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Paper Mills Mean Money; Trouble

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The advertisements abounding in classrooms offer the end to term paper blues, but be prepared for a lighter wallet when resorting to buying research reports.

One service who has advertisements appearing on UNCC bulletin boards is Pacific Research of Seattle, Washington. The director of the service, who would not give his name, refused to comment on questions about students who may actually buy reports in order to save work.

"We have had some problems when we've talked to the press, so it is our policy not to say anything," said one representative of the company. "We understand your position in wanting to give students information, but I just can't say anything."

A different group, Research Assistants of Los Angeles, has less publicity, but a little more to comment on. Only a little more.

"For a student, we can provide a computer search and an annotated bibliography.

C.J.: "But do you actually do reports for people?"

Spokesman: "We do research for all kinds of groups, students included.

C.J.: "Would you write a research paper for a student upon request?"

Spokesman: "Look, I really don't have time for this kind of interview, so I'll wrap it up saying we provide research assistance."

One customer of the firm based in Seattle offered his views on buying term papers.

"I paid \$80 for two research papers. The rate they charged was \$5 a page. I bought the papers for a business class and for a history class."

Was the price really worth it?

"At the time it was. I had a lot of work to do and needed something quick. I looked through their catalog, saw what I needed and got it in the mail in three days."

The source said that the company stressed that the paper was not to be reprinted in any form; it was supposed to be a reference tool only.

"It said something about violating copyright laws if you did this, but if you're paying \$5 per page, you'll use it." He said he re-typed both reports word-for-word and turned them in without penalty from either instructor.

"It couldn't be used in the form I got it in, because it was a xerox copy with proofreaders marks."

The student said he recommends their service for anyone doing a research paper, "It is a good research tool, even if you don't want to recopy it. It listed references that anyone could research on their own. The price may be a little high for some."

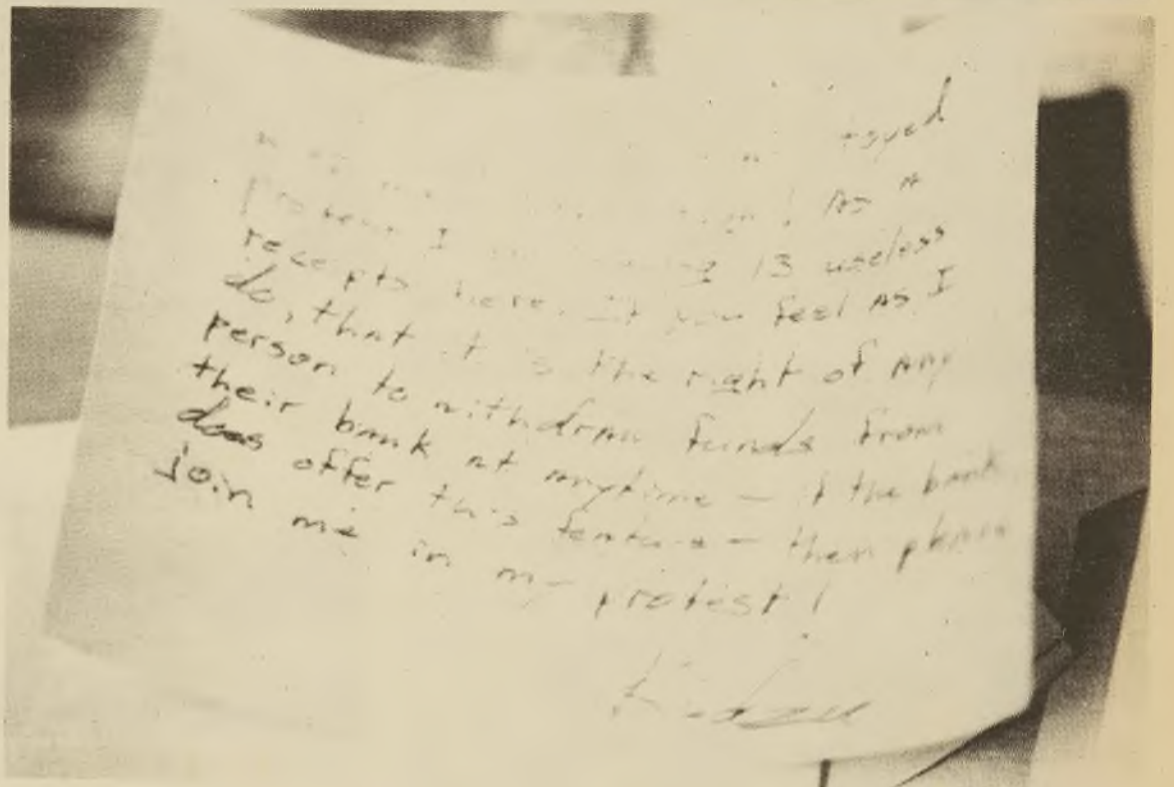
Dr. Jay Jacoby of the English department once grabbed an advertisement hanging in a classroom and threw it away while his students watched.

