal) universities have been able to write newspapers as rather scarce," he added.

Dr. Wallace, chairman of the



Fourteen years into publication of the Carolina Journal, a step has been taken by this year's staff to publish the campus newspaper twice each week. Above, we have reprinted the front page of the issue announcing the Carolina Journal would step into weekly production in 1966. Progress . . . has finally come once again.

Six new masters programs to be studied this spring

By Rebecca Brown

Plans for six of seven of UNCC's proposed masters programs will be submitted for UNCC review by the end of spring semester. One program, the Masters of Science in Engineering, should go before statewide Graduate Executive Council this spring.

Masters programs in Metropolitan and Environmental Planning, Special Education, Music Education, Nursing, Psychology and Law Enforcement and Correction have been going through a complex series of steps that UNCC deans and department heads hope will lead to the go-ahead for implementation.

According to Dr. Philip Hildreth, vice chancellor for academic affairs, "Each program would fulfill the needs and desires of the Charlotte/Mecklenburg community as well as having statewide and national implications."

All new programs will initially be geared more toward the parttime student. Hildreth explained, "UNCC has as its philosophy working with the community to offer programs which are easily accessible to individuals who are working as well as to the more typical fulltime student."

The first program expected to go through should be the Masters of Science in Engineering. Dr. Robert D.

Snyder, dean of the College of Engineering, said, "We would have had a masters program going several years ago if we had not been caught in a transitional period in program development." All new programs have to be considered by administrators at a number of UNCC and University of North Carolina levels and go on from these levels to the Graduate Executive Council which is made up of representative from nine state universities.

The Masters in Criminal Justice will be geared to "serve the needs of both in-service criminal justice personnel, pre-service students and those anticipating further study in criminal justice," Dr. Reed Adams, director of the criminal justice program, said.

Another program that will serve both parttime and fulltime students will be the Masters in Community and Metropolitan Planning. Dr. Charles Hight, dean of the College of Architecture, said this would be the second masters program in the state, and mentioned Chapel Hill felt it would be a complement to their own program.

The Masters in Human Learning and Development, however, will be moving from parttime only to both fulltime and parttime. In their special education masters, the college will of-

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The annual struggle for textbooks is plaguing students once more.