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## Enrollment Up By 5 Percent

Enrollment at UNCC grew by five percent this fall to 9,383, the largest number of students ever and the biggest percentage increase since 1977.

Chancellor E.K. Fretwell Jr. said he was delighted with the enrollment report and attributed the growth to the quality and variety of UNCC academic programs and to highly qualified faculty with growing reputations.

He also cited UNCC's "good fortune in helping students translate classroom education into working world careers."

"We strongly emphasize the liberal arts here, in fact we have just restructured the University to strengthen those programs with the new College of Arts and Sciences," Fretwell said. "However, we are pragmatic enough to realize that students need to earn a living with liberal arts degrees. Therefore, in programs such as English and a number of others, we are providing internships and cooperative education programs to help them market themselves to employers later on."

Fretwell added that UNCC is "fortunate to have a large number of programs that provide career opportunities to today's graduates—accounting, engineering and engineering technology, architecture, nursing, business administration, criminal justice, computer science, and teacher education."

He said UNCC's performance and

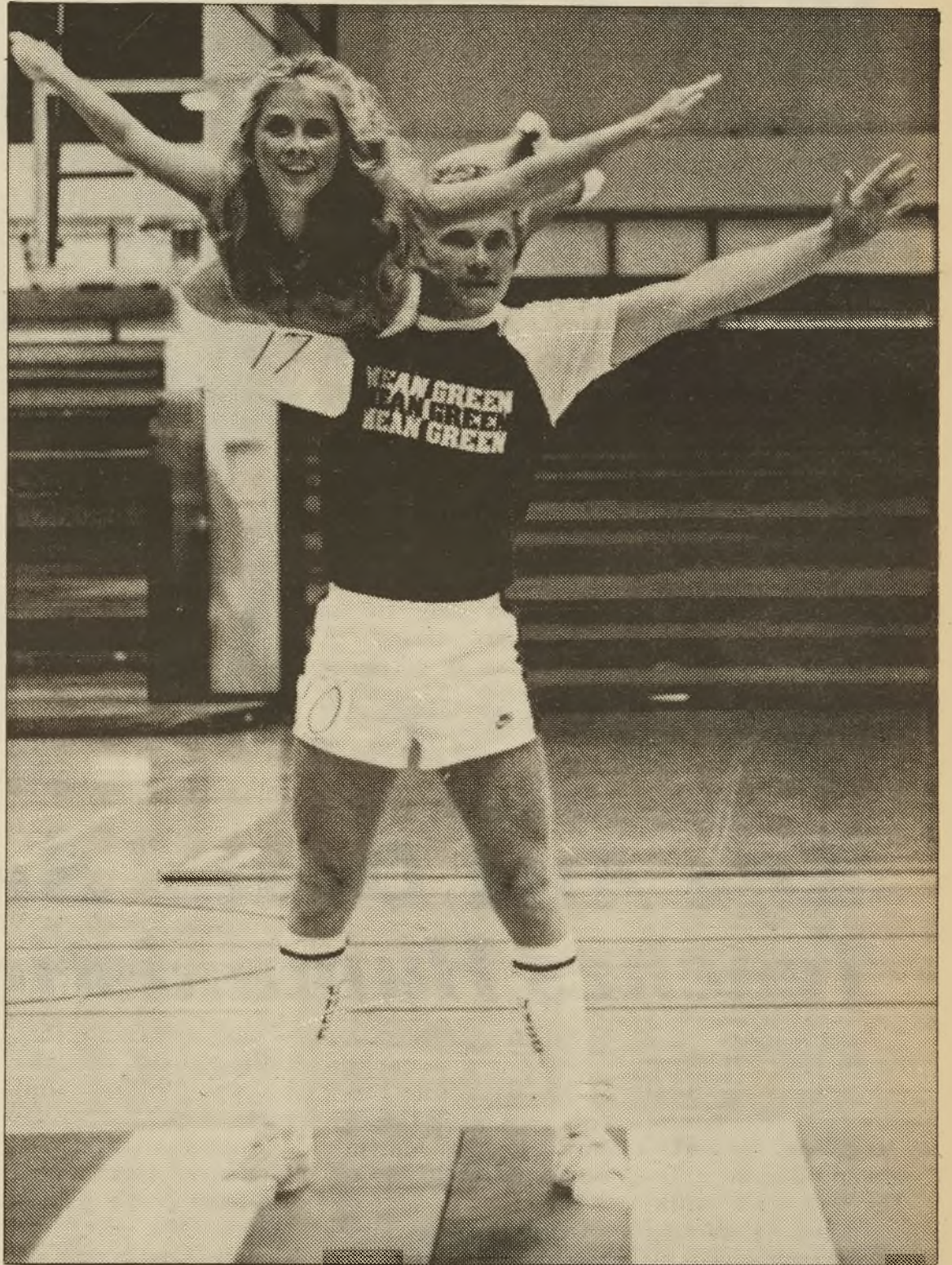
quality are becoming more widely known—especially on programs that are measured with statewide examinations, such as the CPA, nursing and teacher education programs.

