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Angela Calos and Doug Fleck, Co-Marshalls of the 50th Anniversary Homecoming Dance.

## Homecoming Dance Draws Large Crowd

Photo and article by Tim Barnwell

The Grove Park Inn was the site of UNC-A's Homecoming Dance and Fiftieth Anniversary celebration on Saturday night, Feb. 19. The dance drew an unusually large crowd, which Chief of Security Gene Ray estimated at over five hundred. The room was so crowded that many guests could not find a place to sit or dance.

We were privileged to have two fine groups perform at the dance, and these entertainers kept the evening moving along smoothly. The majority of students seemed to enjoy the music of "Sugar-creek" and many felt that they were one of the best bands we have had at the various UNC-A dances. Everyone enjoyed the performance by the black dance group, the "Dance Masters," although they seemed to be lacking in coordination and timing on this particular evening.

The beer amazingly lasted all evening, which was a notable feat in itself, but the cups and canned soft drinks were gone by the middle of the event. Despite this miscalculation, the students seemed to fare rather well.

Student Government president Randy Kindley introduced the Homecoming

Court, and then Pam Adams, a former UNC-A student, announced the names of the Co-Marshalls. Doug Fleck and Angel Calos won the honors and the band played a song for the Court members. Also on the Court: Joan Adams, Dennis Bostic, Louise Duarte, Liz Harris, Steve Harvey, Tony Hennessee, Phil Oakes, Charles Parrish, Frosty Sinclair, and Gwen Summey.

The North Carolina Humanities Committee will award the University of North Carolina at Asheville and the Buncombe County Child Development Department a \$3,463 grant to present a three-day symposium at UNC-A.

The program, titled "Childhood in North Carolina, Then and Now," is scheduled for May 4-6 and is in line with the Humanities Committee's theme of Traditions in Transition: Communities, Priorities and Public Policies.

Dr. Robert S. Trullinger Jr., assistant professor of history and director of UNC-A's Humanities Program, will serve as project director.

Dr. Trullinger was notified by R. Oakley Winters, executive director of the N.C.

## Childhood Symposium Planned

Humanities Committee, that the grant proposal had been approved. The grant will be matched by local funds to meet the total project cost of \$7,370.

Six sessions are scheduled during the three-day program. They include:

- "Childhood in 18th and 19th Century North Carolina."
- "The Black Child in North Carolina."
- "The Appalachian Child."
- "Attempts of Society to Meet the Needs of Children in North Carolina."
- "Children and Health."
- "The Family and Government Involvement."

Panelists and speakers participating in the symposium will be announced later, Dr. Trullinger said.

## FISHER RESIGNS SUMMIT POST

By FORREST REID

Tony Fisher resigned the position of *Summit* editor on Feb. 23, after considering the action for about a week.

Jean Hutchison, *Summit* business manager, was immediately named acting editor by Dean of Students Paul T. Deason, and the Publications Board approved the decision in its meeting of Feb. 25.

Fisher, a senior, is currently student teaching at Asheville High School. "Student teaching is about an eight hour a day responsibility," said Fisher, and more of a drain than he had anticipated. Though he completes his student teaching soon, Fisher will be carrying a course load next term which will not afford him a significantly greater amount of time that he could devote to the *Summit*.

Time is a significant factor in putting together the *Summit*, as there are two deadlines to be met prior to the end of the second term, one on March 21 and one on April 18. Fisher felt that he did not have

the time to devote to the meeting of these deadlines with quality material.

Another consideration in Fisher's decision was personnel. Fisher lost his copy editor at the end of first semester, one of the photographers resigned for academic reasons, and his head photographer graduates at the end of the term.

Fisher also discovered that there is more to the position than making and collecting assignments. An editor must exercise a supervisory function, directing and channeling the energies of the staff. Fisher felt that functioning in such a supervisory capacity required a type of personality that he did not possess, and one he had no desire to adopt. This, coupled with the academic pressures and the personnel problems, led to his decision to resign.

Fisher suggested in his resignation that Ms. Hutchison be made editor, since she "seems to have the time to do this job, and professes a desire to be editor."

## AUSTIN, BRANHAM WIN TOP OFFICES

By FORREST REID

The results of the 1977 SG Spring elections held on February 16 are easily reported. Pete Austin was elected as the New SG President. Bill Branham was elected to the Vice-Presidency. The new senators are John Covey, John Furek and Steve Harvey. Brynn Brown, Beth Penland, and Richard Davis are the new Junior Senators, while David Sharpe, Gary Stone and Sammy Kent were elected as Sophomore Senators.

It's so easy to tabulate results.

Explaining the elections themselves, for this year at least, is a little more difficult.

Monday, February 14, Elections Commissioner Randy Luquire was scheduled to take all applications for SG Office to the Registrar's Office, to determine whether or not all candidates for office met the academic requirements set forth by the SG Constitution. Luquire did not do so.

On February 15, one day prior to the scheduled election date, Vice-President Furek took the applications for office to the Registrar's Office. After checking records, the registrar informed Furek that many of the candidates were not qualified

to run, as they did not meet the academic requirements. Two candidates for Senior Senator, one candidate for Junior Senator, and one candidate for Sophomore Senator did not have the hours required to hold office.

Furek was also informed that two candidates for the SG Presidency, Patrick Ochsenrider and Marcus Kindley, did not meet the requirements to hold the office, while Pete Austin's status was questionable, due to an incomplete in one course.

According to the SG Constitution, (Amendment 3, Bill 16 of the 1974-75 SG, approved by the Student Senate on Oct. 14, 1974, as an amendment to Article IV, Sections I & II) "The President and Vice President shall be elected not later than two weeks before the end of Term One of Spring Semester. Candidates for these offices shall also be required to have received credit for six semester hours at UNC-A for two consecutive semesters prior to the time they take office." (Emphasis added.)

Marcus Kindley had not been enrolled at UNC-A the Spring Semester of 1976.

Patrick Ochsenrider is a part-time student who just enrolled this semester. The disqualification of these two candidates was obvious and uncontested.

But according to a strict interpretation of the constitution, Austin was qualified to run for office, provided his incomplete was satisfied by the time he took office, if elected.

However, upon hearing the news, Elections Commissioner Luquire called a special meeting of the Elections Committee. The Committee decided not to take a chance and recommended that the elections be postponed one week.

President Kindley, also concerned by the information, called a meeting of the Judicial Board. The Judicial Board recommended that the elections be postponed until Friday, February 18th, giving Can-

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