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Formal Study Of Affiliation Between A-B And UNC Underway



THIS IS THE INNOVATIVE CAMPUS WHICH IS ASHEVILLE-BILTMORE COLLEGE

The eyes of Asheville-Biltmore are upon Raleigh and Chapel Hill as study of affiliation between A-B and the Consolidated University of North Carolina continues.

The usual fourth-term "numbness" at Asheville-Biltmore was shattered last spring by President William Highsmith's announcement of possible affiliation.

At a May assembly Dr. Highsmith informed students that a temporary committee of the UNC Board of Trustees had reported favorably to the entire board regarding possible UNC and A-B affiliation.

The report followed a visit by the committee, with J. Aaron Prevost of Waynesville as chairman, to the A-B campus in April. The visit and subsequent favorable report were the first steps along a road which may end in the General Assembly next spring.

Result of the committee report was the establishment of a formal study on the possible affiliation of Asheville-Biltmore with UNC. Dr. Arnold King, a UNC vice president, is directing the study which has been underway all summer. A final report and recommendation is due at the October meeting of the Consolidated UNC Board.

If approved by UNC, the plans move to the State Board of Higher Education and acceptance at this point would send the affiliation plan to the General Assembly for final action.

The affiliation proposal originated in 1967 when the Board of Trustees of Asheville-Biltmore College unanimously passed a resolution in which it stated its members were "convinced of the need in Western North Carolina for a campus of the Consolidated University of North Carolina."

The A-B trustees requested the UNC Board and the State Board of Higher Education to "examine the need for continued expansion of higher education facilities in Western North Carolina and to consider the advisability of converting Asheville-Biltmore College into a campus of the Consolidated University, which campus would be named the University of North Carolina at Asheville."

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NOTICE

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The Editor

Saga Foods Works Miracle

The three most exciting things ever to happen in Asheville-Biltmore's history occurred last fourth term: possible affiliation with the University of North Carolina, the enrollment of Mickey Gibson and Saga Food Service.

The latter has certainly had the most immediate attention. If all goes affirmatively, the affiliation can not possibly take place until sometime in the spring, and basketball season does not begin until Thanksgiving.

This is not to say that Saga is the least important of the three. Ask any of the returning students or faculty. They will tell it like it is, and they will tell it like it was, too. Those who had been to A-B last year were amazed at the mere change in the appearance of the Cafeteria and Snack Bar.

The most prevalent question asked on the first day of school was "Is the food really as good as they say?" The affirmative answer usually went into great details.

One cannot get used to hearing cynical A-B students speak fondly of the food served in the Cafeteria. This is unheard of at Asheville-Biltmore College. Responsible for the drastic change is Saga Food Service. Their intentions stated in the contract they have with A-B is enough to take one's breath away--"we are trying to run and maintain high satisfaction rating among students and faculty."

Obviously Saga is successful. The company services over 300 colleges and hospitals. Saga was founded in 1948 by three students at Hobart College in Geneva, N. Y. During their senior year they, probably under conditions similar

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Greek Rushes Scheduled

Rush week for the campus sororities and fraternities extends from Monday, Sept. 9 through Saturday, Sept. 14 and bids will be issued during the following week.

Sigma Delta Upsilon kicks things off with a campus smoker for interested men on Monday.

Kappa Delta Tau gives a tea for prospective sisters on Tuesday.

Alpha Nu Lambda holds a tea on Wednesday, Sept. 11. Sigma Lambda Chi also plans a smoker for that date.

On Friday Kappa Delta Tau and Sigma Delta Upsilon sponsor separate dances.

Alpha Nu Lambda and Sigma Lambda Chi follow suit with dances on Saturday.



Gary M. Douglas, star of "Saturday Nights and Saga." (In flaming color.)