"We must try harder to increase our minority enrollment," Fretwell said, "But we are pleased that the minority enrollment grew at a higher percentage rate (8 percent) than total enrollment (5 percent)." Black students now comprise 8.4 percent of the UNCC student body, an increase from 8.1 percent last year.

Chancellor Fretwell predicted continued steady growth at UNCC because of the approval of new master's degrees in Criminal Justice and Special Education and the completion and continued construction of residence halls to house students, particularly those from Mecklenburg County who have been second in priority to out-of-the area students but who would like to live on campus.

"We can build residence halls without burdening the taxpayers," Fretwell said, "because they are built with borrowed funds and paid off from student rentals."

He added that the growth dynamics of the Metrolina area enhance the probability of continued growth in enrollment. "The University's presence helps attract high-technology firms to the area, and these firms bring prospective students and expertise and financial support to the University," he said.



**New Cheerleaders** Photo By Debbie Miller

Shelly Weddle and Mike Harris display their cheerleading talents in Monday's tryouts in the gymnasium. They and 10 others made the squad. For a full list of this seasons cheerleaders, see box on page 10.

## Yom Kippur

# Awards Scheduling Conflicts With Holiday

By Frank Cox  
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At the NCNB Teaching Excellence Awards Ceremony last Friday night there was a conspicuous absence of most of the Jewish faculty members.

The reason for this was that the awards ceremony was scheduled for the night that was the eve of Yom Kippur, the Jewish day of atonement.

The holiday is observed by attending services and praying at the temple on both the day of Yom Kippur and the evening before. It is also a time for fasting which begins at sunset on the eve of Yom Kippur. In order to take part in these religious activities Jewish faculty members were unable to attend the awards ceremony.

Dr. Harold Josephson, history, explained that this was not the first time the awards ceremony had been scheduled on a Jewish holiday. In fact he pointed out that last year it was also scheduled on the eve of Yom Kippur. He added that UNCC has between 25 and 30 Jewish faculty members and that this was a rather large number of people to leave out of the awards ceremony.

Josephson sent a letter signed by more than 20 faculty members explaining the situation to Chancellor Fretwell. He received a written reply from the Chancellor assuring him that this would not happen again. Josephson said he took the Chancellor at his word and that as far as he was concerned the controversy was

over. Josephson also stressed the fact that he was sure the scheduling was unintentional to begin with, but that the parties involved were just unaware of the pending holiday.

Ann Newman, English, who served as co-chairperson of the awards selection committee, along with Boyd Davis, English, said that she was very distressed over the mistake in the scheduling of the awards ceremony. She stated that she was unaware that this had happened before, and that by the time they became aware of the problem this year it was simply too late to reschedule the event.

Newman emphasized that her greatest distress was that this happened with very close colleagues and

friends. She said, "Nothing can be done this time, but the awareness is here now so it shouldn't happen again."

Dr. Steve Fishman, Philosophy, who is a past recipient of the award, felt that the only problem was a lack of awareness. He pointed out that most calendars do not list the Jewish holidays and that since the Jewish calendar is set up quite differently the holidays don't fall on the same date each year.

Fishman pointed out that it is the combined responsibility of both Jewish and non-Jewish faculty members to educate each other and the administration on matters such as conflicts in the scheduling of events.