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Record Numbers Attend Jam-Up '81

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At UNCC's annual Jam-up festival Saturday, a 15-foot-high inflated replica of a Miller Lite can swayed at the far end of the stage. More than anything else, this item represented this year's Jam-up.

UNCC campus police and University Program Board officials said 75 kegs were provided through Southern Wholesalers. Miller Beer representative Connie Woolpert said her company donated the beer because "the college market is very important to us." Woolpert would not reveal on the cost of the beer.

Long lines of students dominated the area surrounding the beer trucks for most of the afternoon, but the distribution of the beverage was well-organized. Lines were roped off in front of the beer trucks. To receive free beer, the students presented plastic wrist ticket. Anyone not having a wrist ticket was not given beer. One campus police officer was stationed on each side of the beer truck in case someone decided to argue with the policy.

The UNCC police force was very much in evidence during the afternoon. "You always expect trouble in a crowd like this," supervising officer William Harper said. UPB chair-person Mac Ritchie gave a "conservative" estimate of 10,000 people in attendance.

at 1 p.m. with Pegasus Rox, a progressive rock band from Winston-Salem. Guitarist Grant Blair said the group had been together for five months, and two of the members (keyboardist Mike Jenkins and guitarist Grant Blair) are students at the North Carolina School of the Arts. "This is our first Charlotte appearance," Blair said. The band specializes in covers of adult-oriented progressive rock, but they do perform one original song called "Pre-funk Punk".

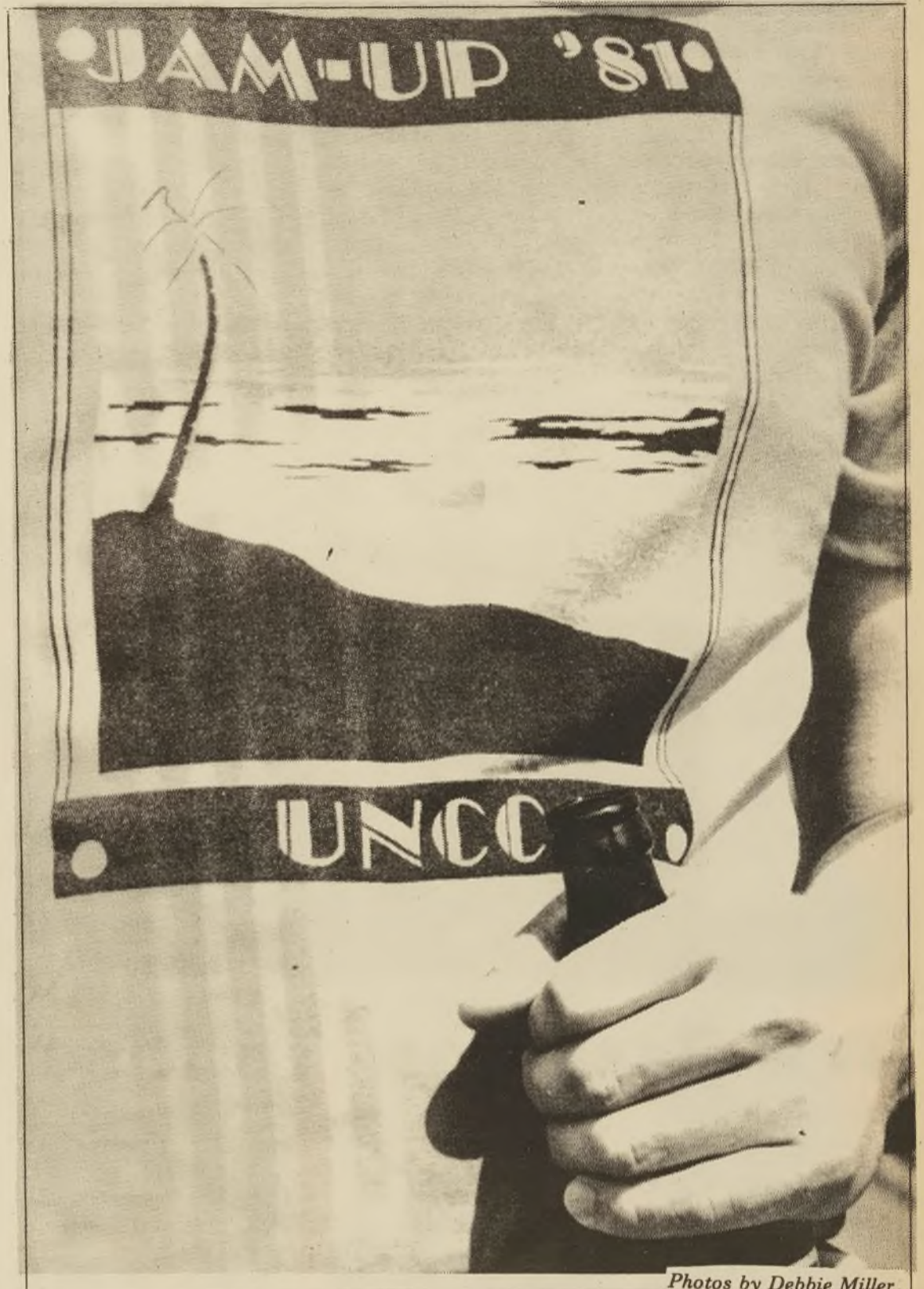
Student reception of Pegasus Rox was generally approving. As female lead singer Barbara Massood screamed "How 'bout some Rush, this is going to give you a rush," Jeff Davis, a student who said he liked Rush, said, "Their Rush song was alright, but that Kansas song was hurting. We're waiting to see Nantucket and George Hatcher anyway."

Another student, Joe Hord, said the band is alright, "but they don't play enough Southern Rock."

Staff member Robert Cureton, said, "I like them, but it's hard to dislike anything, with all of these people having a good to me."

David Higgins said, "I thought the girl (Barbara Massood, who strutted the stage in black high heels and a skin-tight black outfit) was sexually obnoxious, but the band played a nice variety of stuff."

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Photos by Debbie Miller



Admissions Up Fretwell Cites Progress

By Teresa Skipper

In his State of the University address, Chancellor E.K. Fretwell said the state of UNCC is good, outlined ways to make it better, and didn't discount that things could get worse.

The chancellor cited three indicators of progress. The first, he said, was the quality and number of students who wish to enroll here. "We have positive and encouraging evidence in that freshmen admits (1,831 of them so far) are 10 percent beyond last year at this time. Demand is notably high in such fields as biology, business, engineering, mathematics and nursing. And the results aren't all in yet."

Secondly, Fretwell said he was "moderately optimistic about this year's budget situation." He cited North Carolina's proven support of higher education and the projected enrollment increases in stating his anticipation. Though he said he could not measure his third observation in a quantitative manner, Fretwell spoke

of UNCC's institutional performance.

"Numbers of students and members of their families tell me of their satisfaction with the quality of instruction students receive," he said. "Our customers are often quite specific in praising particular departments and individual professors." Fretwell, in addition to his three points including the formation of the new chapter of the national honorary societys, Phi Kappa Phi, said, "I am proud of them and their teachers. Even beyond this group. However, we must do all that we can to enhance every aspect of self-motivated intellectual curiosity."

"Other straws in the wind," the chancellor spoke of were student attendance at the past university forum on Soviet-US relations. He also cited the larger than usual turnout for student elections. Though, he said, "Total voting was not all that great." The chancellor also said, "The quality of student applicants for our Colvard scholarships is reported to be quite high."