"I don't think highly of the research companies, but I have not had any problems with students of mine using them," Jacoby said.

"It's ironic that we discourage plagiarism, but I see those advertisements hanging in my freshman English classes."

Jacoby says he precludes the possibility of students using the service by checking with each of them while they are doing a major report.

"If I see a student who turns in a different paper than what he was working on, then I might suspect he used the service."

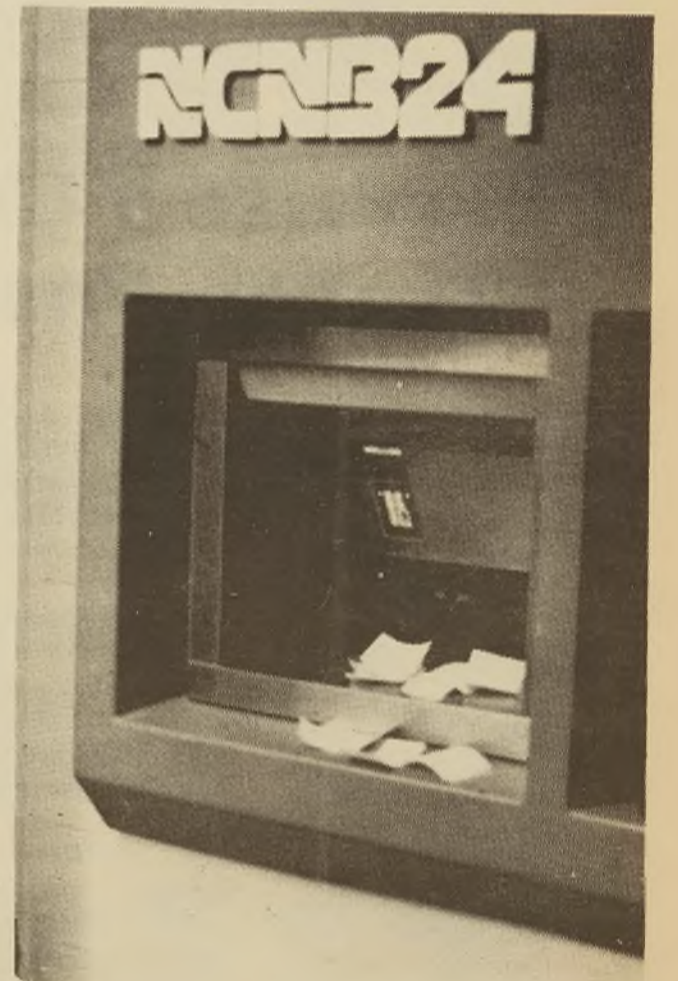


Photos by Rick Monroe

Oh, The Frustration

After 13 futile attempts, "Kudzu" gives up. Their note says it all. "This machine has toyed with me long enough! As a protest I am leaving 13 useless receipts here. If you feel as I do, that it is the right of any person to withdraw funds from their bank at anytime—if the bank does offer this feature—then please join me in my protest!"

Kudzu"



Bio Clubs To Fight For Lost Charters

By Bob Henderson
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The Wildlife Club, Graduate Students Club and the Allied Health Clubs have recently lost their primary charters and money they receive from the Student Government Association.

These losses have been the reasons for a recent dispute between the legislators and the club leaders.

For the clubs to retain their primary charters and money, they had to reapply for them to Linda Russell, head of the clubs committee.

According to Russell, the application was never received, even though attempts were made to contact the clubs to warn them their charters may be lost.

Dr. Richard Brown, Wildlife Club advisor, said the president of the club filed the application on time. Apparently the application was misplaced, according to Brown.

Debra Sue Griffin, Wildlife Club president, said she found it a strange coincidence that the other biology related clubs had also lost their char-

ters in the same manner.

Russell's action was particularly troublesome since the Wildlife Club had allocated \$400 for a memorial lecture in honor of Dale Arvey, former chairman of the biology department.

Dr. Richard Brown, present chairman of the biology department, said he was not aware of Russell's attempt to contact the clubs. "Any messages would have been left for me with my secretary."

There are now three alternatives left to the clubs to get money for the

lecture. They can go to court, submit a new budget or get money from reversion funds. The latter two alternatives will be tried before going to court with the matter.

Randy Cross, a graduate student, said, "We wouldn't go to all this trouble if we didn't think we were right."

According to Russell, however, if the clubs try for reversion funds that is an out of court settlement and the clubs are not allowed to take it to court.