

CAMPUS NEWS

New leaders conference planned for February

By Rebecca Brown
If you say you're a leader, you can attend UNCC's New Leaders Conference Feb. 9-10 in the Cone University Center. Or if you just want to see what these people are up to, according to Barbara Torres, assistant dean of students for campus programs, you're more than welcome to. Torres emphasized, "People who just want exposure to leadership practices should come."

Last semester, a leadership conference was held at Camp Dogwood, 30 miles north of Charlotte. The turnout was less than expected, according to Frank Joseph, coordinator of student development programs, "We had people who'd committed themselves and didn't turn out for various reasons. Around 40 students registered, but only 28 attended the two day event."

Students who attended the fall seminar were basically those involved in leadership positions such as club presidents, peer counselors, student representatives and media people. This time,

coordinators Torres and Joseph are contacting people in the arts, department heads, and just generally announcing the conference publicly so the event will bring in more diverse types.

The purpose of the New Leaders Conference will be to bring together students in leadership positions and students who want to be leaders and put them in contact with each other and the Student Development staff. The leaders and possible leaders will be discussing skills in leadership, human relations, and communications.

In order for students and facilitators to get acquainted, a dinner and informal discussion session have been scheduled for Friday, Feb. 9. The first session will also allow the staff to introduce the program and goals for Saturday.

During the day Saturday, the students and staff will have workshops in self-assessment, motivation, teambuilding, leadership experience, goal setting and problem solving.

According to the facilitators, "Throughout the experience, you will be in a supportive, team atmosphere. Experiential, "hands on" learning and skillful facilitators will help you experience and practice new skills which will benefit you in future academic, leadership and social experiences."

Those who attended the fall retreat said the best things that came out of Camp Dogwood were an increased knowledge of people and discussion and solution of common problems. One participant noted, "the conference gave us a chance to see a bunch of those stuffed shirts loosen up." Another student appreciated "getting to meet new people, learning about how I act, and learning other's first impressions of this."

The fee for the conference is \$3, and reservations may be made with Betty Taylor, in the Dean of Students office, Cone University Center, before Wednesday, Feb. 7. Those on the seven day meal plan will only be charged \$1.

Long awaited elevator repairs finalized for dormitories

By Bill Peschel
The Ways and Means and Finance committees took center stage in the Student Legislature meeting Tuesday. The Ways and Means Committee reported on the results of the two investigations into the health center and the elevators on the campus.

Committee Chairman David Currie said during the Christmas break, the UNCC administration gave an ultimatum to the elevator contractors, Montgomery Ward, to "give full service" or their contract with the University would be cut. The result was satisfactory. Repair work was done on the lights, buttons and doors. Montgomery Ward will also send a serviceman out to UNCC once a week to

check on the elevators. Currie was also promised there would be faster response to problems and Residence Life "would take a more aggressive stance" with vandalism.

The Ways and Means Committee is also investigating complaints from students about the health center. Committee member Dan Robertson said the complaints range from malpractice in prescriptions and diagnosis to their inability to handle emergencies.

An accident resulting in the totalling of the Venture bus forced the legislature to allocate \$225 to the Society of Physics Students. The club originally wanted \$450 for two cars to a conference in New York,

but agreed to \$225 if they would take the Venture bus. Finance Committee Chairman Joel Gilland reported to the legislature the Venture bus was destroyed in an accident and the club needs \$225 for the trip this Sunday. Gilland said the committee made a verbal agreement with the club to help them if the bus was not available. The legislature passed a motion allocating the club an additional \$225 for the trip.

Scott Hall legislator Rosalind Small resigned her seat citing a conflict in her schedule.

The legislature ended the meeting by awarding a plaque and resolution to former Chancellor D.W. Colvard.



Senator Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.): in the running and "Carter's main worry in the 1980 presidential election."

Carter and Kennedy: Off and running for 1980 presidency

By Tom Chumley
President Carter may have serious difficulty getting reelected in 1980, but it won't be from a member of the Republican party. His most difficult challenge, should he choose to run, is not Ronald Reagan, Jerry Brown, Phil Crane or Robert Dole; it is Senator Edward Moore Kennedy of Massachusetts. Should the Massachusetts Democrat decide to run, it would by far provide Carter his stiffest challenge of 1980.

Taking all issues into consideration, the Carter administration has steered a course of being in the dead center of the political spectrum. He has both pleased and offended everybody on some issues and has inspired almost no one in the process. Carter's stands on issues so far can safely be said to be left of center on non-money social issues, right of center on economic issues and vaguely centrist on military matters. These stands would enable him to easily win reelection over any Republican candidate to the right of him, barring economic catastrophe. Where Carter is vulnerable, however, is in the Democratic primaries, where the electorate is narrower, and in most cases, to the left of Carter. Carter could most likely overtake a little known liberal, or a challenge from California Governor Jerry Brown, whose only chance for victory over

Carter would have been with liberal voters, has shocked liberals with his new right wing stand on a balanced budget, Proposition 13, etc. Liberals don't trust Brown's cynical opportunistic ploys while moderate and conservative Democrats have little to complain about in Carter. Carter's main worry is Ted Kennedy. In your typical non-Southern Democratic

primary, there are several important blocks of voters one must have in order to win: (a) urban city dwellers, (b) organized labor, (c) liberal suburban voters, (d) minorities, (e) women's groups. Carter has managed to alienate everyone of these groups. By contrast, these groups are the very ones in which Kennedy draws his most en-

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