

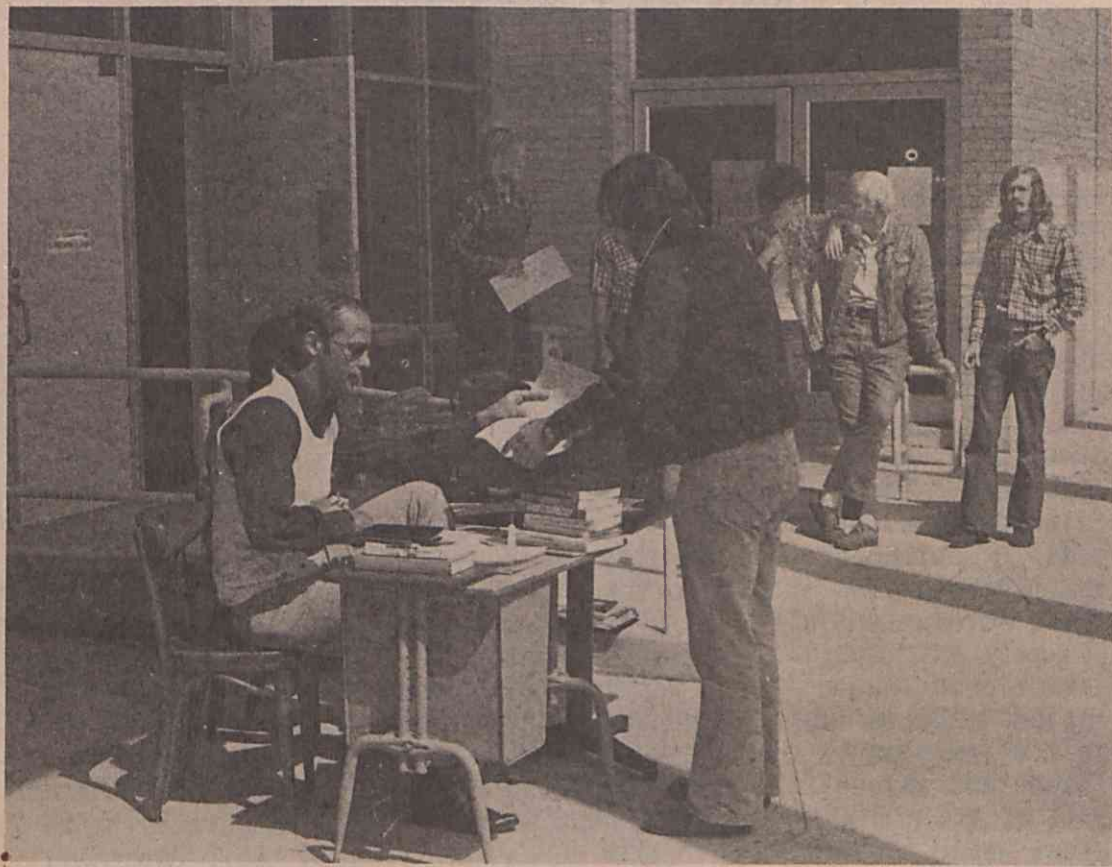
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Students cast ballots in S. G. election Sept. 26.

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Aiken Vetoes Media Budgets; Senate Fails To Over-ride 2 of 3

Thursday, Sept. 25 Student Government President Gary Aiken vetoed the budgets of The Ridgerunner, the Summit, and radio station WUNF, all passed by the Student Senate at their regular meeting the week before. Aiken vetoed the budgets totaling over \$15,000 only hours before the Senate was to meet and attempt to over-ride the veto.

According to the S. G. Constitution, the Senate may over-ride a presidential veto by two thirds, provided a quorum plus one is present. Aiken's veto was the first in at least three years at UNCA by an S. G. President.

The Student Senate meeting on Thursday, scheduled to begin at 3:00, was called to order by Vice-President Pete Austin at 3:25 due to the lack of a quorum at the regular beginning time. First on the agenda was the presidential veto announced by Austin to the eight Senators in attendance.

