

Fraternity *continued from page one*

create diversity," said Jones.

Despite the fact that these issues led to UNCA banning Theta Chi, "the central issue behind the five-year penalty was the painting over the letters and the confrontation that happened," said Jones.

None of the member's in the current Theta Chi chapter belonged to the fraternity when these incidents occurred, said Ken Hartley, a junior history education major and member of Theta Chi.

"There were several processes that we had to go through to get back on," said Reed. "Basically, we had to serve out most of our probation sentence."

The university suspended the fraternity for five years and then they could appeal, said East.

"They wrote out a petition to appeal. They appealed early to be considered for reinstatement, and the chancellor agreed to hear that one year early," said East.

East worked as a reader for Theta Chi's document, and she reviewed the contents of their petition.

The chancellor granted Theta Chi's reinstatement after the organization worked for about a year

on their appeal, said East. "It was a written appeal to the chancellor, and she reviewed it, and they came back this spring," said East.

Because of this early process, Theta Chi returned one semester

charter status nationally.

"We are the only chapter in Theta Chi's history to be kicked off campus but retained our charter nationally. Nationals backed us 100 percent, and they were

we've ever been," said Reed.

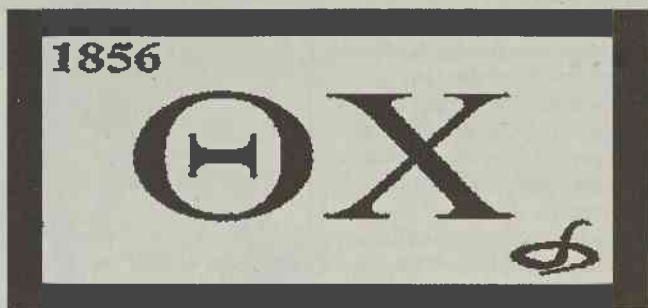
The organization did not ignore service projects while on probation either, said Hartley. Hartley said that "part of being a fraternity is doing a service."

Theta Chi worked with the American Heart and Lung Associations, they participated in charities for the Rape Crisis Center, and members donated clothes to Eliada Home.

Now that UNCA again acknowledges the fraternity, Theta Chi hopes to extend their services to the school, said Reed.

"We're willing to extend everything we can for the Greek community on campus," said Reed.

"I know everybody stereotypes fraternities, but we're trying to erase that image. We're trying to erase the image that we had before—Theta Chi as being racial, as the bad guys," said Reed.



Theta Chi flag

COURTESY OF THETA CHI FRATERNITY

earlier than expected, said Jones. "From what I recall from the petition that they wrote, the students really demonstrated that they were interested in being an active part of the community, and that they wanted to be a part of UNCA. They didn't want to be an unrecognized group," said East.

Despite the fact that the fraternity lacked a host institution, Theta Chi retained their national

very resourceful in getting us back on campus," said Reed.

"It's unusual. In fact I've never heard of a national fraternity or sorority continuing to recognize one of their chapters without a host institution," said East, who believes this helped Theta Chi have a strong comeback.

"We actually grew when we got kicked off campus, our numbers tripled, and we're the largest that

UNCA poets Tracy Wilson and Blake Smith will participate in a poetry reading at 7 p.m. at Urthona Gallery, 91 Patton Ave., on Feb. 21.

Books *continued from page one*

Currently they use the space adjacent to the Highsmith Center lounge and will likely continue to do so until the new student center is built, Drummond said.

Beyond that, there is also discussion of putting co-op information on-line, so that students can buy and sell books through a virtual co-op.

"I think this will start a whole new generation of book sales here," Drummond said. "In about three semesters, this co-op will really start to boom."

Because it is a system of supply and demand, the co-op cannot guarantee that all books will sell. They work from a list supplied by the bookstore and only accept books that teachers have specified for their classes that semester.

Since they only deal with one semester at a time, inventory is not kept on hand. While there are still some details yet to be worked out, Mariaca has pronounced the program a success. "I've heard a lot of positive comments about the co-op and I know students are looking forward to it next semester," he said. "Hopefully it'll continue to evolve until

it works perfectly and becomes a part of UNCA."

Drummond estimates that "80 to 90 percent" of books sold through the co-op this semester, but she says there are still about 30 or 40 that nobody purchased. She encourages students wanting to retrieve their unsold books to contact her or Mariaca, and make an appointment. The books are being stored in the SGA office.

In Search of an Off-Campus Bookstore

If neither the campus bookstore nor the co-op appeals to students, there are other alternatives. But be warned, they do come with complications.

Although commercial book stores in Asheville don't generally stock the latest editions of most text books, they can order many of them directly from the publishers. A recent survey of employees with Malaprop's Bookstore on Haywood Street and Books-A-Million on Tunnel Road revealed that these retail outlets can frequently get textbooks and sell them significantly below UNCA bookstore prices. The problem is delivery time. Special orders take as much as four to eight

weeks to receive.

