

letters to the editor

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before a rock may be purchased.

Under the before stated provisions, perhaps the Ridgerunner would have some reason for rebuttal in the event that the Rock incident is repeated.

A parting thought: Perhaps the writer of the article in question did not realize how ridiculous he sounded, or how unnecessary the publication was. Was he "stoned"?

Please excuse me if I have "Rocked" the boat.

When Rocks are outlawed... Only outlaws will have Rocks

John Bargin

To the Editor:

Furst, I wood like too congradulate the papur for appeering regalarlie. Secund, your going to haff to improve you're spelling and grammer (ore prufreeding).

Goetz Wolff

Correction

A letter to the editor appeared in this space last issue which was unsigned. Actually, the letter was signed, but came unglued in transporting the paper to the printers.

This year's Ridgerunner has a policy of only printing those letters to the editor which are signed. Names will be withheld upon the written request of the author of the letter.

Apologies are in order to the readers of the last issue. The letter in question appears below and is signed by its author, and a brief response follows.

To the Editor:

The supposed right to refuse publication of an opinion is a suppression. It is a denial of my freedom of expression.

The responsibility

of "publication consideration" should not be in your hands alone.

Shelia Hannan

Granted, the right to refuse publication of an opinion is a suppression. However it is a necessary one in the interest of efficeincy and "good taste." Conventionally, the responsibility of "publication consideration" lies with the editor, as it does in the case of the Ridgerunner.

The Ridgerunner Policy Statement makes no mention of an appeals route if publication is refused by the editor. That is only one of many things wrong with the Statement.

This year's Ridgerunner will publish all contributions from the university and community at large. Refusal will only be due to lack of space, or lack of "good taste" in the contribution, as defined by the editor.

The Editor

Faculty Senate Meets

The first Faculty Senate meeting of the year was called to order by Chairman Shirley Browning at 3:25 on Tuesday, September 9. The meeting, attended by 12 regular members and Dr. Roy Riggs, ex officio member, was held in the new Social Science Building.

The election of a new Secretary, due to Dr. Charlotte O'Kelley's recent departure from UNCA, began the meeting. On the third ballot, Dr. Mike Gillum, not attending, was elected Secretary.

The lighthearted meeting heard reports from Dr. Jim Vincent of the Academic Policies Committee and Dr. Lloyd Remington of Institutional Dev-

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Ph.D. Slaves Continue

ney expects to complete his dissertation either in December or January and to receive his doctorate from the New School for Social Research in New York. Mr. Carney has a three year contract with UNCA and will be an added doctorate personage on campus for at least three years.

Goetz Wolff, another aspiring Ph.D'er hopes to complete his dissertation entitled, The Salience of the State in the Federal System: A Comparative Analysis of Local Elite Orientations in California by either June or August. Mr. Wolff has completed two chapters of his six chapter dissertation to which he has devoted his summer hours. Mr. Wolff has had untold obstacles to overcome in his effort to obtain his Ph.D. from Yale. They include a full working course load, and his advisor at Yale resigning to accept a position at Duke University. His new advisor has stated that Mr. Wolff's dissertation is definitely publishable "which is nice," said Goetz Wolff with a gleam in his eye. Although legally this is Mr. Wolff's last year at UNCA, should he complete his dissertation, "perhaps" his contract will be reconsidered.

Two new aspiring Ph.D.'s have joined UNCA's faculty. In the Philosophy department, Ms. Gramm expects to complete her dissertation entitled Why An Insanity Defense: Investigation into the Rational and Function of the Insanity Defense in Criminal Law sometime in early spring. Expecting to receive her Ph.D. from Georgetown University, Ms. Gramm has a one year contract here at UNCA. However, had Ms. Gramms completed her Ph.D. before coming to UNCA, she would have been offered a three year contract.

The remaining Ph.D. hopeful has settled in the Economics department. Mr. Sullock's dissertation entitled: Community

Colleges is completed. When interviewed, Mr. Sullock stated that he wouldn't have taken a job unless he had completed his dissertation. Mr. Sullock, also working with a one year contract here at UNCA stated that in his opinion the current trend towards Ph.D.'s was understandable from an administrator's viewpoint. It looks nice to have a long list of Ph.D.s when asking for grants and various funds.

Perhaps Ph.D.s do look nice when an administrator is requesting funds for

Dissension Among Vets Not Cleared Up

BY AMY ARNOLD

During the week of registration at UNCA all Veterans on campus received a notice in the mail that Keith Kirton, the Veteran's Association Office in the Student Center to the Registrar's Office in the Administration Building. No previous notice was given to the Veterans. According to Kirton, the move was made for two reasons. First, the records of the Vets must, by law, be kept under lock and key in the Administration Building. These records are often needed by Kirton in his consultations with Vets, and are not easily accessible from the Veteran's Association Office. The second reason is that the Office is a "lounge-type" situation with no privacy for counseling. Kirton made it clear that he had nothing against the Veteran's Association, but found the situation in the Office to be disruptive to counseling.

A petition was drawn up by Chris Smith, a Vet, protesting the move. Smith could not produce the petition, which he said had approximately 2 dozen names, because it had been accidently filed and could not be found. He had two main reasons for wanting Kirton back in the Vet Office. According to Smith, the majority of Vets are not familiar with the Administra-

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his or her college but unfortunately, at UNCA there seems to be a tendency to equate the Ph.D. with academic competence. Perhaps it would be more advisable for all instructors to be addressed as Mr. or Ms. as has been done at other universities. A Ph.D. denotes scholastic competence but if one can't teach the student suffers, despite having the privilege of receiving a degree from an all Ph.D. college. A Ph.D. is nice to have but a Ph.D. doth not a good professor make.

tion Building; they rarely go there (having little reason to do so). On the other hand, most Vets already know where the Office is, if for no other reason than that they pass by it on their way to lunch. Smith felt that Kirton's need for privacy was "not an objection." If he needed privacy, he could ask the other Vets to please leave. Smith said that he had made no definite commitment with his petition. He felt the issue of the Vet Representative was "becoming moot."

Fred Tone, President of the Veteran's Association, agreed with Smith that Kirton would be "more easily accessible to Veterans in the Office than in the Registrar's Office." Both he and Smith mentioned the new VCIP man as another reason for Kirton to stay in the Office. They both stated that it would be best if Kirton and the new man worked together, with Kirton in the Vet Office, although the VCIP man will probably have a desk in each office.

Gary Aiken, President of the Student Body and former President of the Veteran's Association, felt the problem to be of a more personal nature. As for the problem of privacy, Aiken felt,

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