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## Summit to Receive Support from the SGA

The *Summit*, UNC-A yearbook faced severe financial crisis until several weeks ago when the SGA agreed to take up a share of the economic burden and help the annual out of the red.

The annual publication began this year with a balance of \$4,296.53 and outstanding bills equalling \$7,890.21.

The *Summit's* allotment of Student Activity Fee money for the first two terms, plus the money raised from book and photography sales has been used toward paying off the bill. Up until the time the SGA agreed to help out, the staff still owed \$890.00 before even beginning paying for the cost of the annual for this year.

The operating cost for this year's *Summit* working on a minimum photography budget, requires that at least \$3,000.00 be raised from ads. So far, only \$300.00 has been made for ad sales.

Ad sales for the *Summit* have gone poorly because most of

Asheville's business establishments and those of the surrounding areas compute their advertising budgets beginning in January, according to *Summit* Editor, Mary Alice Joyce. The staff for the *Summit* wasn't established until November of last year, making it very difficult, at best, for the Business Manager to sell ads at the end of last year.

Miss Joyce acquired her position as Editor near the end of this year's first term. She says, "I had no knowledge of the poor management last year or the debts which are facing us now. We are doing the very best we can to make ends meet and turn out a good yearbook. I am working with a very good staff of cooperative, hardworking students. Our sole disadvantage is money."

It would be a simpler problem, however, if the sole disadvantage were indeed money. There is, however, added to the financial difficulties as well as compounding them, a

three-year contract with Delmar Publishing Company. The *Summit* is at last, in the third and last year of the agreement. Both last year's and this year's staffs have been dissatisfied chiefly with what has been cited as an inability to communicate with the area representative of the firm.

There has also been dissatisfaction with the way the mechanical operations have been run. The *Summit*, however, would have to pay an additional \$300.00 to improve the conditions. Contract negotiations will have to take place next year if the *Summit* is

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## SGA Presidents to Attend Conference

WILMINGTON—The student body presidents of all six branches of The University of North Carolina will be on the campus of the University at Wilmington on Thursday, March 4, for a symposium on student government and campus activities.

Bob Wiard, president of the UNC-W Student Government Association, will act as host and will preside over the symposium, which will begin at 11:30 a. m. in Sarah Graham Kenan Memorial Auditorium.

Each president will give a brief summary of student government activities on his campus, and questions and discussion topics will be accepted from the audience. The purpose of the event, Wiard said, is "to inform our students on

what is happening on other campuses and on how other students think and feel."

The symposium is open to all students, and a special invitation is being extended to alumni of all six institutions. Those attending will have an opportunity to meet and talk with the student presidents at a brief reception following the symposium.

Participating in the symposium in addition to Wiard will be presidents Tom Bello of UNC-Chapel Hill, Cathy Sterling of N. C. State University, Bill Coonan of UNC-Asheville, Alan Hickok of UNC-Charlotte and Lindsay Lamson of UNC-Greensboro.

Other student government officers from the six campuses are also expected to attend.

## Ballard Leaves WUNF; Cites Frustration and Compromise as Causes

Carl Ballard, Chief Engineer of WUNF resigned his post recently. His reasons, presented in his letter of resignation to the campus radio station all point to overwhelming frustration.

He was frustrated with the slow progress of WUNF. The station has had to postpone its becoming an FM radio station innumerable times. The postponements have been due to an inability to prove financial solvency to the FCC. The inability to prove financial solvency lies in the shaky financial position the station finds itself in.

When WUNF was first approved by the Student Senate, a budget was proposed allocating roughly \$500.00 a term to the station. The Senate was later influenced by the discovery of certain facts, and decided to fund the station each term as it saw fit. The station, allegedly received almost no funding at all until almost the end of first term when it received less than \$500.00 due to overspending on the part of the other SGA committees.

WUNF, now at the mercy of the Student Senate, without any funds which it can count on with any complete certainty, finds itself unable to approach the original plans to become an FM station.

Ballard pointed the contibual struggle which the operation of WUNF has been. He did not count the struggle worth the rewards.

Personality conflicts have also plagued the fledgling station and caused at least some of Ballard's frustration and anger with the

station. He added in his letter that he had compromised his honor too many times.

Rumor had it that the major part of the operating equipment WUNF was using at the time was Ballard's and that his departure would mean the closing of the station.

This is not true, however, WUNF will continue its present mode of operation. The members of the executive board of WUNF will in the meantime, look for a replacement. They will also continue to strive to accomplish their original aim.



A new convector oven for the UNC-A kitchen has brightened both morale and efficiency for the Saga Unit. Baker Louise Mc Morris, above, is now able to offer home-baked deserts which had been cancelled out earlier this year due to lack of oven space.

Bad managing and lack of equipment have plagued Saga this year, according to Food Service Director, Roger Fry, and the Administration has granted Saga an extension beyond the original March 1 deadline set for contract negotiation for food services on the UNC-A campus.

Earlier this year, the Administration, responding to student complaints charged Saga with breach of contract. Facts later proved that both Saga and the Administration had breached the contract regularly since its signing. The Administration had failed to pay Saga for its services time after time. Other points in the contract were vague.

Although Chancellor Highsmith has stated that he is moderately "pleased" with the improvement in Saga's services, there has been no statement of the position of Saga for next year.