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"It stinks from the Garden of Eden to Watergate." -- William S. Burroughs

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Making An Environmental Impact

Over 100 Greenfest participants planted trees in front of Mills Hall Oct. 14. The group also cleared brush and litter from the creek near the main university entrance.

UNCA Advances In U.S. News Ranking Of Top Southern Schools

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U.S. News and World Report ranked UNCA 14th out of the top regional universities in the South. The fifth annual U.S. News survey of higher education appeared in the Sept. 30 issue.

Among the top-ranked schools in the regional categories, UNCA has the third lowest current-year tuition. The article lists tuition as \$4,284, but excludes the costs of room and board and the cost for required books. The report also lists the total spending per student at UNCA as \$7,980.

Berea College in Kentucky ranked

first, with the University of Alabama in Huntsville coming in second.

The magazine reported the methodology for the rankings as a combination of a school's academic reputation with data on its students, faculty and finances. U.S. News divided the schools into 14 categories using the standard guidelines of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

The survey ranked 1,373 four-year schools by combining statistics from 2,425 college presidents, deans and admissions directors.

Caroline Miller, assistant vice chancellor for enrollment management, said the continuing improvement of the

student body within the last couple of years qualified UNCA as a top regional university, thus allowing UNCA to make the U.S. News list.

"We have some things that rank us very high, like the numbers of doctorate degrees and terminal degrees in the faculty and where our faculty comes from in terms of their disciplines. Our humanities program, for instance, has always had us right there on the edge," said Miller. The article states 79 percent of the faculty hold doctorate degrees (Ph.D.).

According to Miller, our ranking

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Van Slyke Calls Case "Really Strong" Summit Investigation Goes To D.A.'s Office This Week

Steve Peake
Editor

The investigation of a former UNCA student suspected of diverting money from the account of the now-defunct *Summit* yearbook, then passing bad checks drawn on that account, will go to the office of the district attorney this week, according to Dennis Gregory, investigator for campus security.

Meanwhile, *The Blue Banner* has obtained a copy of one of the bounced *Summit* checks, written to Run-In, a convenience store in Lewisville, N.C. The check, drawn on an account at First Union National Bank, bears the printed name, "The Summit, c/o Lee Angel." The signature on the check also reads, "Lee Angel."

Jeff Van Slyke, chief of campus security, declined to confirm that the person under investigation goes by the name "Lee Angel."

The Blue Banner has also obtained a letter from the debt collection center of Lowes/Run-In Stores, parent company

of the Lewisville store, to *The Summit*, asking for reimbursement for the alleged bad check.

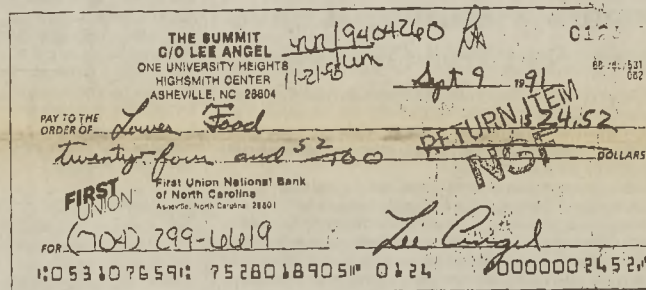
The letter says, in part, "Our records indicate that a check from your account, cashed at our Lowes Foods Store in Lewisville, NC, was returned to us by your bank." The letter asks for reimbursement of the \$24.52, as well as a \$15 service charge.

The Blue Banner immediately turned the original letter from Lowes/Run-In, Inc. over to Eric Iovacchini, vice chancellor for student affairs.

Gregory said the district attorney may choose to either call for criminal warrants against the suspect, or seek indictments of the individual from a grand jury. Gregory declined to identify the person under investigation, saying he did not wish to jeopardize the case before the district attorney acts on it.

Gregory said the investigation of the case has yielded a great deal of information. "We have upwards of 30 pages of information," Gregory said. He said the dollar amount

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A check drawn on the account of the now-defunct university yearbook, *Summit*, allegedly passed Sept. 9 at a convenience store in Lewisville, N.C. The check bears the signature, "Lee Angel."

