

FINANCE COMMISSIONER RESIGNS

Full Series of Events Outlined

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Former Finance Commissioner Raye Brown resigned his office Monday, October 25, after suspensions, bickering, and 'hatchet burying'. The entire process has its starting October 8 (when *the Ridgerunner* with Brown's letter was delivered), which then led to a series of confusions and personality clashes that has plagued the S.G. recently. After interviews and research, the following history of events—with some differences of opinions—can be introduced.

Friday, Oct. 8—President Kindley sent a letter to then Finance Commissioner Raye Brown requesting his resignation. His reasons for asking were questionable findings in the books; i.e., transfer of funds and strange accounting practices. Kindley stated that he felt that he was getting close to something, that 'something' he could not define just yet.

When questioned as to the extent Brown's letter to *the Ridgerunner* (condemning the actions of certain members of the Executive Branch) in the request for his resignation, Kindley replied, "That was the straw that broke the camel's back." Brown thinks the reason was the acting out of a conspiracy to remove him because of this threatening presence interfering with the intents of the Executive Branch. Brown gives an example of not allocating requested monies, because he thought the necessary legal procedures were not met, and so he was a threat to actions that these executive members wanted.

Sunday, Oct. 10—After a discussion with Brown and some time to think, Kindley told Brown that he was just suspended.

Monday, Oct. 11—There was a meeting with those in attendance being Dean of

Students Paul T. Deason, President Randall Kindley, Vice-President John Furek, Attorney General Tom Zumberge, Media Commissioner Len Crowley, *Ridgerunner* editor Ramona Griffin, and Managing Editor Randy Luquire. At that meeting friction won over reason, and the meeting ended with Kindley resigning as President (the document was dated for Oct. 12).

Tuesday, Oct. 12—President Kindley withdrew his resignation. The official notice of suspension was delivered to Brown, and Furek told Deason that the matter was now taken care of.

Wednesday, Oct. 13—Kindley placed a call to Chief Ray (of Campus Security), because Brown had not given his keys after several requests. This call was (somehow) intercepted by Dean Deason, who met with the Chancellor. Later that day a letter arrived to S.G. which stated that all vouchers would be co-signed by Dean Deason, in concurrence with the Chancellor's decision. Kindley states that the rationale for this was given to him by Deason as, "You're never to call Security without going to the Dean of Students."

Thursday, Oct. 14—During the Student Senate meeting, Brown informed those present that as of 2 P.M. the Chancellor had impounded all S.G. records, and that only Assistant to the Dean of Students Zollie Stevenson had a key to the Finance Commissioner's office. President Kindley was later given a key by Stevenson, after the Chancellor decided that the S.G. President should have access to all commissioners' offices.

Sunday (or Monday), Oct. 17 (18)—Tensions had been high that last week. Kindley met Brown and the two decided to talk the matter out. During this meeting Kindley verbally lifted the suspension and

the 'hatchet was buried.'

Monday (or Tuesday), Oct. 18 (19)—Kindley had drawn up some restrictions and his idea of how the office of Finance Commissioner should operate, and this he states was to be the official notice of the lifting of Brown's suspension (Kindley does state that not drawing up a separate notice of the lifting of suspension may have been a mistake). Kindley does not remember now whether he gave the letter to Brown, but Brown did get it. At about 12:30 that day, Kindley says he asked Brown to come up to his office for some discussion, but Brown did not come (according to Kindley).

Thursday, Oct. 21—Brown claims that at this time, since nothing official had been done to lift the suspension, he asked Kindley when he was going to send notice to Dean Deason, so that he could get back to work. At this time, Kindley is claimed to have denied the 'burying of the hatchet,' and to have said that he (Kindley) would sign vouchers and Brown would continue his other duties. Brown interpreted this as another suspension, and that he would be only a figurehead.

Monday, Oct. 25—At 1:18 P.M., Kindley received Brown's resignation.

There is a major discrepancy in the week starting Monday, Oct. 18 and ending Monday, Oct. 25. This is as follows: Kindley claims that on Monday or Tuesday he called Brown up to talk and Brown never showed. There is no mention of any further contact between the two. Brown, however, claims that they had talked in the middle of that week, and that Kindley then denied all previous agreements and presented a list of restrictions making Brown a figurehead.

Kindley states that he does not remember when, if he did, send Brown his letter of official lifting of suspension (the letter of restrictions). The questions are: When and how did Brown find out about these restrictions, whether Brown's interpretations were correct, and even deeper, did Kindley and Brown have any contact that week?

The week of Oct. 18-25 seems to be the crucial point of the whole affair, and what really happened is locked in the minds of those who participated and will never be known for sure.

Gary Runion Dies at 27

Gary Runion, a student of UNC-A, died suddenly last Friday night. The cause of death is unknown.

Gary was working as a photographer for the *Ridgerunner* and the *Summit* and had a radio show with WUNF FM. He was a commuter student from West Asheville and was living in the Arden area.

Gary transferred to UNC-A last year from Los Angeles Valley College. He had attended the North Carolina School of the Arts from 1967-69.

The funeral arrangements were done by Anders-Rice Funeral Home in West Asheville. The funeral was held in Victory Baptist Church in Leicester last Sunday, October 31.

The staffs of the *Ridgerunner*, the *Summit*, WUNF-FM, and the Student Government extend their deepest sympathy to Gary's wife and family.



Halloween Dance Smashing Smash

The Halloween Dance was a smashing (smashed?) success as at least twice as many students showed, many of them decked out in strange apparel. A werewolf, a WWII flying ace, Alex and his droogs, a leftover from the Barnum and Bailey clown collection, a flower, fairies, and a flasher could be admired as different

people outdid themselves. The band even got in on the costumes.

People must've been having fun, for this time the beer was gone early and no soft drinks were available, but the place was packed until the very last tune.

One can only look forward to the next time...

SUMMIT EDITOR SELECTION

An editor for the *Summit* has been scheduled for consideration by the Publications Board Wednesday, Nov. 3. (Hopefully by now one has already been chosen.)

Three applications have been submitted. These are Anthony Fisher, a senior literature major, Raye Brown, a senior management major, and Jean Hutchinson, a freshman classics major.

It appears at present that the Board will be deadlocked between Fisher and Brown. If an agreement cannot be reached, it is possible that Ms. Hutchinson may be selected as a compromise.

The Publications Board was recently formed in response to the need for an editor for the *Summit*; there was no means of selecting an editor since the staff was not appointed by Nora Aiken, who was to

serve as editor for this year. Mrs. Aiken resigned during Orientation Week last August.

The Publications Board is composed of six members: the three students are Erwin Cook, Darrell Parker, and Ann Sales; the two faculty members are Mr. John Bernhardt and Dr. Ellis Shorb. The sixth member is Dean of Students Paul T. Deason, who will be the only permanent member.

In its next meeting, the Board will consider the Aiken request of \$167 for his art work for the *Summit* 1975-76. The Board will then begin taking applications for editor of *Images*, the campus literary magazine which is published once a year. Two applications for this position have been submitted: Terry Roberts, a senior literature major, and George H. Johnson, a junior literature major.