

EDITORIAL

Traditionally speaking

Happy Valentines! Today we celebrate that time-honored tradition of which greeting card and chocolate-makers (and fanciers) are exceedingly fond — the giving of sweets and sweet messages to our sweet-hearts for St. Valentine's Day.

Probably most of us enjoy this tradition. It gives some of the shy ones among us the possibly long-awaited opportunity, the little extra incentive, needed to tell someone we care. And it gives the rest of us, the bolder half, the chance to say it again.

The world needs more such loving traditions. Pleasant traditions enhance the quality of our fragmented modern lives by adding to them a modicum of consistency and dollop of expectation.

They are something we can count on. However we react to them, traditions, or at least the events surrounding them, keep being there; keep coming along; keep happening.

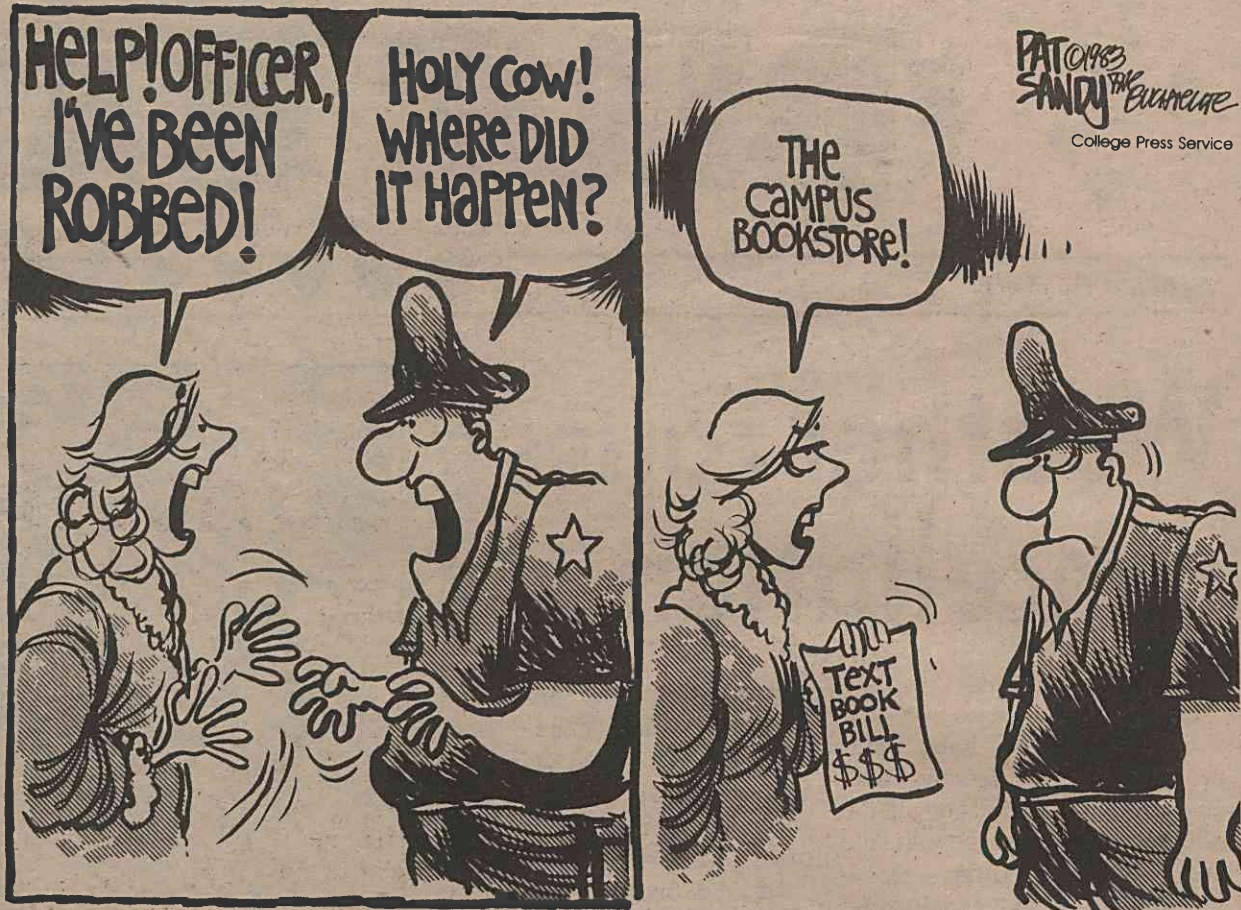
Soon, in a little more than six weeks, UNCA will celebrate another time-honored tradition, the installation of a new chancellor. Dr. David Brown is, of course, already our duly appointed chancellor; but his title becomes truly official March 31 during the enactment of forms and ceremonies that have their origins in the distant past.

Every chancellor in every university is installed according to similar medieval rituals. It's just the way things are done. It's been done this way for centuries, both in Europe and in America. It's something for which institutions of higher learning always plan when electing a new chancellor, dean or president.

Plans to participate in this ritual have revealed something missing at UNCA. That something is tradition, student tradition. Possibly because we, as a student body, are approximately 80 percent commuters, we have not developed the cohesiveness that breeds campus-wide traditions.

For whatever reason we have not, it would seem appropriate to begin rectifying the matter by having our student government plan some event, to take place in conjunction with our chancellor's installation, which could become a special-occasion tradition for all of UNCA.

There are heartening rumors that such an event is in the works. May it be the beginning of a tradition of establishing like traditions on our campus.



IN YOUR OPINION

Who is Ken Cagle?

Dear Editor:

I have but one question: exactly who is Ken Cagle? Well, sure, he is the SGA president; everybody knows old Ken, the budding politician! So what? That is not what I'm asking.

Actually, what I would like to know is why this particular character writes something of little to no importance every week in the school paper?

Recently he wrote about campus vandalism. What is this guy doing? Writing a student handbook with weekly editions?

What this school needs is a president who represents the students, not the administration. After all, is Ken Cagle not a student himself? Or is he just a cute, young Ron Reagan, brown-nosing his way to the top?

Come on! Let's start worrying about the real problems going on in the world. I can't see where writing on bathroom walls will cause anyone great suffering — unless of course Ken Cagle is elected to scrub them.

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SGA NOTES

Nominees needed for SGA offices

By Phil Ross

Lately it has become apparent to us at SGA that many students do not know what we do here. It is the purpose of this column to inform the student body of our activities. We hope awareness of what we do will encourage you to become involved with Student Government.

The SGA elections are quickly approaching, but we have received very few nominations for the available positions. Nominations end Mon., Feb. 18. If a student plans to run for an office for next year, he or she must have a nomination form turned in in duplicate by 4:30 p.m. Monday.

The UNCASG meeting that UNCA hosted last weekend was a huge success. The most important result of the meeting was the adoption of a resolution calling for open hearings on the campuses of the UNC system, before the state considers raising the drinking

age to 21. UNCASG recommends leaving the drinking age at 19.

The SGA Senate will consider a resolution calling for a student reading day, to be held between the last day of class and the first day of finals. We think that a day off before finals will help everyone through exams and besides, we deserve it.

Other projects: We are finishing up the work on obtaining ice machines for both the Highrise and the Village. We hope to have them by the end of the semester. See what a difference student input makes?

Watch for our "victory bell" project—it will become very apparent within the next several weeks. Watch this column for details.

Since our Tuesday meeting was snowed out, the agenda will be moved to our next formal meeting, Tues., Feb. 19. Come check us out—we're on the move!

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