Who's Watching The Money?

Summit Case Raises The Question Of Controls

Steve Peake
Editor

How could a person who was not enrolled at UNCA walk into a bank and open a checking account in the name of the UNCA yearbook, listing himself as the only person eligible to draw checks on that account?

Without much difficulty, said Diane

Robinson, customer service representative at the north Asheville branch of First Union National Bank. "We do so much business with UNCA," she said, "that it's impossible for us to stop and verify every transaction and every account."

Robinson said almost anyone could open an account in the name of a UNCA organization without drawing too much attention from the bank. "Yes, they probably could. As a matter of fact, I think club-type accounts wouldn't be questioned at any Merrimon Ave. bank that does much business with UNCA," she said.

Robinson said First Union monitored the *Summit* account at the time it was opened in August. She said the bank forced the account closed Sept. 20. *The Blue Banner* first reported the alleged bounced checks and subse-

quent investigation in its Sept. 12 issue.

According to Eric Iovacchini, vice chancellor for student affairs, UNCA has accounts of varying sizes and purposes at nearly all the banks represented on Merrimon Ave. "We keep accounts at many of the banks," he said, "for a number of financial reasons. It's just a good idea not to keep all your accounts at the same bank."

Robinson said the man who opened an account last summer in the name of the *Summit* yearbook satisfied the bank's requirements for that type of account. "He presented a valid N.C. driver's license," she said, "and he also gave us his social security number." Robinson added the man signed a resolution promising he was who

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Administration To Preserve Classics And German Programs

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Larry Wilson, vice chancellor for academic affairs, learned Wednesday the UNC General Administration has granted UNCA's request to continue the university's classics and German majors.

The request came after a routine review of the UNC university system's "low productivity" courses and programs, said Wilson. Each of the 16 universities had until Oct. 1 to recommend the continuation of classes with low enrollment.

Wilson said the classics program, which includes Latin and Greek, and the German program were "core subject areas" that were compatible with the "mainstream mission" of UNCA as a liberal arts college.

Students who graduate from these majors are "exceptionally strong students," said Wilson. Ten of these graduates have won Fulbright awards.

It would be cost-effective for the university to keep the German and classics programs, said Wilson. Most of the major courses in these programs are small and it would cost little to keep these majors, he added.

Had the administration eliminated the majors, there would still be a need to have people to teach the requirement level courses, said Wilson.

There are two professors in the German program and two in the Latin program. These professors "teach so heavily in the 100 and 200 level" classes that the university "wouldn't have saved anything" by eliminating the

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GALA Seeks To Eliminate Intolerance

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UNCA's Gay and Lesbian Association (GALA) celebrated its first National Coming Out Day on Friday, Oct. 11 in remembrance of an Oct. 11, 1987 gay and lesbian march in Washington DC, according to Charlotte Goedsche, GALA's faculty advisor and assistant professor of German.

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Photo By Eric Connor

Alcohol Awareness Week Kick-off

The UNCA bulldog joined UNCA students, faculty and staff at the "BYOB" (Bring Your Own Banana) ice cream social Oct. 13. The social kicked off a week of activities emphasizing safe use of alcohol.

Asheville City Council Applauds UNCA Center For Creative Retirement

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The Asheville City Council named UNCA's Center for Creative Retirement (CCR) in a proclamation during the council meeting on Sept. 10 according to Ronald Manheimer, director of CCR.

According to Manheimer, the proclamation said, "The center was recognized for its many contributions to the community through its innovative educational and community services provided for older retirees."

Manheimer said the council's action was partly a result of a "Parade" article about the center in the magazine's July 14, 1991 issue.

According to Manheimer, the city council was not the only group that paid attention to the center as a result of the article. According to the July 31, 1991 Congressional Record, North Carolina Sen. Jesse Helms gave a speech in the Senate about the center. Helms asked that the magazine article be published in the Congress-

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