

The Mall replaces downtown Greenville as prime area of student recreation

By PAT CRAWFORD
(Staff Writer)

After the "Congress" concert broke up Saturday night, we were left to amuse ourselves. Two hundred people sprawled out on the mall in blankets and khakis and boycott armbands, singing, chanting or trying to discover what was expected of them as dissenters.

A blonde girl in a black shawl approached the microphone.

"Jesus is powerful," she said. The crowd began to grumble.

"You can see the power of God just like it was in the Christian Church during the first century. The name of Jesus is a powerful name and it works miracles." No one was listening.

"God's the same today, tomorrow and forever," she ended. "God loves you, and I love you. Thank you."

Someone started chanting far out in the crowd.

"Give me an F, give me a U..."

A girl in a rumpled Army jacket stopped me.

"What are you doing?" she asked me.

"Writing... trying to figure out what's going on."

"I can tell you right now," she said. "We're all insane."

People were standing in two's and in five's, holding candles or wrestling or gathering around the bonfire. A few stragglers like myself stood a little toward the edge and watched.

"Ninety-nine bottles of beer on the wall..."

"Give me an S, give me a P..." SPLRMO."

Rob Luisana wandered around the stage area, looking very quiet. The bonfire smoke seemed to hit the top of the sky, and the streetlights were fuzzy in the fog. Though it was very damp and getting colder, much of the crowd was crouched on the ground or rolled up in sleeping bags.

"Look both ways," a girl said to herself as she stumbled against me.

Meanwhile, in the center, a tall, lanky guy wearing a boycott headband was shouting something.

"Somebody think up a song," he said.

For the moment, no one did. They were busy watching the sparks from the bonfire shoot out over the crowd.

"Somebody sing." A little group responded with "Twinkle, twinkle, Little Star," but didn't



UPSIDE DOWN FLAG was flown by a student on a bike throughout the campus.

quite get past the second line.

A fairly straight guy and a girl, just passing through, asked me for a light.

"What are you doing?" the guy asked. I told him.

"I've just been standing here watching the..."

"The orgy," he laughed.

"I guess so."

The people began to leave. One by one the blankets and shawls trocked back across the mall, someone up front banged a tambourine, and the band's equipment was slowly eased off the stage. A blue blanket and a yellow one got up to leave.



ROB LUISANA SPEAKS to students on the mall during one of several gatherings there in the wake of activity on the visitation question.



"SMALL ROCK THROWING MINORITY," gather on the mall Saturday.

(Photo by Tom Raymond)

Effects of boycott vary some sales noticeably off

Some downtown Greenville merchants support the student boycott, others think it ridiculous.

Some merchants have experienced a noticeable loss in sales during the boycott while others have not been affected at all.

A general consensus of about 15 downtown merchants Saturday afternoon resulted in a variety of opinions concerning the boycott, the students' situation and the attitude of the merchants.

The Kaleidoscope, a business not on the student boycott list, has suffered a definite decrease in business, according to Jim McDay, owner and operator. He attributed the business decrease to the fact that boycotters were simply staying away from downtown Greenville altogether.

McDay expressed his pleasure at not being included in the boycott list, even though his business had suffered. "I consider the boycott very successful," he said. "It's good to see students stand together as one group for something they believe in, if everybody just stands where they are and does not resort to violence."

Just down the street the Pirate's Den, a men's clothing store, has not been affected by the boycott at all, according to its owner, Scrappy Proctor.

"As a matter of fact," said Proctor, "our business has been up in the last three days according to last year's figures. However, our trade is not really for the people who would be supporting the boycott anyway."

He continued, "In boycotting merchants the students are refusing business to people who donate about \$55,000 per year to the University. They are the people who gave \$500 to \$2,000 apiece to build the coliseum. There are two ways of looking at this."

Much like the Pirate's Den, the Pappagallo Gallery and College Shop were not affected by the boycott, according to their owners. Specializing in ladies clothing, Penny Smith, owner of the two shops, said, "Business has never been better, however, I deal with local people as well as college coeds also. It has nothing whatsoever to do with the boycott, it's just spring and time for new clothes."

