

Interview with Chancellor King



DR. KING photo by mark west

Dr. King, Acting Chancellor of UNC-A, held a miniature press conference Tuesday, with representatives of the Ridgerunner and the administration. He discussed his responsibility here now, his association with UNC-A in the past, and the growth of the UNC system as a whole.

Commenting on his present responsibility, Dr. King had several things to say.

"Mr. Friday sent me because the Chancellor is ill, and may be out two to three months. My function is to carry forth the duties of the Chancellor . . . to do whatever the Chancellor needs to do in the next three months."

Dr. King stated that not only does Dr. Friday expect Chancellor Highsmith to be back soon, but that Dr. King hopes for a speedy recovery. "I came out of semi-retirement for this job . . . I'm not looking for a job. I have a beautiful home in a beautiful setting. A lot of fast and firm friends! But, I'm glad to be helpful and have a very great interest in the place."

It was Dr. King's study in 1968 which prompted the admission of Asheville-Biltmore College into the University of North Carolina system, the sixth school to join. (Ten more were later added.)

The biggest differences he

notes are a general improvement in the quality of the Student Body, a marked improvement in the quality of the faculty, growth of the Library, new buildings, and improvement in the grounds.

Dr. King made it very clear that there were to be no major changes in administrative policy. "I want to become as well acquainted with the operation of the institution as best I can . . . I don't plan to become innovative in an offensive way."

"I'm going to try to keep things running on an even keel. I'm 'filling in' in the case of an emergency. Every-

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TODD RUNDGREN IN CONCERT

The Student Government approved a bill last Thursday afternoon (Sept. 15) to have a concert the evening of December 14, 1977. The concert will feature Todd Rundgren and Utopia with the tentative warm-up band Styx. The bill was passed unanimously by the Senate.

"Star" Newberry, Social Commissioner, is particularly excited by the idea. "Here's our chance to do something big. If we can get enough students to help out, we can make enough money off this thing to do whatever we want."

The Senate allocated \$6000 for the event, but,

under the Campus Commission document, enough money is left over for a fine selection of social events anyway. Also, even more money is earmarked for social functions next semester.

Plenty of work needs to be done: Tickets need to be printed, distributed, and sold. Publicity has to be arranged. The Civic Center has to be prepared.

As Bill Branham said it: "We can't lose. If the whole thing flops financially, we'll have still heard Todd Rundgren. We'll still have plenty of money for dances, beer, movies, and the like. If it suc-

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Students Visit Highsmith

(ed. note) This is not a straight news article. Do not look for facts, but, instead, look for impressions made upon a visitor.

Last Thursday afternoon, (Sept. 15) Bill Branham, president of the S.G., and myself, Randy Luquire, were invited to Chancellor Highsmith's home. We both expected to see a man desperately ill, but, we were delighted to see the Chancellor meet us at the door to personally welcome us.

Chancellor Highsmith looked well. He was still the brilliant conversationalist and still has his sense of humor. His wife is also an excellent hos-

Incidentally, Mrs. Highsmith is a tropical fish enthusiast. For those of you who care, she has a tremendous hobby. Several years ago, she purchased a mated pair of angel fish. Angel fish mate for life. (i.e. a velvet angel is worth about \$1. Two are worth \$2. A mated pair is cheap at \$25. The price reflects the rarity.) From this original pair, she has not only mated several more offspring, but raised a considerable number of pets.

She also has a beautiful collection of Mollies,

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STUDENT SENATE MEETING

The Senate meeting on September 15, 1977 saw three bills passed, one bill introduced, and two resolutions introduced and passed. Senators present were Brown, Davis, Eller, Gardner, Hutchinson, Kent, Keesler, Mundy, Neuschafer, Parham, Penland, Reed, Smith, and Williams. Others present were Branham, Jordan, Newberry, Parker, Putnam, Saunders, and Summey.

Vice-president Eddy Thomas called the meeting to order at 3:50. Mr.

Branham welcomed and congratulated the new senators and Mr. Thomas on their election and expressed his wishes for a prosperous year. He then informed the Senate of Dr. Highsmith and Dennis Naylor, a dorm student, being ill. Mr. Thomas then announced that Senate meetings would be on Tuesday rather than Thursday to allow some weekly coverage from The Ridgerunner.

Bill #2, a constitutional amendment concerning quorum requirements,

was deemed invalid because it had not been seconded when introduced on August 25.

Bill #3, Executive Appointments, was then passed with one nay vote. Bill Branham appointed the following to the listed committees: Athletic Committee - William Gardner, Steve Sain; Committee on Computer Planning - Mark West; Campus Court - Erwin Cook, Dennis Naylor; Special Programs and Cultural Events Committee - Sherri Groce, Steve Harvey, Mike

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