

# CAMPUS NEWS

## Amphitheatre in need of repair

By Bill Peschel

Students moving into the 25 new apartments next to the commuter parking lot next semester will see a strange site behind the buildings. In a shallow depression they will find rows of concrete arraigned in a half-circle; a small rusted out building, several light poles, and two concrete bridges spanning nothing but weeds.

This is UNCC's amphitheatre. Home of last year's Jam-Up, it has lain dormant most of the time since its construction 11 years ago.

Construction began at the end of 1967 and was,

according to a *Carolina Journal* article, "designed so it can be partially covered later and so that a band shell could be erected." A water moat will also be put in separating the audience from the stage. A play by then writer-in-residence LeGette Blythe (with music Loonis McGlohon), "The Hornet's Nest," was performed during the Charlotte bicentennial celebration. Although construction was not finished when the play opened during the summer of 1968, "There were large crowds who saw the play." Characteristically,

Blythe "was disappointed in the lack of response from both students and faculty of the University."

Improvements were made two years later on the stage and water level but in the last few years the area became overgrown with weeds. The moat was filled in and the bridges removed. Prospects for future repairs were dim.

They still are dim now, but not hopeless. Spurred on by a former president of the University Program board, the Student Activity Fees Commission (SAFC) has set aside \$8,000 to help rebuild the am-

phitheatre.

In fact, the amphitheatre will be the "focal point as the apartment complex grows," Vern Parrish, director of the Cone University Center, said. Once the apartments rounding the amphitheatre are built, then repair work may be done. "The idea there was that whenever the complex was complete, the fund would augment monies used for repairing the arena" at the appropriate time.

There are no definite plans for rebuilding it, nor are there any funds earmarked for the project, except for the

SAFC's amphitheatre fund.

One idea Parrish discussed was building the cafeteria so one side would form the rear of the stage. A roof would be built over the stage

for protection from the elements.

For now, the amphitheatre will remain the way it is. Overgrown with weeds, it is a reminder of the earlier days of UNCC.

## Colvard to open soon

By Luann Whitley

The Dean W. Colvard office/classroom building, originally to be completed in January, will now, tentatively, be finished by late February. According to Ed Ayers, director of the Physical Plant, "The present weather has been holding up the pouring of the outside concrete." Ayers said, "The building is complex, therefore, it has caused complex problems.

"Some of the present setbacks were due to the bad weather last winter which held up shipping dates on the delivery of equipment and com-

ponents of the building," Ayers said.

"There has not been any one major problem or hold-up. The delay has been caused by several minor disasters," Ayers said.

Ayers proudly stated, "Regardless of the setbacks, the crew has been working hard and hopefully will be finished by next month sometime."

When questioned about the new Bookstore, Ayers said, "It is moving along well and should be completed by mid-June." Three of the new dorm buildings are scheduled for completion by late August.

## Computerized registration easy for everyone

By Rick Monroe

According to Registrar Bob Gwaltney, registration, "went so well, we were worried because the crowds at late registration were so small."

Gwaltney, who would like to have more worries of that type, attributed the success of registration on more students using the computerized pre-registering program. He said 6,500 students out of the Universities 8,700 took advantage of the year-old pre-registration program. Gwaltney added that last year less than half the students used the system.

Gwaltney said approximately 1300 students did not receive full schedules and needed to complete them by going through drop/add in the gym. A total of only 2,000 students were involved in the gym

registration, which caused short lines and no more than a 20 minute wait for the average student.

The worst problem encountered was a computer error which failed to change the addresses of students who had recently moved. "We had about 50 students to come in who hadn't gotten their schedule or grades," Gwaltney said, "But that was easy to take care of. I was really pleased with registration overall."

Although pleased, Gwaltney still plans changes for the upcoming registration. The major change will be to enforce schedule cancellation of students who do not pay tuition by the given date. "I've been scared to enforce (schedule cancellations) until we are sure of the new system."

Gwaltney said. Another change, to be made in

registration for Spring 1980, will be to run the pre-registered schedules through the computer early so partial schedules can be filled and errors can be corrected before students leave campus for Christmas Break.

Gwaltney announced a change in registration for classes this summer. Instead of registering at the same time as they would for Fall classes, Summer students will register during February 19-23.



(Photo by Pam Freezel)

Registrar Bob Gwaltney has reason to smile after another successful registration.

## Human sexuality seminar presented

By Luann Whitley

UNCC's women's studies group sponsored a seminar recently dealing with the issue of "Human Sexuality." This was the second of a series of programs to be presented by the group.

Patty Minwegen and Glen Burger, student life leaders, were selected to lead the group. Minwegen and

Burger kept the discussion flowing by contributing their own personal perceptions of the issue: human sexuality. Group members were asked to think back into their own formative years and realize how the subject of sex was introduced to them by parents, teachers, etc. Proper education in human sexuality was

deemed important in order to lift sexual myths. Statistics given revealed only five out of the 50 states mandate sex education programs in high schools.

"Sexuality is a controversial yet popular issue due to the renewed interest and attention being paid to it through the media," Burger said. Minwegen added,

"When making choices and labeling feelings about sexuality, one must look into his/her own framework and mind for answers."

During the seminar most of the group members were relieved to find both sexes experience similar feelings and attitudes about sex roles taught by society.

## CAMPUS LIFE

By Nancy Davis

It has been officially announced UNCC will host the First Annual Negative Thinking rally here on campus sometime in February. An unidentified source leaked the information early, saying, "I'm telling you this because knowing our luck, it probably won't be worth a damn anyway."

Nevertheless, UNCC should be proud its campus was chosen as the sight for this prestigious event. Jim Jones was scheduled to be the guest speaker for the three day event, but instead there will be a Kool-Aid brunch in his honor.

Haul Parvey, a well-known columnist, will also be a guest speaker. Parvey, well known for his end of the world predictions, will speak on the topic, "Earthquakes and Guilt: Two Faults To Worry About."

Also addressing the groups will be Ty Phoid, a leading expert in the negative aspects of preservatives, artificial flavoring, cholesterol and chemicals in natural grain bread. Phoid will be on hand afterwards to show pictures of dead children who have eaten this bread.

A special attraction for UNCC students will be workshops on new methods and reasons for suicide. Feeling college students have lost their creativity when it comes to suicide, four small group discussions will take place. They are: "Suicide and Disco," "Suicide and the Khaki Blues," "Suicide and the Returned Check" and "Suicide and Murder: Why Waste A Loaded Gun On One person?"

Smart Stinkbetter will be the main speaker for the rally. Stinkbetter is the author of the number 1,048 bestseller, *Kids Say The Most Depressing Things*. Stinkbetter will highlight the rally with famous and infamous quotes from the nation's most reknown negativists.

There will be plaques on sale during the meeting, with such famous quotes as, "Frown, nobody loves you," "Eat, drink and commit merry suicide," "Who gives a crap?" and the most famous one, "When life gives you lemons, just suck 'em."