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## Carter's Staff Chief Defends Record

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The *Carolina Journal* joined six college newspapers recently in a telephone interview with White House Chief of Staff Jack Watson to discuss the past record of the Carter administration and the forthcoming election.

Staff writer Chip Wilson joined collegiate journalists from Memphis State and Louisiana State Universities; along with the Universities of Florida and Texas at Austin and the College Press Service.

Below are Watson's remarks, edited for brevity and clarity.

*Wilson: Under what circumstances would President Carter institute a draft and who would be exempted if the draft were reinstated?*

Watson: As you know, the President proposed draft registration because he felt it was better to be prepared, in light of the Afganistan invasion.

However, you also may know that a draft reinstatement would have to be authorized by an act of Congress, just as the registration measure was. Carter himself can't take the next step.

To answer your question, in the event of an armed conflict we would assess our manpower situation relating to the military action. If, God forbid, we were placed in a military emergency, I think our regular forces could handle it, so a draft would be unlikely. However, I cannot state unequivocally that there would be no draft.

There were too many exemptions in the Vietnam war to the draft requirement. It was unfair to poor and minority men who could not attend college. I don't know how any 19 or 20 year-olds would feel about this but I think it is a fair approach not to exempt college students from the draft.

*Wilson: Why has the President not treated John Anderson as a viable candidate, in not debating him and through White House pressure on banks not to loan him money?*

First of all, I think we need to define "viable candidate." John Anderson did not win one primary or Caucus the Republicans had in any state. The showing in the polls proves

