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GRANDSKEEPER WADE STANLEY plows a path from parking lot to the library Monday.

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Students protest snow policy

KISS mix-up causes confusion

By Donna Obrecht

Mother nature, the weatherman, and a prankster threw UNCA a curve ball creating controversy and confusion for the second Monday in a row.

When Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs Laurence Dorr rose at 5:30 a.m. Monday morning, to decide whether school should open, the weather report predicted mild conditions.

Around 8 a.m. an "older sounding man called an exclusive hotline" at KISS-FM to report that UNCA cancelled classes, said Dick Cullom, the station's news director.

The station broadcast the message two or three times between 8 and 9 a.m.

Around the time the station discovered the error, snow began falling heavily

and road and weather conditions deteriorated for the remainder of the day.

The mix-up outraged many students.

"I'm really angry. Does Dr. Dorr know that over half the student population are commuters?" asked sophomore Celeste Pipitone.

Commuters make up 84 percent of UNCA's student body.

"I think this whole thing is a power play on the part of Dorr," said student Jerry Vess.

Weather conditions stranded Vess on campus because the roads were too dangerous for him to return to his home in Fairview.

Dorr received complaints from several irate students.

"Some were really mad, including one guy who had slid into a ditch," he said.

Dr. William Thurman, professor of classics and ancient history, agreed with the irate students.

"I can scarcely conceive of any reason for UNCA to ever announce the closing of school, short of global war or an earthquake, if the conditions of the roads Monday morning did not warrant such an announcement," he said.

Jim Fayssoux thinks the school should do more for students with children. He had to bring his two children to school with him Monday and Tuesday.

On Wednesday administration issued a poster to

Racist newspaper infiltrates campus

The incident

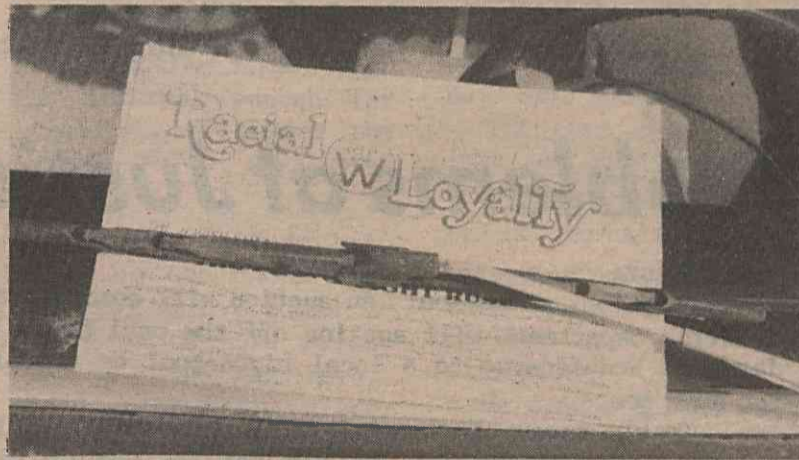
By Penny Kramp

A racist newspaper proclaiming white supremacy and anti-Jewish doctrine stunned the UNCA community last week.

The tabloid titled "Racial Loyalty" declared "It's great to be White!" and explained it was dedicated to the survival, expansion, and advancement of the white race.

"I've never seen anything like this in my 15 years in Western North Carolina," said Dr. Marcel Andrade, professor of Spanish.

The source of the material is the Church of the Creator at its World Center located in Otto, a small community near



WINDSHIELD WIPER PROPAGANDA.

Staff photo by Sylvia Hawkins

Franklin in Macon County, N.C.

According to the paper, its editor is Ben Klassen, a Russian immigrant (see related story).

Two men stuck the papers on car windshields last Tuesday shortly after they struck the Asheville-Buncombe Technical College campus, according to Charles Carreno, director

of UNCA department of security and services.

Chief Bruce Cline of AB-Tech security said he saw two men about 30 to 35 years old placing papers on cars about 2 p.m.

"We have an university policy against distribution of unauthorized material so I told them to stop. One of the men hand-

The instigator

By Penny Kramp

The ghost of racism walked the campus of UNCA last week in the form of a newspaper edited by Russian immigrant Ben Klassen.

The Anti-Defamation League described the editor of Racial Loyalty as a "kook" in an Asheville Citizen article in May, 1982.

Klassen said his philosophy is not pro-Nazi, only pro-white, according to the article by Bob Scott, western bureau chief for the Asheville Citizen-Times.

Klassen founded the Church of the Creator at its World Center about three years ago in Macon

county, N.C., according to Scott McRae, editor of the Franklin Press.

"There was an initial uproar when he arrived. There was even an attempt to firebomb his house one time," said McRae.

Klassen, 65, is a Russian immigrant who said the Russian revolution "greatly influenced his life."

Klassen, with his Menonite parents, migrated to Mexico and then to Canada where he earned an undergraduate degree in electrical engineering at the University of Saskatchewan.

"He is a very polite, soft-spoken man. It's shocking that he is put-