

New major designed to "Keep America beautiful"

By Elise Henshaw

A degree program in environmental studies began this fall at UNCA. It is designed to prepare students for employment in industry or government, or for graduate studies.

Two students are presently enrolled in the four track program. Dr. Lloyd Remington, professor of chemistry and acting director of environmental studies, said, "We

developed a four track program in order to get the depth we needed. Each track allows time for greater depth in a single science or management discipline along with the common core of specifically environmental courses."

Remington said, "There is currently a decline in interest in environmental concerns due to the government withdrawing funds and getting off industry's back. In-

dustry has also done a great deal to try to clean up its mess."

However, Remington said the interest "has to come back. We can't look the other way and if we do look the other way too long, the problems will return. We are in the position of being able to buy a good thing when the market is down."

Remington believes the job opportunities will be there. He said, "There is a consciousness of a

chance of problems between technology and the environment. There is also an awareness of the necessity for solving environmental problems. That awareness will not be allowed to go away. The effort to solve the problems will have to be made. The attitude used to be, 'Dump the garbage out the window and forget it.' Now the people outside are hollering," said Remington.

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Hendon defends budget and Reaganomics

By Karen Klumb

U.S. Rep. Bill Hendon, speaking on budget cuts said recently, "We're all concerned about student aid, of course. The only problem is, we've run out of money in Washington."

In the last days of his re-election campaign, Hendon, a one-term Republican, has faced strong opposition from his Democratic rival, James McClure Clarke. Pollsters have rated the race for North Carolina's 11 Congressional seat "too close to call." Hendon's voting record on Social Security cuts, including student aid, has been a major campaign issue.

Hendon states, "Sure, there's been some reductions there, but I hope everybody can bear with us, because the country's in a mighty tight spot when it comes to money. You can't just keep printing it...or borrowing it, and spending it."

Hendon was in Black Mountain on Oct. 22, appearing at one of the

many "meet the candidate" gatherings scheduled in his campaign. The meeting, held at the Monte Vista Hotel, drew a crowd of about 30 Hendon supporters.

Following a short statement to the group, Hendon granted an interview with *Kaleidoscope*.

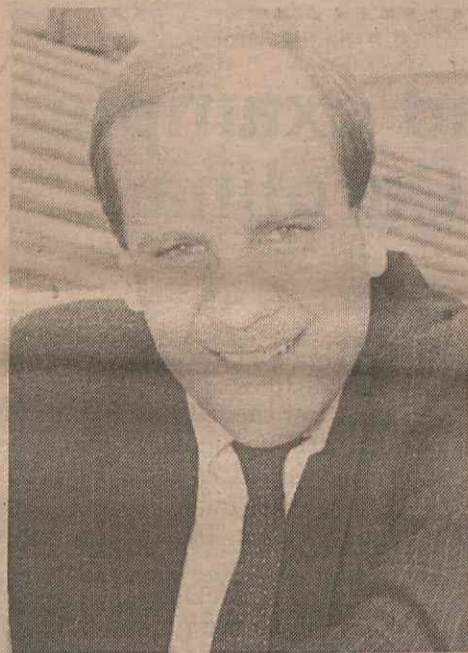
He referred to the question of student aid, saying, "I certainly understand the kids who say, 'Why don't you stop building B-1 bombers and give the money to student loans?' But we have to remember that this is a rough world we live in. There's no question in my mind that the Russians are deadly serious. I've seen what they're doing. We must protect ourselves - if we don't have a strong national defense, then nothing else matters."

Hendon commented on Sen. Joseph Biden's statement in the Oct. 7 issue of *Kaleidoscope* that Social Security survivor's benefits are "a debt" owed by the govern-

ment to students. Hendon said, "I think Biden's right there. The only problem is, the Social Security system is virtually bankrupt. America is virtually bankrupt. What we must do...is address these issues in a business-like manner, and yet not forget that we do have a commitment to people who have served our country and worked so hard in the private sector." Hendon said, "We have a commitment to them [senior citizens and students], and we're going to fulfill it. We have to. But it's going to take some hard work to get the system healthy again."

Hendon said that he foresees the increase of student aid programs as the economy improves. Citing the lowering prime interest rate and increasing stock market investments, he stated that he feels the U.S. economy is "recovery-bound." He pointed to the July 1 tax cut as one

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Rep. Bill Hendon (R)

Clarke predicts signs of Reaganomics

By Allison Whitt

"I think there are many ways to cut government spending without cutting the grants for students and education," said James McClure Clarke at a reception held at the West Buncombe Volunteer Fire Department on Oct. 24.

Student aid was one of several issues that Clarke, [D], 11th district congressional candidate, outlined for a group of approximately 30 supporters.

"I think that the student grants and aids are the best and strongest federal programs that we have. I don't want to cut grants. I feel that the aid is necessary and valuable. We cannot afford not to have an educated generation," said Clarke.

Clarke cited some specific examples for reducing government spending. "Some areas in which the government could save money would be first, to delay or postpone

the proposed federal tax cut and the 1984 tax indexing. This could save billions of dollars. Second, the government could cut wasteful spending in defense and federal programs. Last, there should be a decrease in the tax breaks given to oil companies."

Clarke said, "If Mr. Stockman has his way, there will be a cut in federal assistance to 266,000 undergraduate students, 600,000 graduate students and 250,000 students enrolled in work study programs."

Some of the other issues that Clarke outlined included prayer in public schools, abortion, the nuclear arms freeze, gun control, the environment, ERA, and maintaining minimum Social Security payments.

"I support voluntary prayer in public schools. We do, however, need to have a separation of church and state. I think the stand that the



James McClure Clarke (D)

Southern Baptist Convention takes is the best answer to the question of prayer in schools. If it is not volun-

tary, there can be some conflicts and some complicated constitutional questions."

Clarke said that he is personally opposed to abortion. "However, as with any controversial issue, there are exceptions. I think that in some cases abortion can be justified. Rape, incest or danger to the health of the mother are some examples," Clarke said.

"I am not committed to the nuclear arms freeze. I feel we can work out a plan for reduction of arms. The Soviets need it as much as we do. I feel that with the highly sophisticated satellites we could keep a close check on each other."

When asked about the Secretary of Interior James Watt, Clarke said, "I think that Secretary Watt is a menace to the environment." In an earlier statement Clarke called on President Reagan to replace Watt

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