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Model UN Wins Top Rating

By Rob Rutherford

Despite a fire in the hotel they stayed in and the theft of over \$1,000 in money and personal belongings from the hotel they moved to, the UNCC Model United Nations Club achieved a rating of superior delegation and had four of its members serve as officers at the annual competition in New York City last week.

Ed Hausle, Mike Derby, Tom Paradise and Jim Johnson were officers in the committees they served in. Johnson said he was honored of a request to serve on the staff next year. Representing Brazil, the club performed in an outstanding manner.

The group had its strategy outlined well in advance: do plenty of research and be prepared.

Their strategy paid off. The club now has started to make a name for itself in New York. The staff

remembered UNCC well.

"If there is any secret to our success, it is Dr. Harry Chernotsky. We were prepared and did the work but he was behind us all the way," said Mike Derby. "The club is like a big family; when we do something like this it makes us feel really good."

Over 200 schools participated, including Harvard, Princeton and Yale. Only six schools won the title of superior delegation. UNCC performed masterfully in its role as Brazil.

The group began its stay at the Statler Hilton, but when a fire gutted two floors they had to move to the New York Hilton. The Statler paid the difference in price and the price of a bus fare to the Hilton.

No UNCC students were hurt by the fire with the exception of Dee Runas who was treated for smoke inhalation. She was released a few

hours later and suffered minimal injury.

The fire started at 2:30 a.m. Thursday morning. Only a handful of UNCC students were in their rooms; most were at a bar called the Blarney Stone across the street.

Mike Derby and his roommate were sleeping at the time and were awakened at 4:30 a.m. by firemen breaking down the door "like storm troopers."

The New York Post cited a fireman as saying the students were very helpful with the evacuation procedures and possibly more people would have been hurt had it not been for them.

Mohamed Schalatley was especially courageous. He knocked on doors calling delegates out of bed until the firemen forced him to leave.

The group moved to the New York Hilton at 5 a.m. that morning and suf-

fered still more hardships followed. Five UNCC students had \$1,000 and personal belongings stolen from their locked rooms.

The New York Hilton did not compensate them. A spokeswoman said the New York law says they are not liable for any money or jewelry left in the room.

Safes were provided free of charge and this information was on all stairwells and in all rooms, but in the chaos of moving the delegates neglected to make use of the safes, the spokesman said.

As a whole, the club lost only \$300 worth of travelers cheques which were replaced.

"Despite the fact we had some difficulties, we all enjoyed ourselves thoroughly," said delegate Ed Hausle.

High Wins Heated Race For Legislature Chair

By Ray Gronberg
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Renee High, a former Commuter representative, was elected as chair of the UNCC Student Legislature Tuesday, highlighting a meeting which included the election of standing committee chairs and the confirmation of several appointments by the new Student Body President.

High, a junior math major whose seat on legislature expired this spring, won on the second ballot, defeating Speaker Pro Tem Leah Williams, by a 26-11 margin. Scott Hall representative Symmes Culbertson and Sanford Hall representative Linda Russell were also nominated for the post, but were defeated on the first ballot.

In an interview with the *Carolina Journal*, High said she saw the role of the chair as being primarily one of resolving conflicts and "keeping everybody friends."

She reiterated what she said to the legislature in a speech before the voting. "You have to be able to relate to people. You need someone who can talk to people and resolve problems, someone who is available and objective."

High added, "We need someone who is interested in what's going on now, not how it looks on a resume." In the interview, she elaborated: "I hate to say it, but with the presidency this past year, a lot of it was playing political games. We have to keep that out of legislature."

High said that at this point, she has not set any particular goals for her term, but also said, "I'd like to see more students get involved in legislature, in student government, and I think that's beginning to happen."

The legislature filled out its entire retinue of officers in the long meeting. In a close vote, Phil Fleming was chosen to succeed Williams as speaker pro tem, edging Ginny Newton, 19-18. The speaker pro tem presides over the body in the chair's absence.

Debra Thompson was named chair of the Ways and Means committee, a position High formerly held. Thompson will also represent student government on the Student Activity Fees Commission.

Other committee heads named were:

- Lee Williams, Campus Affairs.
- Ginny Newton, Internal Affairs.
- Linda Russell, Clubs and Organizations.
- Baker Smith, Student/Faculty Liaison.
- Tammy Guin, Public Relations.

The legislature confirmed Student Body President Polly Purgason's first appointments, going along with the nominations of Jim Johnson as attorney general (Johnson later resigned his commuter seat on legislature); Ed Hausle as student legal defense counsel; Linda Russell as Sanford Hall representative; Randall Cauble as Phase II, III and IV representative; Cindy Sigmon as HDL representative; and Lee Floyd as Holshouser Hall representative.

Floyd's nomination was the only one brought to a full vote. The others were approved by consent. The vote for Floyd's approval was 16 for, 10 against, with eight abstentions.

After the meeting, Floyd said he felt the vote resulted from his conduct during questioning by Rick Barger as to his qualifications for the

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Photo by Jim Dedmon

Southpark Says No To Buses

By Jim Dedmon

Beginning with the upcoming summer semester, Charlotte Transit will not be allowed to pick up students at Southpark Mall in the designated parking area nearest Fairview Rd.

The Southpark stop is widely used by students who live primarily in the area and as many as 100 cars have been parking there to ride the Mean Green Shuttle Machine.

The *Weekly* papers quoted Safety Director Jerry Hudson as saying he felt the move by the mall was "a stab in the back to UNCC" students.

Ron Fisher, general manager of the mall, said he would not comment on this remark, but

did say "it was unfair and in poor taste."

Fisher said the reason for dropping the site from the schedule was "the spaces taken have to be used for mall parking for the convenience of the shoppers."

The spaces used by UNCC students are near Fairview Rd., at the furthest point from the mall itself. Last Christmas, it was noted by a merchant that UNCC students were the only people parking there during the rush selling days.

Charlotte Transit officials are still looking for another location for the students to park but as yet have made no prospects publicly known.

Fisher said after a new location is found "no UNCC cars will be allowed" to park in the Southpark spots. He wouldn't say what actual action would be taken against those who continue to use the space.

Hudson noted the lack of the facility will be a "tough" obstacle when planning the summer bus schedule.

When asked of concern for possible effects of student reaction on mall business, Fisher said the action would not have any effect. "If they want to shop at Southpark they will, no matter what."

One student on the Southpark bus commented he was sure it

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