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## FLOODS SOAK ASHEVILLE

After a relatively dry spell in western North Carolina, Mother Nature saw fit to unleash torrential rains. Initially, flash flood warnings were released via the media. Eventually, though, streets were flooding, bridges were collapsing, and homes and trailers were uprooted and resituated in other locations. Families were evacuated from their homes. When they were allowed to return to their homes, they found ruined furnishings, knee-deep water, and that they were not covered by water damage insurance. Several UNC-A dorm students received word that their homes had been ruined, and there was extensive work to be done but everyone was safe. Some commuting students and professors from outside of Asheville encountered difficulties reaching the campus. While the campus is on a hill and did not wash away, students found it difficult, if not impossible, to attend classes.

The telephone lines into Asheville have been involved in a state of chaos. The lines have been busy with in-coming calls to the students in the dormitories; worried parents were calling to reaffirm that their child in

Asheville was still there and had not done the backstroke to Marion or Burnsville

Western North Carolina received minimal damage compared to some areas of Georgia. President Carter has declared his home state a disaster area; Governor Hunt is seeking federal funding for North Carolina. There was an immensity of damage in Toccoa, GA, where 34 college students lost their lives when a dam collapsed. Locally, due to the lack of and weaknesses of the remaining bridges, county schools closed Monday and Tuesday. An estimation of \$26 million in damages was released regarding Buncombe County alone.

People display a great strength in the face of disaster. After hurricane Camille struck southern Mississippi with tremendous force, the people draped large American flags over their front door (if they had one) or on their stoop to symbolize a strength and a determination to rebuild. The people of Georgia and western North Carolina now face the same awesome task but will surely rebuild their homes and lives. Perhaps a new bill regarding water damage insurance will also be born.

Terri Stuart



The flood last weekend disrupted the lives of everyone living in W.N.C. last weekend. Telephone lines still have the static of the moisture on the cables. Bridges were closed by the scores as high water swept away the foundations. We have a photo essay on page 5 this week which shows the damage at but one location.

## HIGHSMITH BACK



Chancellor Highsmith returned from his leave of absence last Monday.

Chancellor Highsmith returned Monday from his leave. The illness, described as an "enzyme imbalance" forced Dr. Highsmith into this extended leave. Dr. King, once vice-president of the UNC system, filled in for Dr. Highsmith during this time.

Dean Deason is out until next Thursday. His ailment, double pneumonia, has forced him into taking a week or two off.

## ART SHOW OPENS

The Alumni Art Show of UNC-A will open its 1977 exhibition in the D. Hiden Ramsey Sunday, Nov. 20 from 3 to 5 p.m. with a preview and reception.

The exhibition will continue through Dec. 17 during regular Ramsey Library hours and is being held to encourage alumni to continue artistic expression and exhibit their work to public recognition.

The show will be juried and three case awards will be presented by UNC-A's Alumni Art Chapter which is also arranging for purchase awards.

Gordon Mahy, associate professor of art at Mars Hill College, will serve as juror.

Among the participants already scheduled: Lucia Martone-acrylic and graphite; Alice Denney, acrylic paintings; Mary Alice Arrowood, drawings; Diane Cable, pencil drawings and oil paintings; Dort Lee, acrylic paintings; Betty Kdan, stoneware pottery; Ellen Hearne, stoneware pottery; Paul Stoney, prints; Bette Pritchard, watercolors, and Willie Israel, clay.

## Faculty Senate Meets

The Faculty Senate met on Monday, October 31, 1977, at 3:30 p.m. in RL1 with Dr. Browning, chairman, presiding. Members present were Dr. Browning, Dr. Andrade, Mr. Bernhardt, Dr. Boland, Dr. Bruce, Dr. Cole, Dr. Farzanegan, Dr. Gillum, Dr. Howard, Dr. Perry, Dr. Riggs, Dr. Shoaf, Dr. Squibb, Dr. Stern, Dr. Walker, Dr. Wilson. Visitors attending were Dr. Bergemann, Mr. Blowers, Mr. Coyle, Dr. Kramer, Dr. Otti, Dr. Rosenblatt.

Dr. Browning announced that he had a written request from Dr. O'Donnell to be excused from the meeting due to a doctor's appointment. After this, visitors were recognized and were granted speaking privileges. The minutes of the May 3 Senate meeting were then reviewed and approved as published.

Dr. Browning said there had been a change in the Senate agenda. Dr. King, since he was going out of town on Tuesday, November 1, not to re-

turn to UNC-A as Acting Chancellor, had decided not to attend the meeting. Dr. Highsmith was back in town and saw his doctor that week as to his medical status. Doctors permitting, he planed to be back in his office on con't pg 8

## Smith Speaks

McNeill Smith, candidate for the US Senate, spoke to a gathering of about forty people on Monday, Nov. 7 in the Community Room of the Phillips Administration Building. Senator Smith spoke to the audience on a variety of subject, including a flood control bill he had introduced. This bill would require private businesses to provide the correct drainage facilities for their parking lots.

Smith also expressed his concern for the fuel shortage. He voiced his support of a bill that would increase the amount of insulation required in

public and private buildings. He also talked on Amendment Three, re-election of the governor, and gave his support for the bill. He stated that if a governor is not allowed to serve a successive term, much of this legislation falls by the wayside.

The candidate also launched an attack against the voting record of his opponent Senator Jesse Helms. He stated that Helms had continually voted against legislation to improve  
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## Senate Passes Executive Appointments, Considers Amendment

The UNC-A Student Senate met Tuesday, November 8 at 3:45 in the SG Office in Lipinsky Student Center. Senators present were: Keesler, Neuschaefer, Penland, Finley, Kent, Reed, Williams, Skeeles, Smith and Reynolds. Others present were Branham, Bigelow, and Eller.

After the minutes were read and approved, Vice-President Thomas made several announcements.

He informed the senate that Dean Deason was ill, and that Senator Gerry Parham had been involved in a serious automobile accident and would not be back to school until late this week. Senator Mark Mundy also sen the senate a thank you note for the flowers that the senate had sent him. Mr. Thomas then stated that Star Newberry was in the hospi-  
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