The Olde Towne Inn, a restaurant owned by Pete Karagiannis, has lost a great deal of business according to Karagiannis. He stressed the fact that he supports the students. He talked to Bob Whitely, SGA president, and also telephoned Dr. Leo Jenkins.

Even though he supports the students and visitation, he feels that the boycott is unfair. "I donate money to the University, \$200 here, \$200 there and then the students boycott my restaurant. It is not fair for me to lose business because of my location when students can go three blocks down the street and give them their business."

"I talked to Dr. Jenkins," he continued, "but I cannot tell him how to run the University because that is his business and I do not want

him to come down here and tell me how to run my business."

James Jennings, manager of Pitt Theater expressed much the same sentiments concerning Jenkins. "I can't tell Jenkins how to run his University, that's his business. I certainly wouldn't want him to tell me when to open or close this theater."

Jennings said that he supports the students, however, "If you have disagreements, try to get them straightened out. If you students think that this boycott is right, then stick with it. He said that his theater has not been hurt by the boycott."

Donald Morse, manager of the Park theater, said that he has noticed a difference since the boycott. He said that he had seen few college students at the theater but high school students and local residents had been most of his customers.

Stenbeck's, a men's shop on Evans Street suffered no business loss according to Frank Stenbeck, Jr. Concerning the student boycott, he stated, "I think the students are going about it all wrong. The University and downtown is a working arrangement between two bodies. Downtown depends on the college, but the college also depends on downtown for advertising, donations to various funds, and support for student functions. Students aren't looking at future months and years when merchants may refuse to help the University."

"This is a school problem and ought to be settled within the school," he continued. "I think it's kind of ridiculous."

Mrs. Mildred Smith, owner of the Hallmark Card Shop stated, "I have noticed no change in my business at all. I don't deal with college students that much anyway. I really think this boycott is ridiculous."

Brody's department store has not been affected, said Morris Brody, owner of the store. "I don't think the student boycott is really working to an advantage, it is not settling any policy. As far as merchants are concerned, any voice would not influence the administration but could be considered only a layman's suggestion. The policy should be determined between the students and the administration."

Merchants not on the boycott list expressed their delight and appreciation for student support. Willie Stevenson, owner and operator of the Leather Shop said he was impressed that the students did not boycott his business. "It's a nice thought," he said. Concerning the boycott, he stated, "It will probably work. I don't know. I can't imagine Jenkins being so stupid as to maintain this kind of trouble for three days. It's just weird to me."

Business at the Mushroom, a store not boycotted by students, is just about normal, according to Mrs. Tabor who owns the shop.

"I think this town is fortunate that these students chose this way to protest rather than resort to violence. It all could have been avoided if Mr. Jenkins hadn't blown it. If there are any complaints, tell Leo," she commented.

The Forum

Greater unity

To the students of East Carolina University: We as students are more unified now than at any time in the past.

The issue of visitation has only served to unite us in our search for real governing authority in our Student Government Association.

The events of the past week have shown our administration and the public that we will commit ourselves to a cause, and that we will not be intimidated by letters to parents or other pressure devices.

The boycott itself is working effectively. Local merchants have approached me and we have established a line of communications with them. Our task now, as students, is to remain together. Our voice has been heard and it is now Dr. Jenkins' job to respond to us. We can only hope that he will realize the importance of the issues and will take steps to insure that our Board of Trustees is informed and persuaded to consider objectively what we desire.

Glenn Croshaw
SGA President Elect

Concerned mother

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following letter is from Susan Sterling's mother who came to ECU upon hearing from Dean Fulghum that her daughter had not attended the preliminary hearing. Miss Sterling was the co-defendant in the Lusiana visitation trial.

To Fountainhead:

The only thing I have to say that in my opinion the administration suspended my daughter for what appeared to be a violation without first finding out all the facts. The students then reacted and apparently the administration prepared for another Kent State. I came to Greenville for the trial of my daughter and I was informed by the Dean of Women that I would not be allowed to attend. But first I wanted to find out the whole story so I could make my decision as to what my stand would be and I could tell my daughter.