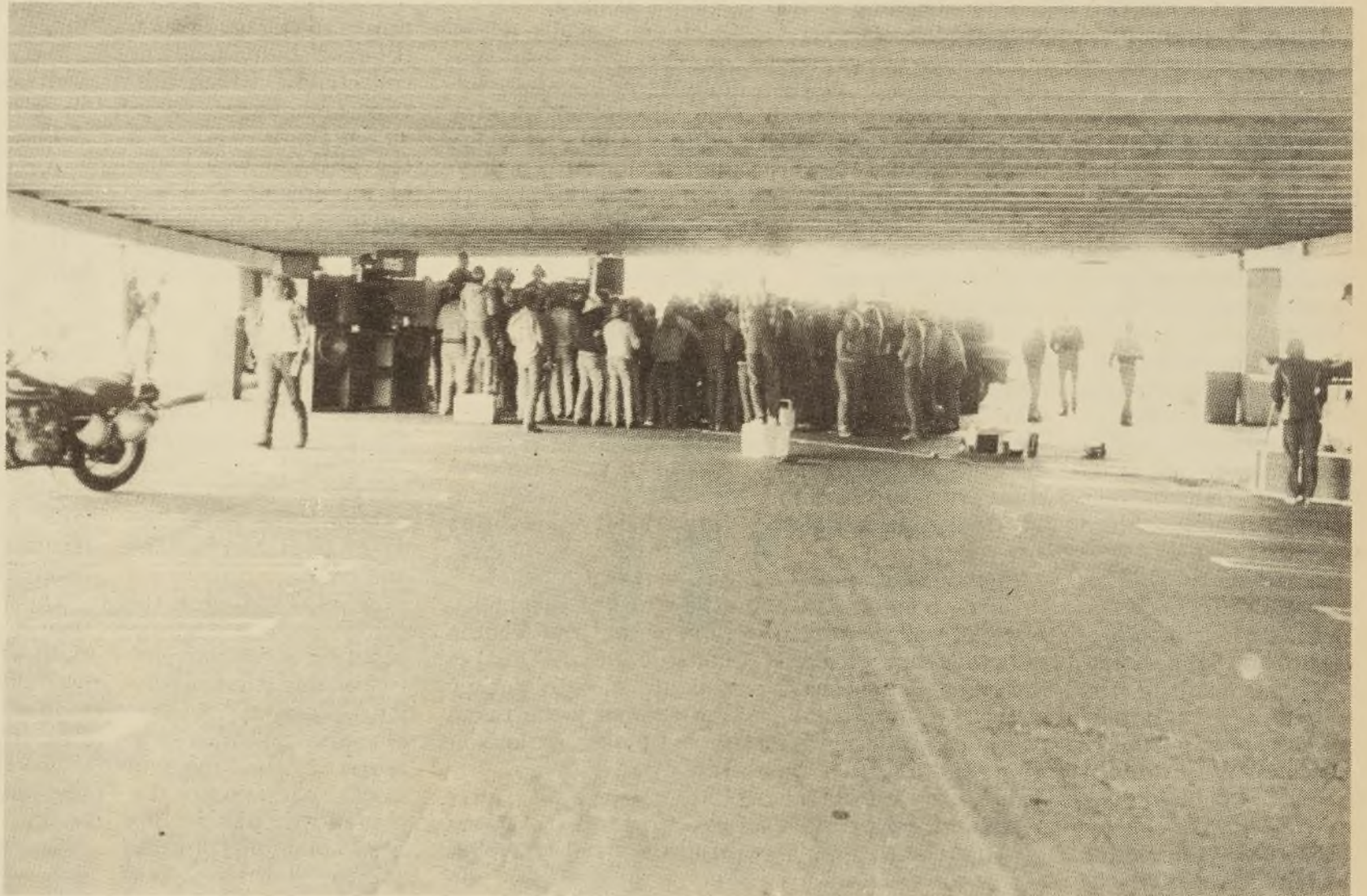


Photo By Rick Monroe

A small but cold crowd of students turned out for the Student Association's 'Rocktoberfest' Saturday afternoon. The lack of response was attributed to the cold, and "no free beer." The concert, held under the Parking deck because of poor weather earlier Saturday, featured the George Hatcher Band and George Otto.

## Report Reflects Lack Of Knowledge Of Greek Activities

By Rick Bryant  
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Freedom of expression on campus has become an issue, as a result of conflict between some residence students and other students participating in the pledging activities of predominately Black Greek organizations.

Recently, as students have been engaged in the pledging activities, such as walking in lines and singing in unison, other students have been verbally harassing and throwing objects from dorm windows at them.

Representatives of these organizations believe this is caused by a lack of understanding of the purpose and meaning of the activities. Chuck Lynch, Dean of Students, said, "The hostile acts directed at these groups of students are creating a lot of tension, but this is only the surface issue."

In a recent meeting, member of Residence Housing Association (RHA), Residence Life staff, Lynch and leaders from the six predominantly Black Greek organizations on campus, discussed why these groups were being treated inconsiderately, and how to alleviate some of the resulting tension.

The committee decided the best way to solve the problem, was to explain the pledging activities.

The pledging process goes back to the beginnings of some of the organizations. Such activities expose the prospective members to the ideals of brotherhood and sisterhood.

A report stemming from the meeting says "The pledging activities last from 6-8 weeks in length, as the pledges must progress through phases to ever higher levels of worthiness to the ideals of brotherhood and sisterhood.

"It is also important that all pledges progress at the same pace in order that they will develop as a group, as well as individuals in solidifying the bond among them.

"In addition, the symbols which the pledges carry around with them, or which hang around their necks, represent the various values of the organization at the different pledging phases."

Singing in unison represents solidarity, the report said. It is also used to teach the history of the organization. The songs are based on tradition and they demonstrate commitment of the pledges both to the organization

and the community, according to the report.

All of these organizations are dedicated to public service:

**Alpha Phi Alpha** which provides a sickle cell anemia test and an examination for UNCC students each year; **Alpha Kappa Alpha** which sponsors a national reading program teaching anyone that wants to learn how to read from 7 to 70-year-olds; and **Delta Sigma Theta** which winterizes homes in the Charlotte community.

Also: **Omega Psi Phi** which is heavily involved in the Big Brother program in Charlotte; **Sigma Phi Rho** which works with the Jerry Lewis Muscular Dystrophy telethon, and **Kappa Alpha Psi** which sponsors a tutorial program at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church in Charlotte.

This is only a partial list of the group's service activities.

Reaching a middle ground on freedom of expression for these organizations and the privacy rights of others was not easy.

The special committee report says, "After all, the very nature of a univer-

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