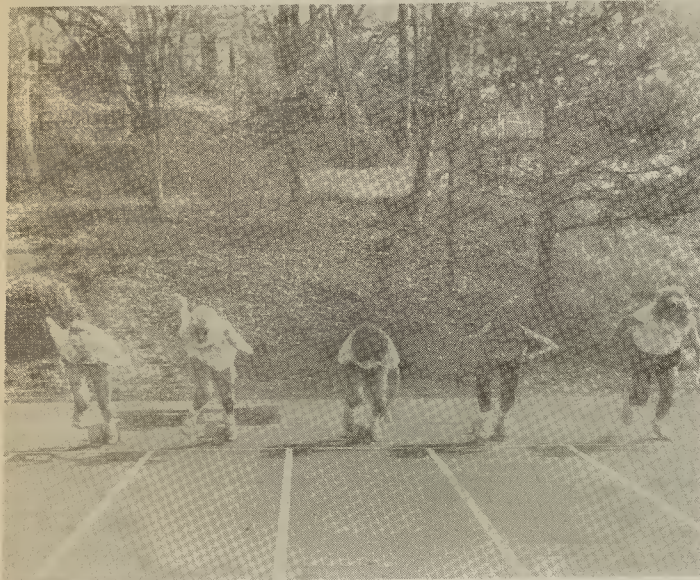


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On your mark...

The women's track team practice starting off the blocks, anticipating a win this weekend.

Photo by Miranda Wyatt

Student arrest raises legal questions

By Scarlet Bell
Editor

A confrontation between a UNCA security officer and a student on April 12, which stemmed from a handicapped parking violation, resulted in the student's arrest and eventual "unarrest," according to a security incident report.

The incident report, composed by Assistant Security Chief Arnold Jones, states that Steven Bass, UNCA student, parked in a handicapped parking space around 7:30 p.m. (directly in front of Scott Dormitory in the Governor's Village).

While Officer Jones was informing Bass of his parking violation, the report states, Bass became very abusive in his language, told Jones to "kiss his white ass," and continued toward the dorms. Bass said he would only be in the dorms a few minutes, according to the report.

At that time, Officer Jones placed a call to Officer Lou Caliendo to bring a citation book to the scene so that Jones could

write Bass a citation for parking in a handicapped space, the report states.

When Bass returned to his car, he attempted to move the car, only to be informed by Jones that he would be cited for obstruct and delay of the duties of an officer if he did so, according to the report.

The report states that at that time, "Bass interfered and was placed under arrest, handcuffed, and transported to the Magistrate's office. Enroute my (Jones') discretion was not to charge him at this time and return to campus."

In a telephone conversation, Jones said Bass was arrested for assault.

"He raised his hand in an effort to push me away from the door of the car, and to me, a law enforcement officer, that's assault. And when he did that, I took him down and put the cuffs on him.

That's what he got arrested for -- assault on me," Jones said.

However, in the actual incident report, there is no mention of assault charges, nor any specific charges brought against Bass.

In addition, according to N.C.

General Statute 15A-501 concerning police processing and duties upon arrest, a law enforcement officer upon the arrest of a person:

● must inform the person arrested of the charge against him or the cause for the arrest,

● must, with respect to any person arrested without a warrant for purpose of setting bail, with respect to any person arrested upon a warrant or order for arrest, take the person arrested before a judicial official without unnecessary delay,

● must without unnecessary delay advise the person arrested of his right to communicate with counsel and friends and must allow him reasonable time and reasonable opportunity to do so.

Jones said that at the time of the arrest, he did not state the charges against Bass, nor did he advise him of his right to communicate with counsel or friends. In addition, Jones enroute to the Magistrate's office decided through his discretion not to bring charges against Bass to a judicial

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Mud 500 Club reunion invades Asheville

By Kim Cooley
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The oldest fraternal organization on UNCA's campus is reuniting its new and old members for a "weekend filled with corporeal pleasures" this weekend, according to Rob Rusnak reunion coordinator for the Mud 500 Club.

"We are expecting 400-600 people to come in for the reunion over the course of the weekend," said Jim Dills, reunion coordinator.

The MSC started having reunions every two years, but since 1985 they have had them every year. Dills said their first reunions had around 50 people attending, but now its up into the hundreds.

The MSC existed on campus for several years unofficially. They were recognized as an organization by the University in 1978. Joseph Sulock is the advisor.

