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## 1974-75 Summit A Surprise To Most

Some say it's immoral. Certainly they wouldn't let their children read it, or their parents for that matter. Others have called it unique and innovative. It has humor, satire, candor, and sarcasm. It even shows a little flesh here and there. In case you're a freshman or an upper classman who has one but didn't recognize it, I'm referring to the 1974-75 Summit.

No one except a few staff members can deny that the Summit was a surprise. That in itself makes the annual somewhat commendable; Summits of years past have shown little deviation from the traditional mug-shot and pom-pom format. But the 1974-75 annual's theme employed several popular magazines as the section divisions: "National Lampoon", "North Carolina Wildlife", "Entertainment", "Sports Illustrated", "Peoples", and "Rolling Stone". This is not a new idea; the concept has been used at the University of South Carolina for fifteen years, and the University of Texas for twenty. Nevertheless, it was a change, and one of many that have been both lauded and condemned by various factions at UNCA.

Some of the criticism is valid, while some is perhaps a bit too conservative. Jackie Stephenson, editor of the '75 edition, as well as present editor for 1976, stated her philosophy behind the annual was to achieve a more inclusive perspective of life at UNCA.

"A yearbook should not be just the good things that have occurred in a year. It should represent a year at school as a whole, complete with the bad things, the funny things, and the sad things, and the good things," she explained.

In the '75 Summit, some of the bad things are campus guards, waiting in long lines, the game with N.C. State, and certain aspects of campus festivities. Funny things include some candid pictures of faculty, administration, and comrades. Sad things perhaps are the athletic priorities; and of course, there are lots of pictures of the good times.

Technically speaking there is valid criticism of some of the photographs. Many seemed washed of detail, whether the fault of photographer or printer. And there does appear to be a lot of wasted space. But the objections that have recently been raised by discontented students are deeper than technical. They question whether the 1974-75 Summit fulfilled the true purpose of a yearbook.

"Personally, I don't think that they (objections) were just technical, because I found that even though there were some good things in it, basically to me they were things that we don't care to remember over a period of years. There were things in it like the particular article of a diary of a dope addict that were sort of irrelevant as far as I'm concerned to what happened in the year. Of course it might represent a lot to people here who smoke dope, but how do you know they're going to smoke dope in ten years and how do you know that everybody who smokes dope wants something published about it?"

Dennis Homolka, a dorm student at UNCA found much of the Summit irrelevant and of poor technical quality. He and another student, Lauri Altieri, expressed distaste

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Chancellor Highsmith addresses Board of Trustees last Wednesday.

Photo by Wayne Johnson

At Board Meeting

## Support Asked For Woman's Athletics

Student Government President Gary Aiken asked for a resolution of support for women's athletics at the first Board of Trustees meeting of the 1975-76 fiscal year. Aiken, a voting ex officio member of the Board, requested a resolution "of support for equal emphasis in terms of facilities and finances" for UNCA women's athletics.

Chancellor William Highsmith responded by explaining the finances of UNCA athletics. He said men's basketball received 30% of the total ath-

letic budget. Dr. Highsmith recognized that little emphasis has been placed on women's athletics, but said "until last year there had been few requests for it."

Aiken cited only a \$371 allocation to women's basketball last year. He suggested problems exist where the Athletic Director, who makes final decisions about where funds are allocated, is also the men's basketball coach.

On a suggestion by Chancellor Highsmith, the Board reaffirmed its support of the

Five Year Plan on Student Services, especially the Subcommittee on Intercollegiate Athletics.

The Board of Trustees meeting, held Wednesday Sept. 17, began with the swearing in of six members. District Court Chief Judge C. Walter Allen swore in three new and three returning members. New members included Robert P. Carr, Dave Felmet, and Karl Straus, while returning members are Dr. Frell Owl, Mrs. Charles

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## Aiken Threatens to Veto Media Budget Requests

Student Government President Gary Aiken threatened to veto all budgets passed by the Student Senate at a meeting Thursday, Sept. 18. Aiken said that Student Government had not yet received an estimate on its revenue for first semester. He warned the Senate that it was spending money it did not have.

The meeting was the second of the year. It was called to order at 5:10 by Senior Senator Pam Adams, who temporarily chaired the meeting until Vice-President Pete Austin ar-

ived. The heads of the various campus media were present at the meeting attended by ten Senators.

The main purpose of the meeting was the consideration of the Summit, radio station, and Ridgerunner budgets introduced last week. Following announcements by Finance Commissioner Johnny Wicker, who reported that the Ginger Olson Memorial Fund contained over \$2000, the Senate took up the Summit budget request.

An amendment by Com-muter Senator Chris

Smith to repeal past Bills regulating the amount of money allocated to the yearbook passed. His amendment cleared the way for the Senate to allocate as much money as it desired to the Summit. The Summit budget request of \$5971 for the 1975-76 academic year passed with four ayes and five abstentions.

On a motion by Junior Senator Terry Johnson, the Ridgerunner budget request was considered next. Sophomore Senator Randy

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