The Summit budget of \$5971 for the academic year was over-riden by a vote of seven to one, the no vote cast by Junior

Senator Nora Aiken. The vote to override the radio station semester budget request of \$3728.50 was five to three, short of the necessary two-thirds. Finally, The Ridgerunner budget of \$5964.50 was not over-riden by the Senate, voting four to four to sustain the veto.

At the end of the meeting, the radio station budget was re-introduced as a separate bill, minus a \$300 semester scholarship for the station manager. This new Bill passed unanimously. Attempts by Senators Johnson and Smith to re-introduce The Ridgerunner budget went unheeded by the Senate.

Other business at the Sept. 25 meeting included the approval of six members of the Student Judicial Board. Approved by the Senate were: John Burgin, Charles McCurry, Mike Dallas, Robert McCall, Jennifer White, and George Swift. The Judicial Board rules on matters of constitutionality within Student Government and serves as an appellate board in some cases.

The Student Senate also saw the introduc-

tion of several new Bills such as Bill #21, establishing a student apartment placement service. Bill #22, passed by the Senate, formally establishes a legal service now offered by Student Government. The two and a half hour meeting adjourned at 5:50.

The next regular Student Senate meeting was held Thursday, Oct. 2, in the Coffeehouse. Following an appeal to the Senate, to eliminate unnecessary haggling over parliamentary procedure, the Senate considered the social budget request. Originally requesting \$20,000 for the year, social commissioners Bob Lehman and Joan Adams settled for \$8,000 for first semester.

Next on the agenda was the consideration of The Ridgerunner budget request, still not acted upon since President Aiken's veto of the previous week. Considerable, and sometimes heated discussion over The Ridgerunner request of \$700 for the purchase of a headliner lasted over 30 minutes. S.G. President Aiken reminded the Senate of The Ridgerunner's access to a

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In light turn-out

Students Elect 8 New Senators

In a light voter turn-out, several student Senate positions were filled in an election held Friday,

Women's Athletics Debated

BY JACKIE STEPHENSON
Women's athletics, or the lack thereof, was the topic of a recent open meeting called by Dean Deason. Among those in attendance were: Coach Bob Hartman (Chairman of the Athletic Department and coach of the men's basketball team) Coach Daughton (Golf Coach), Ms. Montgomery (Swimming Coach), Dean Dula, Gary and Nora Aiken, Fred Tone, and several members of the women's basketball team along with their coach, Mr. Lancaster.

The question of equality in sports was raised both in terms of funds and interest. Dean Deason cited Title IX, which is a new law concerning equal opportunity. Dean Deason stated that a person will be appointed this week to insure that the guidelines of Title IX are adhered to. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 prohibits sex discrimination against students or others in education programs or activities. Title IX states, "No person... shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance." Other key provisions of Title IX stipulate that: "1. at least once a year, institutions must determine in which sports students wish to participate. 2.) Based on this sur-

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Sept. 26. One hundred and thirty four dorm students voted in Vance Hall while only 94 commuters cast their ballots in front of Lipinsky Student Center.

Positions open included three freshman Senate seats, two dorm student seats, two commuter seats, and a senior seat open due to the resignation of one senior Senator. Also on the ballot was a constitutional amendment to delete the word "annual" from the constitution where it refers to the budgeting process. Student Government must operate on semester budgets due to the semester collection of student fees which the student Senate allocates.

The counting of the ballots began at 3:10 Friday with the commuter votes. Freshman Jim Cavenagh and junior incumbent Chris Smith won over the other four candidates for commuter Senator.

Following a frantic search for the key to the dorm student ballot box, which was finally located on Radio Station Manager Larry Warren's keychain, the tabulation of the dorm vote began. Blake Hobbs and Randy Kindley were victorious in the dorm student Senate race.

Three freshmen acquired Senate seats out of a field of five contenders. Dugan Lewis, Muffin Nutter, and Katrina Sealey will represent the freshman class until the end of their terms next year at this time

Senior history major Bill Cathey took the vacant senior Senate seat with 24 votes. The constitutional amendment passed with 159 yes votes and 19 no's.