

# EDITORIAL

The UNC-A Free Press is a journal of opinion and analysis. That's what the masthead claims, anyway. The staff of the Free Press is the students of this institution, the freshman English major who survives administrative surliness to become a work-laden sophomore, with somewhat longer hair; the junior who survives snack bar inedibles and sloppy service to become the speed-wracked senior working toward graduation, only to find that 30 hours of non-major electives have been silently added to his curriculum requirements. The staff of this journal is the fed-up, the pissed-off, the lied-to, the befuddled.

Are you tired of Candy Ass U? Would you rather get an education than just a diploma?

Do you have the feeling that things are bad at UNC-A? Do your friends say, "Yeah, it's lousy, but what can you do?" Do you feel that UNC-A is a hopeless academic basket case, destined to the same drab awfulness that has engulfed campuses across the nation with pedantic Ph.D's and nasty secretaries?

We're tired of all that. We came to UNC-A to get a good education on our own terms. Instead, we've been educated to think that student impotence is the norm, that any effort put toward changing our lot is effort wasted.

Well, kiddies, that's a lot of crap. If you are unhappy, no one is going to do anything about it for you. Surely the administration won't. The only thing Wild Bill is interested in is dynasty building and keeping it out of the papers. Students have an obligation to themselves to get it in the papers. As

long as things remain settled here, things are not going to change.

Students have an obligation to be outrageous. When you get older, you're too busy finding ways to eat regularly. Old folks let Richard take care of business for them. And you know what business Richard's been up to lately. He's been outrageous.

We can't be concerned about national politics here, however. There's enough muck to be raked on this campus to keep several students busy from now until the Judgment Day.

Students should stir up, annoy, question and propose. We

want you - the irreverent, the irritated, the frequently screwed - to join us in a self-improvement project that will initially benefit you and eventually make it easier for your little brother to get through UNC-A.

And in the process we hope to give you a better newspaper than the Hill Hopper.

And lest you think The Free Press is a gripe sheet, be reminded that we want to check out the delights of UNC-Asheville, too. The potential is here. The product is up to you.

## Cocktails for few

We noticed in the December issue of the UNC-A Alumni Quarterly that Chancellor Highsmith threw a cocktail party in his home Nov. 30 for Alumni. 25 folks showed up.

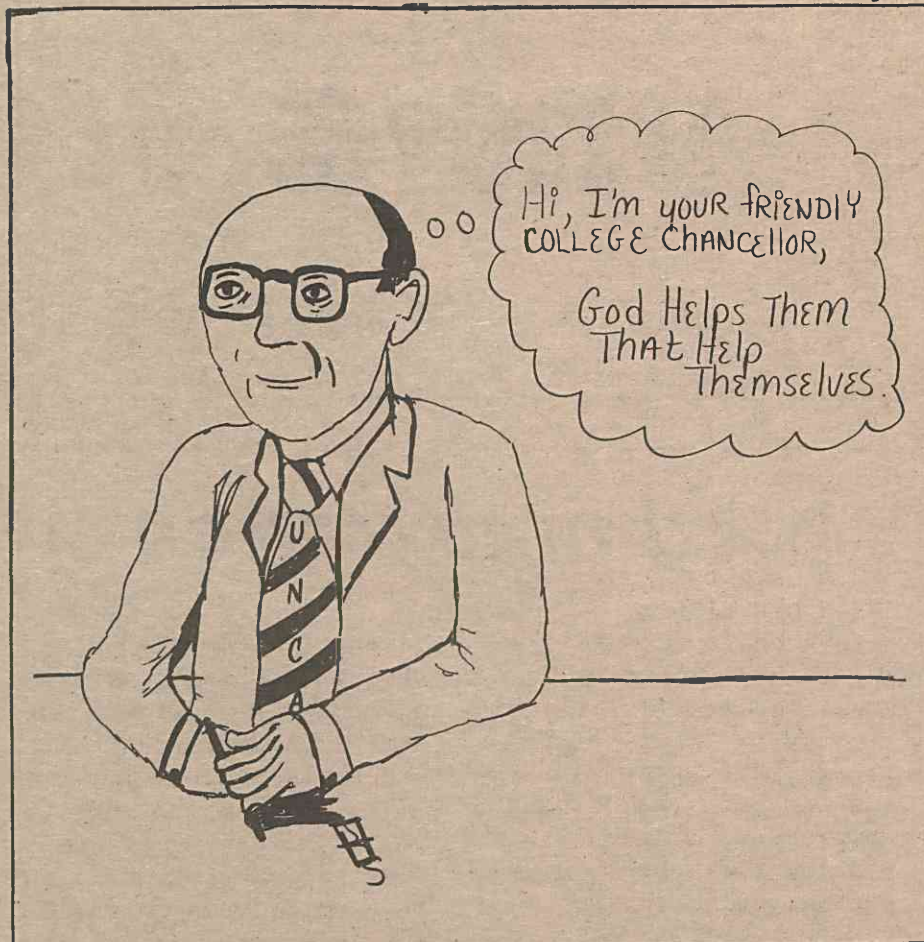
Uh Huh.

UNC-A Student Government for the students of the University of North Carolina at Asheville.

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## Free Press is open paper

By Marti Cooksey

The UNC-A Free Press is an open newspaper. That means we want to be involved in what's happening around the campus and within the university community.

You don't have to be a full-time staff member to submit work for publication. We don't anticipate having a very large full-time staff anyway. Instead, we want to be loose enough to swing our attention to whatever problem is holding center stage at a particular time. Crises, scandals and hassles make good copy. Whether you have an essay, a photograph, a topical poem or a cartoon you want in The Free Press, bring it by the Student Government offices in Lipinsky Student Center and we'll work with you.

We've got the time if you have the ideas. Conversely, if you need a story idea and have the time to work on it, come by and talk with us. We can help each other and benefit the university at the same time.

The Free Press anticipates publication on an every-other-week basis, allowing the staff a more leisurely pace. There will be time to make an in-depth analysis of a problem, sound out students and administrators on the question, and write an accurate and informative piece.

The Free Press was organized by Student Government, but it is not intended to be a regular house organ. Members of the university community are invited to write cri-

ticism of the Student Government in this paper, whether in a letter to the editor or in a signed article.

You will note that all articles of opinion in The Free Press are signed by the author. This is a policy that we feel will at once open up the entire university to analysis and at the same time insure responsible journalism. You will know who wrote the piece that aroused your interest.

Slandorous articles, whether attacking student government- faculty members or members of the administration, will not be published. This will protect the Free Press from charges of irresponsibility and will protect members of the academic community from unwarranted criticism.

Warranted criticism can be written in an honest, candid manner without libeling anyone.

## campus corner

TYPING WANTED

Melinda Pearlman or Mark Wilson need papers typed. Contact through Tucker Cooke, Art Dept., ext. 328.

## POOR TASTE!

Question: Why did President Nixon see DEEP THROAT fourteen times?  
Answer: He wanted to get it down pat.