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CGC throws party

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About 150 students gathered in the pit Monday to eat watermelon, drink sodas, listen to Prince on a two-speaker stereo system and exchange summertime anecdotes as Student Government sponsored its first summer session all-campus watermelon party.

The party began around 12:30 p.m. as 50-some people indulged in one-hand size watermelon pieces while about 20 others watched from the pit steps. The party reached its peak at 1 p.m. when there were nearly 100 students milling around the two tables in the pit stacked with sliced watermelon. By 1:30 p.m. the party had dwindled down to about 11 diehard watermelon fans.

Rep. Jay Goldring (dist. 7) said Student Government had planned to spend \$1,000 to buy 50 watermelons at \$3.50 each from Family Wholesale Produce in Durham using ARA as a liason. ARA provided two canisters each of Coke, Sprite and Diet Coke for the party.

Goldring said Student Government had overestimated food for the occasion. "We ordered too many watermelons. We wanted more people to come out and eat. People don't eat enough on this campus," Goldring said.

He said that by 1:20 p.m. students had reached "the plateau of watermelon eating."

SGC Speaker Wyatt Closs said that by 1:30 p.m., 25 of the 25-30 pound watermelons had been eaten. "We had thought to get about 15-20 slices out of each watermelon, but they were small pieces, so we ended up getting about 30 slices out of each."

Goldring said the reason for cutting the watermelon into smaller pieces was, "we didn't want the whole

campus running around with sticky faces."

Closs and Goldring discussed what Student Government would do with the left-overs. After hearing such quips as "we'll send them to Ethiopia," or "we'll wrap them up and put them on students' doorsteps," from surrounding students, Closs said they would probably give them back to ARA and have them serve free watermelon to students eating at Lenior Hall.

Closs said that although they had allotted \$1,000 for the party, only \$500 was spent. He said that because this party was such a success, Student Government would plan two such parties next session. "Maybe at the next one we can get a band or something," he added.

Nate Dobson, a senior from Wallace, N.C., used the party as an opportunity to take some photographs for Physics 45, a beginning photography course. "It's an interesting thing to take pictures of people eating watermelon. People take eating watermelon so seriously," he said as he shot a picture of a fellow student.

Leslie Fox, a junior from Raleigh, said that a watermelon party was a good way for Student Government to spend student funds. "It's pretty neat, a good way to spend our money. You can't help but seeing it when you're walking through the pit," she said.

SGC Treasurer Ryke Longest said that although he enjoyed the party, he did not learn about it until he saw it in the pit on Monday. "Actually, this party was a surprise," he said. "I got back from the beach this morning and didn't know anything about it until I came out to the Pit Stop to buy some popcorn. I like watermelon better anyway."



Air band 'Ether' performs at Monday Night Live see pg 10

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Summer enrollment drops 1.3%

By Tom Conlon
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A total of 6,526 students are enrolled in the first summer session, a decrease of 1.3 percent over first summer session in 1984, Dr. Donald G. Tarbet, director of the 1985 UNC-CH Summer School, said Tuesday.

"I can't really say why we have a slight drop this year, but it's not a significant change," Tarbet said. "Summer school traditionally has had an open admissions policy and has about 5,500 to 6,500 students each session."

Tarbet said summer school does not have a space problem and if students meet basic entrance qualifications they can take courses at the University. They are, however, not granted admission in the fall unless

they apply and are accepted through the standard admission procedure.

"A survey of ours two years ago showed that 85 percent of our summer school students were already working on a degree at Carolina," he said. "The remaining 15 percent are usually visitors from other schools or local citizens who simply want to take extra courses and are not working on a degree at all."

Although some say summer session activities and social life are nonexistent, Tarbet says there is still a lot for students to do.

"Summer school offers an extensive intramural program, free flicks at the student union, musical concerts and occasional campus socials," he said.

Although current enrollments are less than the record enrollments reached two years ago, Tarbet said he has had reports of several classes being larger than usual.

"The average class size in summer varies — some classes, such as business, chemistry and physics courses may have as many as 35 to 40 students — while others that are normally very large in the year have only 15 or 20 students in the summer," he said.

First summer session enrollment is always larger than second session — usually by about 1,000 students, he said.

"The first summer session always has some seniors who lack a few

courses to graduate and want to finish up," he said. "Other students just want to get additional coursework in before taking a vacation from school."

Each summer session also offers two short-term sessions within one. Such session's classes last three hours per day and are mostly concentrated in education, recreation administration and foreign languages, Tarbet said.

About 5,500 students are expected for the second session.

Of this session's 6,526 students, 5,106 are undergraduates (78.2 percent) and 1,420 are graduates (21.8 percent). Among undergraduates, 88.6 percent are North Carolina residents for tuition purposes; 11.4 percent non-residents. Of graduate students, 54.5 percent are residents; 45.5 percent non-residents.

Tarbet said out-of-state enrollment during the summer has dropped, probably due to increased out-of-state tuition costs. He added that others have gone to Europe to study, where, in some countries, the dollar is stronger. Minority enrollment has remained stable, although no percentages were available at press time.

Women still outnumber men 2816 to 2290 among undergraduates, however graduate men outnumber graduate women 743 to 677. Graduate students include those in the professional schools as well.



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Ginger Jonas, David Denton (behind camera) Mike Sharp learn RTV techniques

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