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Nazi hunter's visit sparks threats, posters

By Penny Kramp

Today's visit of famed Nazi hunter Beate Klarsfeld has sparked a rash of Neo-Nazi literature and threats on campus this week.

Klarsfeld, who exposed Former SS Captain Klaus Barbie, "the butcher of Lyon", and other war criminals, will speak tonight at 8 p.m. in the Humanities Lecture Hall.

Dr. Milton Ready, professor of history and head of the UNCA Jewish Studies Center, received a phone call last week from a man saying Klarsfeld should not visit campus.

According to Ready, a

male voice asked him if Klarsfeld would appear on campus and said "You really shouldn't have her here. All she does is stir up trouble."

Ready said the man accused Klarsfeld of being a witchhunter and hung up.

The Blue Banner received a letter to the editor from the New Order, a Neo-Nazi group in Arlington, Va., expressing similar sentiments Monday.

The letter stated "...for Beate Klarsfeld and her witch hunters, the time has come to end the Six Million Myth!" which suggests the Holocaust never occurred.

Other anti-Jewish propa-

ganda began hitting campus last Wednesday when people attending Theatre UNCA's production of *Good*, a play dealing with the Nazi movement, left the theatre to find posters papering their windshields.

The sheet, titled "the Witch Hunt", compared the current Nazi hunters to the Salem witch hunters of 1692.

The next morning more Neo-Nazi posters appeared next to flyers announcing Klarsfeld's visit. This poster asked, "What is National Socialism?" and was also signed by the New Order.

It states: "National So-

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STUDENTS NEIL DE JONG, Rudy Schwab, Clint Osborne, Aytakin Yildiz (L-R), and Byron Samuels (F) mug before the camera at last Wednesday's Mad 500 Hawaiian Party.

Staff photo by Betsy Phillips

Blue Banners trashed

Blue Banners were in short supply last week after someone dumped the approximately 200 copies in the Highsmith Center in trashcans and then filled the containers with water.

According to Sharyn McDonald, student center director, she began to become suspicious when she

could not find a paper on Thursday.

The next morning the janitor found the papers stuffed in trashcans in both the men's and ladies' bathrooms in the student center.

"We were shocked that anyone would be so immature as to try to censor the press by trashing the

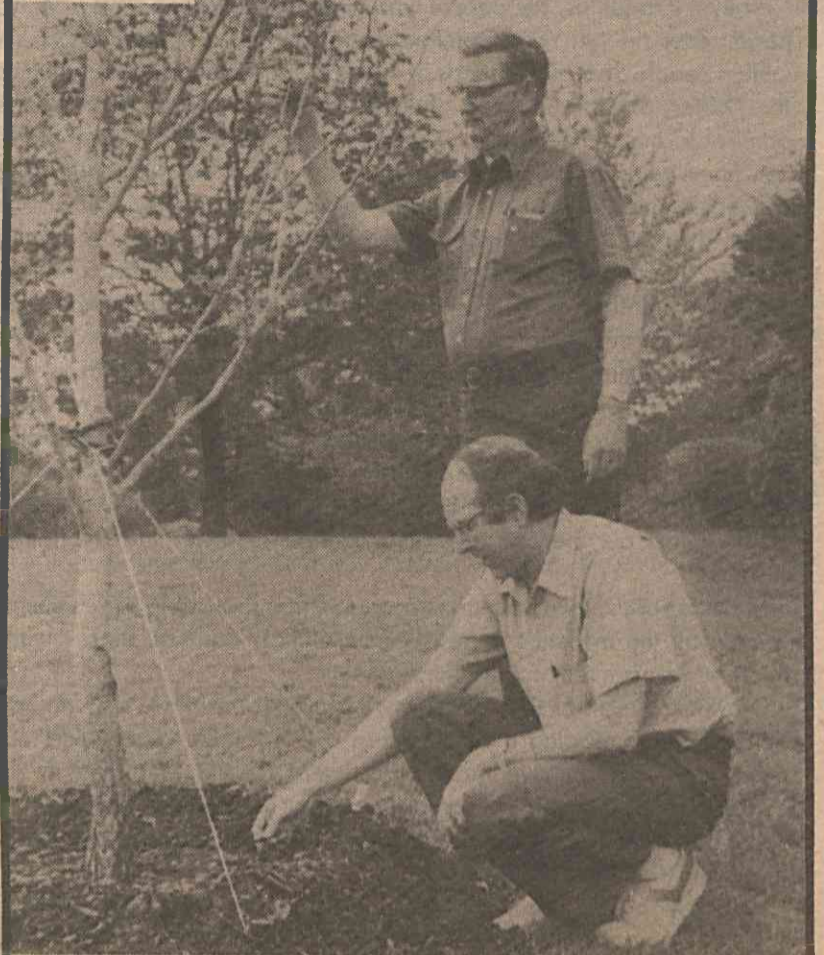
paper," said Anna Witt, Blue Banner editor.

Moreover, student fees largely pay for the Blue Banner, so when people destroy the newspaper, they are destroying student property.

"If students wanted to interrupt the free flow of information, then throwing

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Memorial tree



HOWARD HARMON, superintendent of campus grounds, and Dr. James Perry, associate professor of biology, check the progress of the ginkgo tree planted beside Rhoades Science Building Friday.

The tree, which is a memorial to the late Dr. Harry Johnson, professor of biology, will be dedicated in a ceremony May 14. Johnson died in a tractor accident June 12, 1984.

Staff photo by Sylvia Hawkins

Fire suspects arrested

Two UNCA students will go to trial May 7 on charges of burning a public building, a felony punishable by fine or up to 30 years in prison.

Campus police arrested James Barringer, 20, and Augustine "Gus" Tucker, 20, last week in connection with the April 5 Highrise fire.

The magistrate charged both men with burning a public building and placed them under \$1000 bond.

Officials released Barringer Friday after a

state bonding company posted his \$1000 bond. Tucker was released Saturday on \$1000 unsecured bond.

Both men appeared in District Court Monday at which time officials scheduled their trial date for May 7.

The magistrate issued warrants for both men's arrests last Wednesday after Barringer allegedly admitted to UNCA Department of Security and Services that he and Tucker took part in setting the fires.

Trivia Trap Playoff

The three weekly winners of the Blue Banner 'Trivia Trap' will compete for a \$50 prize in a decisive game of Trivial Pursuit this Sunday afternoon in the lobby of the Highsmith Center.

Linda Hoffman, Kurt Ehrsam, and Tracy Thompson will engage each other in a battle of frivolous, but potentially profitable, knowledge.

Each of the three will be allowed, if they wish, to choose a partner to assist them.