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## \$80,000 Received In Grants

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Three UNCC professors received grants worth a total of \$80,337 last month, to be used by them and students for the development of the university and the community.

Dr. Earl Backman, Director of the Center for International Studies, got the largest grant, worth \$56,991, from the International Communications Agency. The grant is for "A Statewide, Community Based World Affairs Program."

The program sponsors a series of lectures on American foreign policy that will be given in 13 regions throughout the state. Backman said most of the money will go towards paying the speakers and also for office work to support the project. The grant is good for one year, but Backman said he will work for re-

funding.

According to Backman, the program is part of a "community outreach" with a goal of "educating the community about other countries" and American policy towards those countries. The program has been in the works for the past year and will build on the Great Decisions program. Dr. Harold Josephson will help administer the project.

A conference will be held on Oct. 17 for the regional coordinators to organize their efforts. Backman said he hopes the program will continue to grow and perhaps use radio in the future to reach more people.

The Water Resources Research Institute awarded Dr. Nelson Nunnally, Professor of Geography and Earth Sciences, a \$18,346 grant for "A

Rapid, Low Cost Technique for Estimating Peak Flows for Selected Flood Events." Nunnally said the program is working to "try to develop a statistical model for predicting stream flow events" in streams in the southeast.

The project will help in planning flood plains and engineering projects. Almost all the money, Nunnally said will go to two graduate students working with him. They will assemble available information about streams and then work with those streams in the research. Most streams researched will be in Virginia and the Carolinas. Nunnally said the one year program must use past records of streams because of 50-year and 10-year floods that his research could not document.

Professor Joseph Frizado of Geo-

graphy and Earth Science received a \$5,000 grant from Mecklenburg County for "Harrisburg Park Sanitary Landfill Water Pollution Monitoring." Frizado said there is a need for monitoring the quality of water near sanitary landfills.

The money will go to two undergraduates who will take samples and do analyses in the one-year project. Frizado said the experience the students gain will help further their education and make it easier for them to get jobs.

Frizado said grants are important to UNCC and to any university. "The more research opportunities there are for students, the more we can broaden their background," he said. Students will gain a "better set of knowledge and training."

### WBT Report

## Local Lawyer Smokes Over Pot

Friday, September 5, WBT in Charlotte ran a story concerning the sale of rolling papers on the UNCC campus.

"Life in the dorms at UNCC," the story began, "loud music, booze, and for some marijuana." WBT reporter, Marc Garrison, went on the note that the bookstore on campus had "the best buy in town" on rollings papers.

Lawrence Cobb, Charlotte attorney and member of the State Board of Governors, was quoted as saying he would look into the matter and contact UNCC's Board of Trustees. Cobb said later he felt the sale of papers did not concern the Board of Governors and he did not intend to pursue it.

Leo Ells, Vice-Chancellor of Business Affairs for the University, was also quoted in the report. He later echoed his statements, saying, "Students at UNCC are adults for the most part and it is not the responsibility of the university to act as absentee parents."

The manager of the bookstore, Jim Mecreedy, noted the report had been good advertising. The bookstore was sold out of papers within a few days.

One of WBT's photographers originated the story when he spotted rollings papers in the bookstore. Garrison then brought a camera crew into a dorm and filmed students smoking marijuana in their rooms.



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