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Fire in Dorm; Two Students Suspected

Thursday morning, Dec. 4 at 3:30 A.M., the public telephone in Craig Dorm was discovered burning. UNC-A Security Officer Metcalf and a student put out the fire. According to the official reports, Metcalf saw evidence of arson after extinguishing the blaze.

At approximately 5:00 A.M. the same morning, Metcalf and some students talking in Vance Hall saw smoke coming out of Craig Dorm again. Metcalf and the students found the source to be a smoldering mattress in Room 204.

Robert "Doc C" Cleary was asleep on the other bed in the room but was pulled out while Metcalf and the students extinguished the fire. Due to smoke throughout the dorm, the residents of Craig were evacuated.

According to Dean of Students Deason, two UNC-A students were summoned to a meeting Friday, Dec. 12 in Deason's office. Also to be present at the meeting were the Dean of Men and the student Government Chief Justice, both of whom were to serve in an advisory capacity.



PHOTO By Curt Wright

On the request of the administration the Ridgerunner is temporarily withholding the names of the two students involved.

As this story goes to press, there are three possible results of the Friday meeting: (1) if no involvement is ascertained, the meeting will adjourn, (2) the minimum punishment for involvement is a letter of reprimand, and (3) the maximum punishment is reimbursement to the University for damages.

According to Dean Deason, the estimate

for damages to university property, originally quoted at \$500 has since been reduced to "around \$450."

The State Bureau of Investigation is investigating the phone burning in connection with possible arson. According to UNC-A Security Chief Ray, conviction of arson is a felony and carries a maximum 15 year jail sentence. The evidence in SBI possession at this time include flashcubes and a camera, reportedly used by the guilty party(ies) to photograph themselves in action.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

On the Second Floor

WUNF freshman DJ Jim Cavanagh was recently fired by station manager Larry Warren over a controversy concerning a promotional contest to be run over the air. Cavanagh, during Warren's recent week and a half absence from school, arranged a contest to give away Pepsi tobogans. The scheme was given approval by acting manager Terry Price, but who said it must have attorney approval before going on the air.

Upon Warren's return to school, he found, in the station, and gave away one of the tobogans, not knowing to whom they belonged. Admitting his mistake after being reprimanded by Cavanagh, Warren told him the scheme was illegal anyway because WUNF cannot advertise as such. Very heated discussion followed during which Cavanagh, according to Warren, "threatened to use his position as (a student) Senator to prevent me (Warren) from receiving my scholarship."

Evidently the firing is permanent. Cavanagh said that Larry "will blow me away" if an appeal is pursued. According to Warren, "the position as manager will not be used as a political tinkertoy."

On the Second Floor reported last issue that three students were seriously considering resigning their posts: S.G. President Gary Aiken, WUNF station manager Larry Warren, and Veteran's Association President Fred Tone. Since that report, Tone has resigned his position. A response from Warren is in the "Letters to the Editor" section of this paper. Aiken took unofficial exception with the use of "probably" as it referred to his denial in the story, and said he will not resign.

Rumors circulated on the second floor of the student center last week of fund-raising activities by some Ashevilleians (non-students) for a possible N.C. gubernatorial run by UNC-A Chancellor William E. Highsmith. When asked about the rumors, Dr. Highsmith, following at least 30 seconds of laughter, said he found the matter "hilariously funny." He denied knowledge of the activities and said he has no plans to seek the governorship.



Have a white Channakah.

PHOTO By Everette Corn

UNC-A Alumni Stay Close To Home

By BRYNN BROWN

According to this survey, graduates of the University of North Carolina at Asheville are not "far to roam." What follows is a sample of UNCA alumni and their recent activities, as well as could be determined. Friends and classmates are included, and the survey may provide an example of your future, once graduated. Some of the information

was published in the Alumni Association's UNCA Alumni Quarterly. The rest was furnished by two alumni: Zollie Stevenson and Jane Frye.

Ken Anderson (1973) has been promoted assistant vice-president (by the Board of Directors) of the Northwestern Financial Corporation. The corporation is the parent company of the Northwestern Bank.

Grady Wacaster (1973) is the superintendent

of the Spindale Unit of the North Carolina Department of Corrections.

John Bolten (1974) is pursuing political status by working for the Republican party in Washington, D. C.

Audrey Byrd (1974) was accepted for law school at Harvard. She is now in her second year.

Bob and Loretta Cansler (1974) have moved to Dayton, Ohio

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