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Where to go for help

By Nancy Davis

Where do you go when you gotta have help and you gotta have it now and it's gotta be quick and it's gotta be good?

That's a good question. During the past year, the university has been much more aware of those persons involved in the process of filing grievances and appeals. At the same time, it has also proven to be a slow, complicated process, many times resulting in persons taking their grievances outside the university system.

It has been a concern of the Dean of Students office to make students aware of the procedures involved in filing an actual complaint. It has also been realized there is not a solid base for them to rely on. Dean of Students Chuck Lynch drew up a rough draft outlining procedures a student could take and then realized how unclear the process was.

According to Lynch, students should consult with the attorney ge-

neral's office in student government whenever they feel their rights have been violated by another student. The attorney general will then check with the Code of Student Conduct to determine whether a violation has occurred. Presently, there is no published Code of Student Conduct, nor is there any publication of the current judicial procedures under which student government is operating. In fact, until the ratification of the student constitution in last week's election, there was not even an approved code of conduct.

The attorney general's office deals mainly with disciplinary offenses. If students feel their rights have been violated or they have been treated unjustly by a member of the staff or faculty within the university, they should appeal to that person's immediate supervisor. From there, Lynch said, students should go to that person's head or to the dean of the college or area and then to the dean of

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Chuck Lynch, dean of students, is in the process of outlining procedures for finding the proper appeals channels on campus.

students or vice chancellor for the division. Lynch also said students were having the most problem with administrative appeals.

"The problems are not getting resolved at the lower levels," Lynch said. "When it goes one step higher, it takes more time."

Every time the case is taken to a higher official, that official must call in all parties involved and hear both sides all over again. Often times, several vice chancellors hear the case before it finally reaches the one who has jurisdiction over the area. There

Legislature to support charges

By Bill Peschel

The chancellor has asked the Student Legislature, in a letter to Student Body President Larry Springs and Student Legislature Chairperson Joel Gilland, for any information to substantiate their charges of racial discrimination against nursing student Donna Blunt.

"I am of the opinion your action and the public attention it has received has cast a shadow of public doubt on the reputation of the College of Nursing, UNCC and UNC," he wrote. "Further, I believe . . . I must take the necessary steps to restore public confidence in those institutions."

Fretwell then asked the body for their "assistance and cooperation in

that effort." To aid him in any future investigation or action, he asked them to "contact each of the students who made those complaints and urge them to submit to me in confidence . . . a written statement detailing the alleged incident . . . giving rise to the complaint.

"I ask that you submit to me the facts upon which the Student Legislature based its findings the case of Donna Blunt epitomized such harassment and racial discrimination."

While the Student Legislature has passed many resolutions, this is the first where the chancellor has asked for the facts on a resolution.

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Abzug thrills campus audience with multi-faceted talk on women's issues

By Luann Whitley

The honorable Bella Abzug impressed a UNCC audience Monday afternoon when she explained the ERA. Abzug said, "Congress has the power to open the draft to women regardless of the Equal Rights Amendment, and they might just do it."

Abzug is a native New Yorker where she attended Columbia Law School and served as a Congresswoman representing New York City. Recently, Abzug was dismissed from her volunteer, co-chairperson position on the Women's Advisory Committee to the President.

Of her dismissal, Abzug said, "The President was upset with the actions of the whole committee. I was used as a scapegoat. Because of my firing, Carter has damaged his relationship with the women of the country."

Abzug spoke about her family saying they were very close. "Martin, my husband, is my strongest supporter. He believes in me and is an important part of my life," Abzug said. Abzug's youngest daughter graduated this year from law school.

Abzug said "the constitutional structure of the country needs to be changed. The forefathers of the country didn't give a 'hoot' about the foremothers."

Being born in 1920 symbolizes to Abzug she is perfect for the fight to get equal rights established for



Bella Abzug during her entry to the UNCC campus.

women. 1920 was the year women got the right to vote. Abzug also worked very hard on the campaign to get the bill passed for the 18-year old vote.

"Women are hardly noticed by men except when they want to keep them in their place," Abzug said. "Women's place is everywhere. Women need to become more politically aware," Abzug said.

While on campus, Abzug asked students questions about "how women here feel about the ERA and how active are they?" Abzug received the reply "the women at UNCC are not active and we do not have a strong leader." Abzug hoped her influence on campus would help to

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(Photo by Debbie Miller)
Chancellor E.K. Fretwell.

Dr. E.K. Fretwell will be installed Friday in the Charlotte Coliseum

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The man in the black leather chair

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no less than a friend
a lover of beginnings
hesitating to end

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watches without peeping in
walks without overstepping
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