Though the MSC has not had a favorable reputation in the past, its members feel they have come a long way from the earlier days of the club and have made a very good name for themselves at UNCA. "The club is doing more for the community. They are more concerned with faculty and community relationships," said Rusnak.

The MSC is involved with many organizations on and off campus. They volunteer Big Brothers/Big Sisters, blood and organ donor drives, C.R.O.P., which is an organization to fight world hunger and they have collected for the homeless on many occasions.

"Overcoming the initial reputation was the hardest obstacle we faced. We are the most active group with community



The MSC rock will be a familiar sight this weekend for hundreds of mud alumni gathering for their reunion.

Photo courtesy of Jim Dills

service on campus and we have shown people we are serious students and social leaders," said Dills.

Members from as far away as Japan, California, New York, Florida, as well as some neighboring states such as:

Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Washington D.C. will be invading Asheville for the first ever four day MSC reunion.

Many people may wonder what MSC men do when they grow up. Some of the ones coming into town this weekend are doctors, lawyers, prominent businessmen, entrepreneur, published authors, prominent actors and award winning journalists, just to name a few. Dills said the MSC enjoys having fun but in the club you have great friendships and you also learn a lot of responsibility.

Though the club may not have as many members on campus as other fraternal organizations, they do have the largest alumni from UNCA of any other fraternal organization on campus. "We stress quality over quantity," said Dills.

"We take the best traditions, add new and innovative ideas of our own to become the most unique and dynamic organization at UNCA today," said Tommy Tsiros, former president of the MSC.

The MSC reunion is a chance to see old friends and let the new guys meet the old guys, according to Rusnak. The reunion is also used as a type of networking, he said. At the reunion you can get job references or housing references. "Mud members are friends you can count on for the rest of your life."

The eighth MSC reunion gets underway Thursday night at the Hawaiiian. Party at 45 Cherry and continues through Sunday.

"We want to have a reunion every year. We hope it lasts forever," Dills said. The motto of the MSC is "We believe that whatever you do in life you should always try to do it to the best of your ability. Never second rate." Yet to some degree Dills said, "a little reputation never hurt anyone."

More security officers resign

By Vicki McCoy
News Editor

Two additional security officers have resigned from UNCA's department of Security and Services.

The resignation of Bert Alexander and Debra McFalls brings the total to five since Jeff Van Slyke was hired as chief of the department last fall.

Alexander and McFalls are both leaving to take security positions at the Western North Carolina Arboretum, Alexander said.

"I'm not overly enthused about leaving. I hate leaving my friends and the students, as well as the faculty," he said.

McFalls said she, too, was sad because of her resignation.

"I'm leaving because of the pressure and stress over the past few months," she said. "I don't want to leave because I have a lot of friends, faculty, staff and students."

McFalls said the move to the WNC Arboretum would be a good change for both herself and Alexander.

"I'm looking forward to making the move," she said. "I need a

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Man was not meant to fly
Darrell Autrey practices his Michael Jordan long jump outside of Mills Hall.

Photo by Miranda Wyatt



Berry speaks about fate of the Earth

By Cindy Dotson
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Last Friday night, people of the UNCA community expressed their concerns about the future and the environment and heard the views of Thomas Berry, a person who has devoted the last ten years to the interpretation of human-earth relations.

Berry's speech, "The Fate of the Earth: A Spiritual Responsibility," not only consisted of discussions of the current issues, but also contained propositions for helping alleviate these problems.

Earth Week "is really an incredible time because it seems to have gone beyond the superficial recognition of the planet to a really deep inner reflection and

public reflection on Earth as our home," said Marnie Muller, who introduced Berry.

Muller, in her introduction, quoted Berry as saying "The natural world is the larger sacred community in which we all belong. It is abstract to consider our human community apart from the natural community."

According to Berry, people are only concerned with their own individual segments of society and not with society as a whole. "The planet Earth is a single life community. What happens to any part of that community happens to the total community," said Berry.

Society's thinking "is so confined that we don't even see what's happening. We're in the situation of the boiled frog syndrome," said

Berry.

A frog placed in a pot full of boiling water will immediately jump out, but a frog put into a pot of cool water that is gradually raised to the boiling point will stay there until he is cooked. The same thing is happening to our society, according to Berry. "We don't know what's happening to us," he said.

As reflected in the title of his speech, Berry tied in spirituality with physical environmental concerns. "If we lose the grandeur of the natural world we even lose our sense of the divine because if

we have a wonderful sense of the divine it is because we have a wonderful natural world," said Berry.

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