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**"YES, WE'RE FEELING PRETTY GOOD!"** (L-R) Denise Patton, Frank Seidel, Kathy Gardner,

Geoff Cantrell, and Keith Hege party at the MUD 500 Fall Fest at Fat Cat's Tuesday night.

## Bookstore nets \$27,800

By Scott Luckadoo

The UNCA bookstore reported a net profit from operations of \$46,745 during the past fiscal year, according to William Pott, vice chancellor of finance.

This figure was incorrect, however, and was adjusted to \$27,800 by Pott.

"There was a bookkeeping error of \$18,945 in the '83-'84 year which was added to the '84-'85 year," Pott said Wednesday.

Last year's gross income of the bookstore was \$517,000, according to Pott. The bookstore's net profit rate for the year was 5 percent.

Pott said the bookstore manager (Joyce Williamson) sets bookstore prices with his consultation. These prices follow the publisher's suggested list price.

The bookstore sales produce a gross profit between 20 and 25 percent.

Book sales, however, constitute only 65 percent of the

bookstore sales. Other items such as school supplies and gifts make up the remaining 35 percent of sales.

So where does that \$27,600 profit from the bookstore go?

"In the past, profit from the bookstore has gone toward student scholarships," Pott stated. He noted that no scholarships were offered from bookstore profits during the past two school years.

Pott cited low cash flow and the savings of funds to build up the bookstore inventory as two reasons that the scholarships were discontinued.

"We hope to offer these scholarships again in the fall of '87," Pott said.

These scholarships are for students with high academic achievements such as superior Scholastic Aptitude Test scores. They are not offered for student employment in the campus bookstore, according to Pott.

## Board reviewing 'x' grade policy

By Scott Luckadoo

A UNCA student who fails to attend class without dropping before the final withdrawal date soon may not receive an academic "F" (failing) for the course.

The UNCA Academic Policies Board is currently reviewing a policy change in which the stu-

dent will receive an "X" grade instead of a failing mark, according to Dr. Alan Combs.

Combs, associate professor of psychology, serves as chairman of the Academic Policies Board.

"The 'X' will simply show that a person has withdrawn from the course without (the professor)

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## Jeep bursts into flames

By Michele Samuel

A 1974 Jeep Cherokee sparked into flames Tuesday afternoon near the Phillips Administration building.

"It was scary for a little while," said Amy Hyatt, a secretary in the Admissions office and owner of the Jeep.

"I thought it was going to blow up and hurt the people standing around. I'm thankful no one got hurt," she said.

Hyatt had just backed out of her parking space when she noticed the flames.

"When I backed up, I saw fire and smoke in the rearview mirror," she said.

"I cut it off and threw it into park and got out," said Hyatt. "I'd started toward the

administration building when some guy passed me and got the fire extinguisher. Then some other people brought some more fire extinguishers.

"They weren't able to get the hood latch open, but by spraying through the grille and under the engine, they managed to salvage the engine," she said.

Asheville firefighter Cornell Burts attributed the fire at the time to "a short in the wiring," but Hyatt later said "a bad fuel pump started spraying some gasoline all over the place."

"Once they start burning there is nothing much you can do," said Burts, as Hyatt discovered firsthand Tuesday.

Cheryl North, a student at

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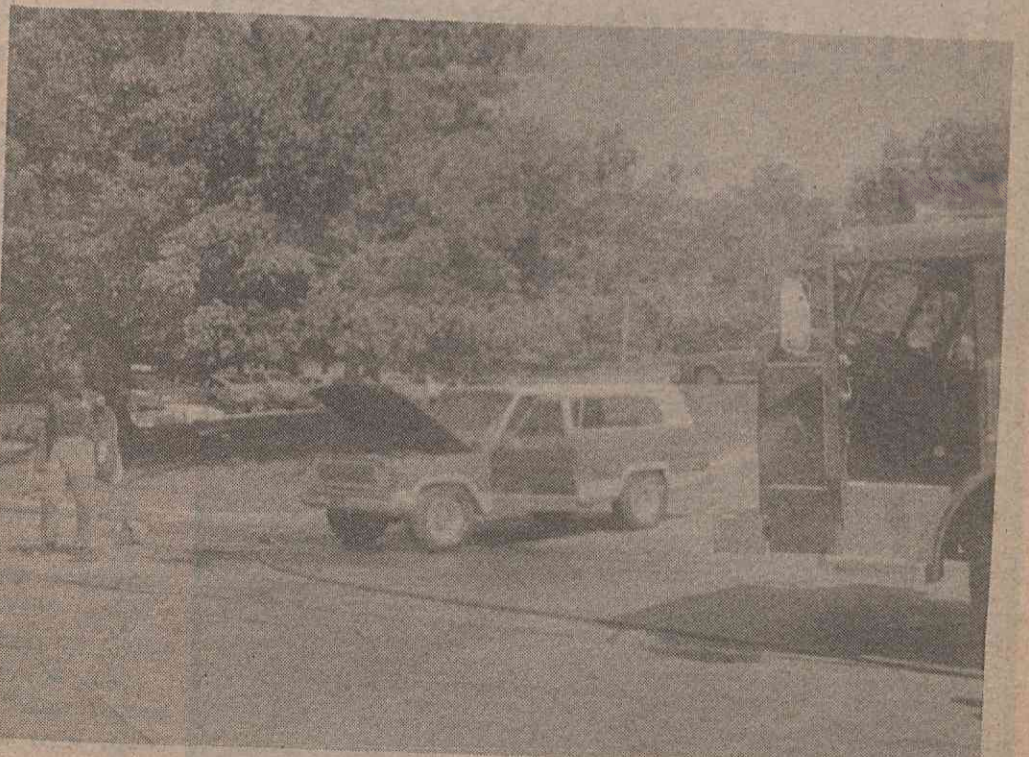


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**JEEP FIRE:** An Asheville firefighter prepares to wrap up the equipment Tuesday afternoon after extinguishing a blaze caused by a faulty fuel pump.