

CAMPUS NEWS

Student president Springs reflects

By Luann Whitley
 "UNCC's Student Legislature does not need an overhaul, it needs a whole new engine," Larry Springs, student body president, said. "My biggest mistake this year has been not telling the students about the serious problems inside the student government," Springs stated. "I do not believe the students are aware of the type of people working in student government. Seventy-five percent of them are in government for themselves and for the fact it will look good on their resume someday," Springs said. "Not all of the members are out for personal gain, some are very commendable students," Springs stressed.

After being elected last year, Springs said he "knew he would have problems. I am sure my being an outspoken, radical black has a lot to do with the lack of cooperation by the student government," Springs said. "Also my involvement with the Wilmington 10 and Charlotte 3 cases has caused some questions.

"My problems in student government started when they took all of fall semester to

reorganize and pass my budget proposal for the school year. The restraints of not having a budget held up all of my plans. Now I am having to squeeze them all into one semester," Springs said.

According to Springs, he asked the student government to pass a travel budget for student body president which would make him more mobile. The student government did not want the president to have funds to travel on. They wanted the president to ask each time he wanted to attend a conference, etc. and let the legislature decide on the value of the trip. Springs did get the travel budget put through for this semester.

"In a few weeks I am going to travel to the state legislature to discuss a law that inhibits the selling of beer on college campuses. This would be an excellent source of funds for the Student Association and would alleviate having to raise the student activity fee," Springs said.

"I also want to bring in a student attorney who would be accessible to all UNCC students for legal matters and students' rights," he noted.

"Also, I am working on putting suggestion boxes for students to use, in the near future and another blood give-in and possibly an organization on campus for women," Springs said. The whole focus is the students should take the initiative to organize campus events.

"I have gotten better cooperation from students outside student government because I have been more visible than past presidents. I have tried to mingle with the students more and to ask their opinions," Springs said.

"I am going to present a Bill of Rights for Students to be put in the UNCC constitution this semester. It will uphold freedom of the press, expression, inquiry and protect students from improper grading processes," Springs said.

Last semester, Springs became famous for vetoes and only two or three vetoes were overridden by the Student Legislature. "I had valid reasons for each veto I issued. I have forced the legislature to take a second look at some of the issues they want to pass," Springs said.

Presently, Springs is working on preventing



Larry Springs, student body president, hasn't had an easy year in office, but is still determined to accomplish all his goals.

the statewide raise in college tuition and also on preventing the motion to stop the October break and the 12:30-2 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday lunch break at UNCC.

Springs is preoccupied with the present problems inside the student government. "My privacy has been violated. I have gotten threatening phone calls as well as notes. Last semester someone painted a note on my office door saying: 'We got you now nigger.' I feel I've been dealing with 'closet racists.' It has

become very hard for me to trust a lot of people in student government," Springs said.

"I am not thinking about running for president next election. All I have time to think about now is completing my

present plans as president," Springs said.

"I intend to accomplish my plans regardless of how hard the student government tries to block my actions."

Campus Life

By Nancy Davis

Basketball season ends too suddenly around here. You just get your spirit in gear and everything gets moving when screeeech, on come the brakes. It happened last year and again this year so there are an awful lot of basketball addicts going through cold turkey right now. These poor souls are sitting around their rooms, throwing balled up pieces of paper into a trashcan hunting frantically into the Charlotte Observer for a UNCC score.

The UNCC Grubstake Club has created an organization which will help these basketball faithfuls. 49er Fans Anonymus will open up its office today to offer counseling services and alternatives for those in need of help to survive the remainder of the basketball season. Realizing the NCAA Tournament won't be over until March, FFA will help any needy 49ers to get through the month with some amount of sanity left.

Some of the counseling services will include a 24-hour phone service. By dialing 597-OVER, you can hear the exciting last minutes of the N.C. State/UNCC game in the 1976 NIT semifinals and everyday the recordings will be changed. A special program is in the making for 49er fans who can't sleep at night. There will be recordings from "A 49er Minute with Mike Pratt," guaranteed to put you to sleep in 60 seconds.

Besides a phone service, there will be therapy groups to deal with unusual problems. On Wednesday nights from 9-10 p.m., students will meet in Sanford 823 and throw toilet paper out the window. On Thursdays, a caravan will leave from the gym and drive to the airport. FFA feels this will get rid of some of the extra energy and tension many students may be experiencing.

It was FFA's efforts which caused the scheduling of the Georgia Southern game after the tournament. Next year, they're planning to play their whole schedule after the tournament.

Resident Advisors needed for dorms

By Nancy Davis

It's two o'clock in the morning. All of the sudden there is a burst of commotion outside the door and the high pitched squeals of what sounds like a dozen girls wakes up the entire floor. It's a fire, suicide, a rape, a theft, a strange man walking around. Instead, the panicked females felt a roach crawl on their face and turned on the light, only to find hundreds of the creatures playing around the room.

What do you do with a hundred roaches at two in the morning? This definitely sounds like a question for a resident advisor (RA). Presently, the search is on for students interested in an RA position, but know-

ing how to deal with roaches it not the main issue. According to Glenn Burger, the resident coordinator in Moore Dorm, this year's selection process is "emphasizing things we never emphasized."

An RA lives on each floor in the dorms and is involved with the programming, counseling and some maintenance of the floor. Realizing the time it takes for a student to hold down the RA job, Residence Life is being more specific in their selection of RAs.

Students must fill out a form and turn it into the Residence Life office. The deadline for applications has been extended until March 5. On the application, students must put their

quality point average and list the activities they are involved in on campus. The first cut will be based purely on the applications. Any student who will be actively involved in fraternity, sorority or club or organization will be cut.

After this cut, there will be a series of interviews conducted by present RAs, resident coordinators (RCs) and dorm students. After the first paper cut, there will be an individual interview, where the RA candidate will interview with the RC from the dorm he or she prefers to work in. Then another cut is made.

There will be a final interview which is applicant initiated. Burger said, "In the past, it was

felt that having a talent was necessary. This interview was designed to allow a candidate to show us a face of his/her personality we haven't seen before." After this, the final decision will be made.

"The big difference," Burger explained, "is in the four peer evaluation forms. Candidates must submit four evaluations just for an objective evaluation..." He added these evaluations will not influence the decisions at all. Instead he hopes it will give Residence Life some idea of any "points we need to cover in the interview process."

Also this year, there will be a weekend workshop for all candidates. (continued on page 6)