

Student killed in car accident

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UNCA lost one of its most highly regarded and promising students last month, foreign language department members said. Lawrence Robert Little, 34, was killed early Friday, Oct. 27 when he drove his vehicle into the path of another vehicle, the state highway patrol reported. Little was killed in the 8:35 a.m. accident at the U.S. 19 and state road 12-10 intersection, the patrol said. Two others were injured in the accident. As a sophomore at UNCA, Little was working toward a double major in

German and Spanish. "His classmates and professors are all deeply saddened," said Charlotte Goedsche, assistant professor of German. Little spoke both Spanish and German fluently; he also spoke Portuguese, Italian and Russian. Marcel Andrade, professor of Spanish, referred to Little as being "a model student because of his dedication and commitment to his majors." Both Andrade and Goedsche agreed that Little was highly respected by his peers. Andrade added, "he was very purposeful and will be missed very much."



Photo by Miranda Wyatt

Silent message
A participant in a mime show entertained students in Highsmith Center recently.

Dispute

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According to Ratcliff, the athletic department stressed support for the athletic teams, and when students did what the department asked they turned their backs on them. "Making and hanging banners in support of the team has always been a part of UNCA basketball," said Bass. Farrell doesn't blame the Civic Center or the students for what happened at the game. "Maybe students weren't aware of what was going on, but I'm in favor of banners," said Farrell.

The Civic Center does not prohibit spirit banners, but they do have guidelines for banners. Banners can not obstruct the vision of others, must be safe, and must be in good taste, according to Farrell.

Farrell said he told the Civic Center officials he would be responsible for making sure the banners corresponded with the guidelines they had set. "I want to make it as easy as possible for the Civic

Center, since they have been so good to us," said Farrell.

"There was a breakdown in communication between the student groups and the athletic department," said Brown. Farrell met on Nov. 15 with Brown, Markus Roeders, president of the Student Government

Association, and Joey Ashely, Sigma Pi social chairman, to develop a policy on banners that would benefit everyone.

"We developed a semi-formal policy," said Brown. Spirit banners can now be displayed behind the pep band section. The banners can be given to Farrell the morning of the game, and he will hang them, or the can be hung by the students before 7:00 p.m. the night

of the game, according to Brown.

The SGA and Farrell are willing to talk to any group about this and would like input on this new policy, said Brown.

Conference

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The seminar was presented by James Polk of NBC News, McCoy said.

"Polk said that to be a good reporter, you have to have a reputation as an accurate reporter first. He also said you have to be a good listener," McCoy said. "Polk also said that if you want a straight answer, you have to ask the right questions."

Doug Pardue presented a seminar on getting started in journalism. Marilyn Ball attended and learned that a reporter must go beyond answering the basic questions of who, what, when, where, and how. She said she realized reporting

isn't something that happens easily. "It takes years and years of wearing out a lot of shoe leather," she said.

"Being in a professional environment with those who started out like we did made me want to go out and look for a story right then," said Ball.

After the conference, the students took in some of Washington's sights. Roland considered herself lucky for being in Washington on Veteran's day. "We went to the Vietnam Memorial. It was so touching. We saw the vets there in their fatigues. It was depressing and overwhelming. The men were hugging each other,"

said Roland. "It was the weekend to be there."

Initially, Roland wanted to go into entertainment reporting, but after attending the conference, she is considering a career in investigative reporting. "This has inspired me to do investigative reporting. Maybe I'll try entertainment reporting with an investigative slant," she said.

On Sunday, Roland said the group marched in the national pro-choice rally along with more than 150,000 participants.


"We carried banners and signed petitions. It was great to be involved in a

national movement," Roland said.

Scarlet Bell, editor of the Blue Banner, was as inspired as the others. "As journalists we tend to feel we are omniscient as Carl Bernstein said, and as the media have special privileges. Surprisingly, Bernstein, the ace investigative reporter of the century, didn't take that attitude in the least. He stated while he was on the Watergate story, he was just doing his job. Therefore, as the editor of the newspaper, in the future, I will attempt to avoid self-adulation for our efforts here at the Blue Banner," she said.

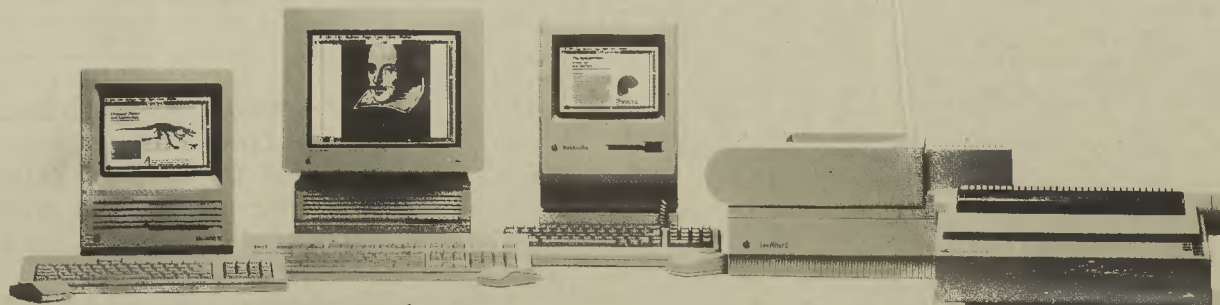
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