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Home Births: Becoming less of an option.

Former midwife speaks out for home births

By Donna Obrecht

Being a lay midwife is illegal in North Carolina, so Terry Smith is at UNCA studying psychology with the hopes of some day doing research in the psychology of childbirth.

Smith had been a home birth attendant off and on for the past ten years. She became interested in midwifery in the early seventies when a friend planning a home birth asked her to be there along with two other women who had some knowledge of deliveries.

At the time, midwifery in the United States was almost a

lost art. As more people became interested, Smith got together with several women to form a support group of midwives.

At first the group had only books and the experience gained as each new baby was born. Later they attended seminars and learned from sympathetic doctors.

Smith speaks of the magic of women realizing their full potential through natural childbirth. With equal but opposite emotion, she tells of the frustration of having that experience taken out of the mother's hands in the hospital.

Smith has personally gone through both ends of this spectrum in having her own five children.

"Pregnancy is not an illness, and birth is not a surgical procedure," Smith pointed out, "so why shouldn't the birthing couple remain in control?"

She also believes "it is within the reach of the average couple to acquire the knowledge they need to make informed decisions about normal childbirth."

In a hospital the control is taken over by the doctor.

For example, doctors may "allow" a mother to

hold her baby, or get up and walk around, but in a home delivery the parents call the shots and the attendants are just there to help and advise.

Having babies at home revived in popularity partly because hospitals did not allow husbands in the delivery room and the newborn infant was taken away for long periods of time.

This procedure delayed the emotional bonding between the parents and the child, and the emotional support between the parents. In the last few years, many hospitals have

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former PSA officer charged

Hinebaugh pleads guilty to bad check rap

By Penny Kramp
News Editor

Lee Hinebaugh, former vice president of the UNCA Political Science Association, has pleaded guilty to two counts of passing worthless checks, according to court records.

In May Hinebaugh, using his own money, opened a checking account in the name of the PSA with First Commercial Bank of Asheville.

Dr. Bob Farzanegan, PSA faculty advisor, stated "that Hinebaugh did not have his or anyone else's authority to open an off campus checking account in the name of UNCA Political Science Association, nor did he have the authority to charge items in that name."

Police records state Hinebaugh wrote approximately 24 worthless checks on the PSA ac-

count totalling \$1149.91.

The checks were to various area merchants, including The Flower House, Rose's Department Store, Citizen's Home Center, and Sip n' Dip.

According to bank records, a person named Flu Thursbury signed one of the checks. Dr. Eric Iovacchini, vice chancellor for UNCA student affairs, said Flu Thursbury is unknown to anyone on campus.

As of now only one merchant has filed a complaint against Hinebaugh, according to police records.

Hinebaugh appeared in court on Aug. 30, where he pleaded guilty to both charges of passing bad checks to Sip n' Dip. The court ordered Hinebaugh to pay the store \$46.99 restitution according to court records.

According to court records, Hinebaugh was on probation for 24 previous counts of worthless check writing in 1983.

He submitted a guilty plea to all charges and was given a one year

suspended sentence on Dec. 2, 1983. The court ordered Hinebaugh to pay \$3595.30 in court fees and restitution at that time.

Farzanegan said the incident "has devastated PSA. We're just try-

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SGA nominations due Friday

By Deborah W. Weeks

"Student Government can make the difference in students' education," said UNCA Chancellor, Dr. David Brown while in attendance at the first Student Government Association meeting held on September 4.

Brown added, "that the SGA's influence on the environment can determine how long students stay around, how hard they study and to what extent they enjoy college life."

Following Brown's speech, the SGA began

the organization of activities and upcoming events for the fall semester at UNCA.

A special election and voter registration will be held September 25 and 26, following a week long campaign period.

Elected positions needed in the SGA include three freshmen Senators, and one Dorm Senator. Other appointed positions available are an election commissioner, executive secretary and three freshmen Judicial Justices.

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SGA President: Steven Cagle.