In my opinion, if it had not been for the students, and the defender (Brian VanDercook), plus my appearance on the campus, which caused the administration to go into the situation and find out what the facts were, I believe that my daughter and Rob Luisana would have been completely suspended. They (the judiciary) sheepishly backed out of situation by dismissing the case due to lack of sufficient evidence.

If parents would let their boys and girls know that they care about them, and are interested in the law and get all the facts on both sides and make their own decision, concerning the young adults, then the

administration could not sue their offspring to further their own ambitions.

They also couldn't take a situation and twist it to fit their own personal glorification.

Mrs. Mildred Gaddy
Mount Holly, N.C.

'Element of danger'

EDITOR'S NOTE: This letter is being reprinted by permission of Cindy Maulsby, SGA Legislator.

Mr. A.R. Maulsby
1525 Cameron Road
Hopewills, N.C.

Dear Mr. Maulsby:

The City Manager of Greenville has notified us that a student (Cindy Maulsby) has made application to picket selected businesses in the Central Business District of Greenville on April 5-April 10 inclusive from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. She has also submitted an application for a permit to parade in Greenville from 1:30-2:30 p.m. with the idea of leading 3 to 500 people. The application to picket and parade are legal and permission will probably be granted. We do not know what will actually happen, but from past experience we do know there is some element of danger as mob activity and violence sometimes results.

The purpose of this letter is simply to advise you that your daughter may be involved in this activity.

Cordially yours,
Robert L. Holt
Vice-president and dean

No orgies

To Fountainhead:

Contrary to the belief of many narrow-minded people, visitation does not cause mass illegitimacy, orgies, cerebral degeneration, or baldness. There are other reasons for going to a dorm room besides sex. (Dig that, mommy and daddy and the administration).

What can possibly be wrong with going to your room with a date and watching the tube listening to the stereo, playing cards, talking, or studying? A dorm room provides a lot quieter and more private place to do these things than, say, the Rat, or a dorm lobby. Besides, what is there to do on a Sunday around here?

Denying visitation as described in the SGA's resolution is just one more thing that makes dorm life so miserable. Keeping the dorms closed will not get gubernatorial votes from the Bible Belt, but will cause more ill feelings toward the administration, and keep life on the Hill a little less than bearable.

Randy Gupta

Picketing planned

Today is going to be a very busy day. ECU students will be picketing in downtown Greenville; they will also hold a parade.

Between thirty and forty students have signed up to picket according to Cindy Maulsby. They will picket in shifts since only ten are legally allowed to picket in one place at one time. Any students wishing to watch may do so.

The schedule for the picketing is as follows: 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Country Store; 1 p.m.-5 p.m., Coffman's. Picketing is also scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday. On Tuesday, students will picket in front of Bell's in the morning and Brody's in the afternoon, and on Wednesday students will picket in front of all four of the above mentioned stores at specified times.

A parade will be held on Monday at 1:30 p.m. "Any students interested will meet on the mall at 1 and march downtown at 1:30," said Cindy Maulsby. Students are encouraged to bring signs.

Merchants' meeting

There will be a meeting at 6:30 Monday, April 5 at the Pizza Chef Restaurant on Cotanche Street for all interested Greenville merchants so that new communications channels can be opened between merchants and student government. Attendance at this meeting does not indicate support of a particular position, but merely indicates a desire to resolve the problem.

Pete Karagiannis
Olde Towne Inn
Bob Ehrmann
Manager Pizza Chef
Jim Lanier
Owner Pizza Chef

Official SGA Boycott List

Added to boycott list:

- All bars (including:)
 - Snoopies
 - Lum's
 - Elbow Room
 - Tiki
 - ID
 - Rathskeller
 - Music Factory

Stores exempt from boycott:

- Kaleidoscope
- Mushroom
- Pirates Table
- Bentley's
- Royal Pipe and Tobacco Shop
- Leather Shop
- Health Food Store
- Georgetown Sundries
- Party Pac

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