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## You've come a long way ladies!



Ann Weber, psychology professor at UNCA, is on the steering committee of the new Women's Network in Asheville. The network meets the first Monday of every month at Grove Park Country Club.

Staff photo by David Pickett

## Students produce programs

By Elise Henshaw

The first UNCA television production aired Oct. 12 on Thoms Cablevision, channel 9. It will be followed by two more programs in the Public Affairs Forum series.

The next two programs are being produced and televised this fall. The topics are the nuclear freeze issue and the current situation in Lebanon and the middle east. These will also be broadcast over Thoms Cablevision.

Dr. Jeff Rackham, chairman of the literature department, said that "the production is a result of a number of different things." As part of the new communications program, "we are currently developing a small television facility for on-campus productions." Rackham emphasized the words "small facility" as opposed to a "studio." "We have no intention of investing large

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By Dana Murdock

There is something new in Asheville for ladies only, called the Women's Network. The Women's Network meets the first Monday of each month from 5:30 until 7:00 at the Grove Park Country Club.

The purpose of the Women's Network is to help the women of Asheville make connections with each other and trade information. These connections are professionally as well as personally oriented.

"Men have always had an 'Old Boy Network' they use to find jobs, clients, and so on for each other. Women have not had the same opportunity. Many are basically home-based," said Ann Weber, assistant professor of psychology at UNCA. Weber is on the steering committee of the Women's Network.

"The Women's Network provides a place and time for women to get together regardless of what they do," Weber said.

The network involves women meeting women on a cooperative level. "Women will no longer be utterly reliant on the male community for connections," said Weber.

The network is designed to not only be beneficial to women in the work force, but to women from all walks of life. During the meetings, women will have the opportunity to

exchange information. Information may be on a professional level, or on services they perform or need performed, such as sewing or babysitting.

"The Women's Network is not just another women's club or organization, which are often closed and clannish," said Weber. Unlike traditional clubs, the Women's Network charges no dues, has no officers, and the meetings are open forums.

The meetings will always begin at 5:30 p.m. and end at 7:00 p.m. The steering committee chose this time because they felt this was a time that most women could come, at least for a short time, either after work or before dinner.

From 5:30 to 6:00, there is a half hour period for meeting and socializing. Then, at 6:00, the meeting is called to order, and anyone wishing to express a need, or offer services or information, is allowed exactly one minute at the microphone to speak.

After this, there will be a time to make connections with those who spoke.

The idea for a network for women has been discussed in Asheville for about a year. Until now, however, there has been no place for meetings and no clear idea how to structure the network.

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Homecoming Court (L to R) Packy MacKurnan, Lori MacKanin, Mark Young, Kelly Distl, Ellen Lackey - Queen, Tom Taylor, Amy Gardner, John Crompton, Judy Huneycutt, Jerry Hamilton. Staff photo by David Pickett