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Pat Kyle

Year-Old Sex Suit Settled

By Chip Wilson
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A lawsuit filed by Patricia Kyle, a former UNCC political science professor who was denied tenure, was settled out of court, according to a statement released by Robert Snyder, acting vice-chancellor for Academic



Patricia Kyle

Affairs.

University spokesman Ken Sanford said terms of the settlement of the year-long sex discrimination dispute were presented to and approved by the UNCC Board of Trustees. The board met in executive session and would not disclose the exact terms of the settlement.

Sources close to the dispute, however, say Kyle did not win back her former job, as the suit requested. Instead, a financial agreement was accepted by attorneys for the former instructor.

Kyle would not comment on the agreement when contacted by a *Carolina Journal* reporter. However, the cash settlement of the legal dispute apparently pleased her. A source close to Kyle remarked, "The financial agreement must have been satisfactory. If not, she wouldn't have settled out of court."

The controversy arose when Kyle,

who taught at UNCC for six years, was considered for a contracted teaching post. The university denied tenure without offering any reason, according to a former faculty member who had participated in the dispute.

After the tenured post was denied her, Kyle went through "14 different channels" of lengthy appeal processes during the fall of 1977. She later filed a suit in federal court in September, 1979. She was represented first by Charlotte attorney Eddie Knox and later by the firm of Chambers, Stein, Ferguson and Becton, lawyers noted for civil-rights litigation.

The same lawyers also represent Shirley Hempborn Baptiste, a former lecturer in Nursing and Human Development and Learning, who also filed a race/sex discrimination complaint against UNCC and the UNC Board of Governors.

Schley Lyons, who chaired the

political science department when Kyle taught, said he would not comment on the case because he was instructed not to when Kyle filed suit.

When pressed for details of Kyle's consideration for tenure Lyons only said that the proper university procedure for contract review was followed.

Despite "1,700 hours of work and thousands and thousands of dollars spent on the lawsuit," Patricia Kyle says she now holds a "lucrative job" operating a marketing research firm.

The writer of numerous articles, Kyle also authored *Integrating the Neglected Majority*, a book surveying the status of women in society.

While at UNCC, Kyle drew upon her experience as a United Nations worker in France to form the Model U.N. Club. She also taught the practicum course, in which students received credit for taking part in mock U.N. sessions.

UPB Gets New Fine Arts Chair

By Teresa Skipper
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Senior economics major Stephanie Thompson has been chosen to fill a recently vacated position on the University Program Board (UPB).

Thompson replaced Sharon Lane as head of the Lectures and Fine Arts Committee when Lane resigned.

Thompson is now tentatively planning a cultural series with dance, theater and music. The series will be spread out over the semester with art one month and music another.

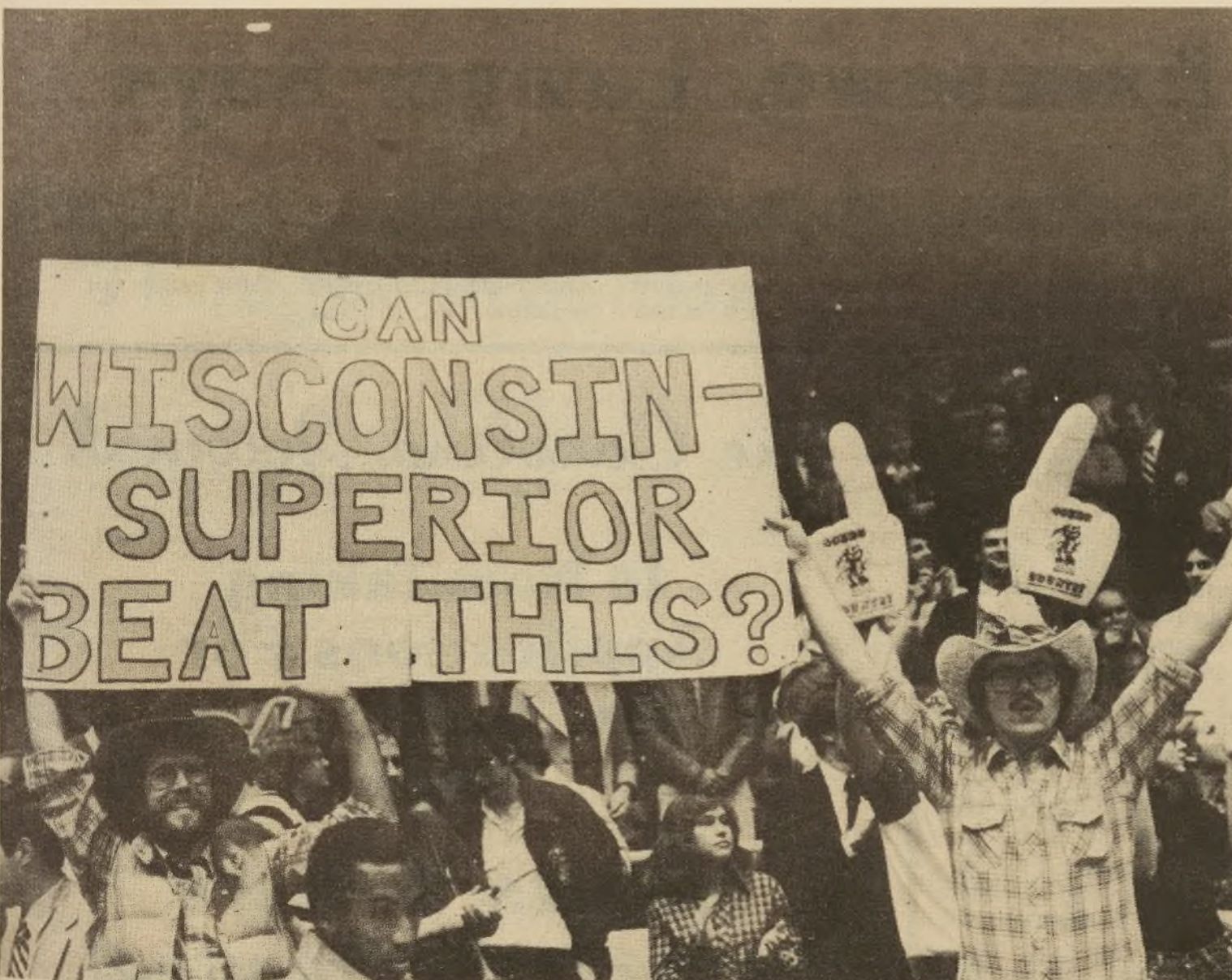
Basically the committee will be made up of the same people. However, Thompson says she "welcomes suggestions and help on the committee."

Chairperson of UPB, Mac Ritchie, speaks highly of Thompson. "Since being elected at an at-large position, she has really excelled and outdone herself," he said.

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Mystery Solved

Photo By Debbie Miller

Students at Saturday night's homecoming basketball game found the answer to the campus's most perplexing mystery since J.R. — who put the "balloons" on the Belk Tower. The riddle was solved when representatives of the Student Government Association displayed the remains of their handiwork. According to Student Body President Ron Olsen, the idea came to a group of SGA members at a recent UNC Student Government Association meeting.