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WFAE

Campus Leaders Discuss Student Funds

By Jim Fitzgerald
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The propriety of using student activity fees to fund WFAE was the central issue of a recent meeting between involved students and the administration officials.

Ron Olsen, president of the student body, said students need to be in control of the radio station if their fees are to be used to fund it. Otherwise, he said, "it's like taxation without representation.

I'm not sure I can answer to the students that money is being used for them", he said.

To explain the propriety of using student fees, Station Manager Bo Pittman said students would benefit by having the opportunity to train in the radio field. He said UNCC graduate Jeff Wicker now works as an announcer for WBCY and Mike Donevan is an announcer for WROQ and Big WAYS.

Pittman said these two people received valuable training at WFAE while they were students here. Altogether, eighty volunteers would be needed to handle radio operations next year.

Pittman also said that 100% of the full time student body lives in the projected broadcast range of the radio. He said the radio can figure as a major student communications resource, especially in announcing university closings.

Vern Parrish, Cone University Center director, said it was possible to have original university programs as a part of the station's programming.

Dr. Douglas M. Orr, head of the new Division of Research and Public Service, and the person Pittman reports to, said when the athletic department started an extra \$10,000 was found in the Cone Center budget and was used to hire the university's first basketball coach.

Rick Monroe, editor of the *Carolina Journal* and Chairman of the Student Media Board, was concerned with who controls the radio station. He said, except for the radio station, all the student media are managed totally by students. He felt, "students don't control the student fees at the radio station. Consequently, they shouldn't get student fees."

Orr said that although there is only partial student control over the station, students' fees are only contributing part of the funds to run the station— \$20,000 out of a total

budget of \$180,000.

Vern Parrish, director of Cone University Center and a key participant in the radio project, explained the key events in the fund raising process. He said Student Activity Fees are only one of several sources for radio station funding within the university. Aside from \$20,000 in student fees, the university is contributing \$45,000 to the radio station.

Parrish also described the numerous trips to Washington, D.C. and presentations before local businessmen that were necessary to get needed funds.

Joel Gilland, chairperson of the student legislature said, "Students didn't get the same consideration" as the other contributors who were

informed of the radio station's plans. Parrish replied that was why the meeting was being held, to bring interested students up to date on the station.

Pittman said student fees are to be used for operating expenses. He said without the student fees money, it was doubtful the radio would be able to go on the air in December.

Parrish said this could be disastrous because the major grants that have been received from the government call for the radio station to open in December.

Olsen was bothered by the radio station not being scheduled to go on the air until December. He felt it was improper to use student fees for something that wouldn't benefit the students until then.

In response to that objection, Parrish, in a telephone interview later in the week, said that while he attended Rutgers, the student body embarked on a long term project to build a student center. He said it took seven years to save enough student fees to build the student center.

Other people at the June 20th meeting were Frank Talbert, chairman of the Student Broadcast Association; and Frank Joseph, Dean of Students.

The Friday meeting was held, according to Barry Lesley, head of Grants and Contracts, as a result of a recent *Carolina Journal* editorial. He said the purpose of the meeting was to "fill in gaps to show how students can be involved and are involved" in the radio station.

800 Freshmen Oriented

By Frank Cox
Carolina Journal Staff Writer

Over 800 freshmen were on campus the past two weeks for Summer Orientation Advising and Registration (SOAR). The first time summer program gave the freshmen the opportunity to orient themselves during the summer instead of the week prior to classes.

The students were divided up into four groups and each group attended a two day session. The first day after checking in at Holshouser Hall they were assigned to an orientation counselor according to their major.

The Orientation Counselors (O.C.s) were upper class students who assisted, advised, and guided the freshmen during their stay on campus. After lunch they attended a session designed to introduce them to UNCC and to the SOAR program. They then split up into small groups for discussion and question sessions with the O.C.s. Following this they attended meetings in their major department with College Deans and faculty advisors.

After dinner they met with their O.C.s to develop tentative class schedules and finally they had some free time in the evening to get a chance to know each other.

On the second day Math Placement Evaluations were done in the morning and the different groups went for academic advising, registration, cam-

pus tours and either commuter life or residence life sessions.

In the past incoming freshmen did not come on campus for orientation until just before classes started in the fall. They were faced with mass orientation to a strange environment, mass registration in the gym, and a severe case of mass confusion when classes started a short while later.

By coming to orientation in the summer in smaller groups, the freshmen receive much more individual attention. This also gives them a chance to let everything sink in before returning for classes in the fall.

The SOAR program was coordinated by Barbara Torres; Director of Orientation and Campus Programs.

Torres was assisted by Karen Geiger; Resident Coordinator of Holshouser Hall and the orientation counselors.

The O.C.s were Reggie Nelson, Steve Klocke, Pat Henderson, Syd Shepherd, Denise Davis, Jerry Minick, Mike Price, Dee Stanard, Lyn Knight, Judy Sinclair, David Phillips, Don Cash, Kassi Miller, Carroll Smith, and Kim Layne.

Barbara Goodnight, Associate Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs coordinated the departmental meeting and the faculty advising.

The success of the SOAR program will be evaluated from surveys the incoming freshmen filled out and after seeing how smoothly things go in the fall.

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