While students who know their schedules well in advance could operate within these time demands, others will not be able to do so. One more warning: Customers who special-order books are often asked to pay in advance, and some stores will not issue cash refunds on these purchases.

A second option that some students use is to borrow a book from a classmate and photo-copy the material. Local companies that offer copy services charge between seven and 10 cents per page, meaning that copying 200 pages from a book could likely cost between \$14 and \$20.

Students choosing this alternative may want to familiarize themselves with existing copyright laws first.

UNCA bookstore manager Mike Small admitted that text books are expensive.

After all, he said, an academic publisher has to recoup their investment costs and profits from a much smaller clientele (students) than they do in cases of other pop-culture material aimed at the general reading population. Furthermore, text books often have higher royalty fees because of the

technical nature of the information.

Here at UNCA, Small said, the main adversity he faces is misinformation about the way books are priced.

"This is an issue and a problem that really does concern me," he said. "The prices that we charge are in line with other schools."

"Even though the price seems high, the profit margin is low."

Small said book prices are set according to the publisher's suggested retail price.

If there is no suggested price, he added, then they mark up the book price 30 percent from the initial cost to the bookstore.

For example, a book that costs the bookstore \$33.75 will be sold retail for \$48.25, said Small. Because there are no local off-campus bookstores dealing with academic texts, Small said, students feel like UNCA has a monopoly on the market and unfairly sets prices.

"There is no private competition so a lot of students think we're ripping them off," he said. "If there were other stores, at least, then students could see that these kinds of books are expensive everywhere."

Public Safety Reports

Compiled by Adrien Sanders
Regular Contributor

Between Friday, Feb. 7, and Friday, Feb. 14, the Department of Public Safety filed six incident reports. The following information came from those reports.

On Feb. 7, Susan E. Johnson left her laundry in the Mills Hall laundry room while she went to the cafeteria. When she returned, she noticed her clothes were missing. The estimated value of the stolen items came to \$250.

Another incident of larceny was filed two days later, Feb. 9, by public safety officer Steve Metcalf. Michael J. Vidmar put his coat on the back of a seat in Dante's. While he was working, someone stole it. The estimated value of the coat was \$350.

Also on Feb. 9, Metcalf responded to a call in the early morning hours in reference to a domestic dispute after the homecoming dance. UNCA student Tracy L. Walker said her boyfriend, not a UNCA student, had drunk too much, and she wanted him to leave her room. Walker's boyfriend went to the Department of Public Safety office with Metcalf, who called someone to pick her boyfriend up. Walker said her boyfriend had not assaulted her in any way.

That same day, the Asheville Fire Department responded to the fire alarm sounding in the parking deck. The fire alarm panel indicated that sensors from one of the elevators activated the alarm. The Asheville Fire Department cleared the elevators, and found no apparent signs of fire. Public safety officer Lewis reset the alarms.

On Feb. 10, Danita Murray-Larry left her book bag in the back of a classroom in Robinson Hall. After she drove home, she noticed four items missing from her wallet, which was still in her book bag. These included her UNCA student identification card and a credit card.

On Feb. 12, Justina L. Brown left her pocketbook in the first floor bathroom of Carmichael Hall. When she realized this, she found that certain such as her copy cards, money, and her driver's license items had been taken.

In my family, learning is everything.



The Payroll Savings Plan from U.S. Savings Bonds lets us put aside something every payday for our children's college education.

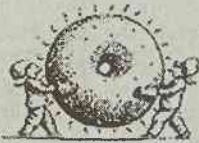
Ask your employer or banker about saving with U.S. Savings Bonds. For all the right reasons.



Theta Chi

Theta Chi Fraternity would like to thank the many individuals and organizations for helping us over the years.

Thank You



Bruegger's Regular Customers know what the FREE in our FREQUENCY CARDS Mean.

Clip the card below and you'll know what Bruegger's customers already know.

Bruegger's Lunch Punch Card



Good for a FREE deli bagel sandwich!

Present this card each time you buy a Bagel Sandwich.

After your sixth visit, the seventh sandwich is on us.

BRUEGGER'S BAGELS™

BAKED FRESH



BRUEGGER'S BAGELS™

BAKED FRESH

Totally completely obsessed with freshness™

Tan America
UNCA Students
Check Out Our
Winter Specials

251-2121 258-8266 252-7248
640 Merrimon Ave. 273 Tunnel Rd. 805 Patton Ave.
(Coupon Redeemable at All Locations)

Sun Capsule 1/2 OFF

One coupon per customer.

Not valid with any other offer.

Expires 2/27/97

Tan America

Tan America

Three 20 min. Tans for \$12

One coupon per customer.

Not valid with any other offer.

Expires 2/27/97

Tan America

Tan America