

SG ELECTIONS

Chancellor Recovers

Elections for Student Government President and Vice President and nine seats in the senate will be held on Monday, March 30th from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

The present administration extended the deadline for nominations until March 25th because of the limited number of candidates filing nomination bids. Elections Commissioner David Bradley said, "The response has been disappointing. We extended the deadline hoping more people would come forward. So far, that hasn't happened."

When nominations closed, only three nominations were received in the contest for SG President. The candidates are Kerry Lonan, Jay Fine and Brenda Poplin. The Rag & Bone has contacted these candidates and their positions and reasons for seeking office are given on page 2.

The Vice Presidential race has attracted only two candidates. David Carscaddon and Rafe Allison are the nominees for the position.

In the races for senate seats, there will be fewer choices available on the ballot. In each of the three races for the senior, junior and sophomore seats, there are three seats available. None of the three contests had attracted more than three candidates as nominations were closed.

The candidates for the senior seats on the senate are Chris Frank, Tim Vogler and Mike Rusnak. Both Frank and Rusnak are presently holding seats.

The three candidates for the junior seats are Tom Krug, Judy Huneycutt and April Buckner.

The three sophomore candidates for the senate are Lee Rosen, Ann Cantrell and Ken Cagle. Cagle is presently a freshman senator.

Originally, nominations were to close on March 13th, the final day before spring break. The week following spring break was designated as a campaign week, with the election to be held the following Monday. The date set for the election will not be changed despite the small number of candidates.

Bradley said that candidates can still conduct a write-in campaign for office. This has become traditional in recent SG elections and it is expected that there will be several write-in candidates receiving votes on election day.

All full-time students are eligible to vote for SG President and Vice President. Students wishing to cast ballots can do so in front of Lipinsky Student Center between 9 and 3:30. Student I.D. must be presented before a student can be issued a ballot.

Chancellor William Highsmith is back at work after a short stay in Memorial Mission Hospital.

Highsmith returned to work this week after his nine day hospital stay for a minor thrombosis in his brain.

According to Dr. Highsmith, he is feeling well and anticipates no further problems. "They are treating me with medication only. It seems to be working well and I am feeling just fine," said Highsmith.

Highsmith is feeling sufficiently recovered to resume not only his regular duties as chancellor, but spoke at the Black Mountain Great Decisions program Tuesday, March 24. The meeting, open to the public, featured Highsmith's speech, "The World in 1981."

UNC-A Receives Grant

Funds to Provide Jobs, Rides

UNC-A has received a grant from the Department of Transportation that will create jobs for students on-campus and provide transportation to handicapped persons off-campus.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Eric Iavicchini announced the award of the grant, saying, "This is another way of opening up the UNC-A campus to the Asheville community."

The grant of \$6250 will provide for the creation of a student taxi service to bring handicapped persons to classes, athletic and cultural events presented on campus. Students will be hired to drive people in the program to and from their homes. First priority in hiring will be given to handicapped students living on campus.

The drivers must provide their own vehicle and will be reimbursed for gas as well as being paid either on a mileage or per trip basis.

Final approval of the grant had not been received as of presstime. Iavicchini said he expected the program to begin in July or August.

New Editor Not Named

The March 24th meeting of the Campus Publications Board was cancelled when only two of the six members arrived for the noon meeting. The meeting was called to select an editor for The Rag & Bone for the 1981-82 school year. Members who attended were Dr. Marie Devine and Vice Chancellor Eric Iavicchini. Among the members who failed to attend were Board Chairman John Parce, Heather Harrison and Alma Johnson.

Doctor Jeff Rackham addressed the board concerning student funding of The Locust Post. He told the board that the staff of the journal intends to seek funding from sources in the community in the future. Rackham said a "token" amount would be sought from student fees next year.

The Publications Board has received applications from three students for the editor position. Two of the applicants, John Quigley, a junior, and John Edwards, a sophomore, were formerly assistant editors on the staff of The Rag & Bone. The third applicant, Jim Harrison, is a freshman and currently works as the paper's illustrator.

The next meeting of the Publications Board has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 31st at noon in the private dining room of the cafeteria.

TRAFFIC APPEALS COURT MEETS

The Traffic Appeals Court will meet Thursday, April 2 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 202 of the Phillips Administration Building. Anyone wishing to appeal traffic or parking violation citations issued on campus should attend.

Tuition, Dorms, Food Student Costs To Rise

Ed.--Inflation and federal budget-cutting will mean increased educational costs for UNC-A. In his article below, Chancellor William Highsmith addresses some of the key issues of cost increases that concern students. The Rag & Bone will provide information on specific increase as they become available.

UNC-A has done its best over the years to provide as good a program as possible and, at the same time, to keep the cost to the students as low as is consistent with reasonable budgetary requirements. It is very clear now that some financial developments are occurring which all students need to be aware of:

I. There is a practical certainty that there will be an increase in tuition. The amount will be determined by the General Assembly of North Carolina. All students should be aware of the fact that there has been no tuition increase of any significance among campuses of the University of North Carolina since 1971. The increasing costs of operating the institutions have come from additional state appropriations. All students can be assured that the increase in tuition will only be what is absolutely necessary.

II. It will also be necessary for us to increase the cost of dormitory rooms and food. In the past we have kept the rate of increase below the rate of inflation and also below the increase in cost of operation. The price increases for dormitory rooms and for food will be held as low as is consistent with providing a reasonable program.

III. There are hundreds of students on our campus at the present time who are attending our institution with some type of financial assistance from the Federal Government. It comes in many forms, such as Pell Grants (formerly called Basic Educational Opportunity Grants), College Work Study, National Direct Student Loans, and the Guaranteed Loan Program. The Congress of the United States is currently grappling with the problems of appropriating money for these programs at institutions all over the United States. It is the policy of the Reagan administration to cut all governmental costs and the college support programs have not been excused from this activity. There will probably be changes made in the eligibility requirements for the various Federal programs. It will not be possible for students to receive specific information as to the amount of their grants until much later than is normal. At the present time, it is impossible for us to say when we will actually know.

IV. Locally financed scholarships are not affected by these problems. As soon as further information is available concerning the financial aspects of attending UNC-A, we will use all means available for such communications. I hope that all students will be patient. The decisions concerning these matters will be made in Raleigh and Washington.