

Developmental studies teaches 'write' stuff

By Debbie Weeks

The Developmental Studies program has undergone a transformation beginning this semester. The Writing Center has replaced the old writing lab.

The Writing Center, "is no longer a grammar and punctuation lab", said Deborah "Dee" James, Coordinator of the Writing Center. "It is now a place where anyone can come to work on various individual problems in writing."

James believes the old term, writing lab "undermined the work we did there."

"This year we want to emphasize that this program is not limited in

any way. Students can bring in any form of writing. Whether it be short essays, lab reports, or research papers," said James.

Interested students can make an appointment in room 102 of the Carmichael Humanities building.

"Unfortunately we don't have a phone so students will need to stop by," James added.

The schedule for the writing center is 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday. Tuesday and Thursday hours are, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., with a late session from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday



Staff photo by

Dee James and student Susan Elliot Caroline Brown

evening. Friday hours will be 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Students need permission from their instructor to receive help with specific assignments. Most instructors have a

supply of the permission forms said James. Otherwise the forms may be obtained from the Writing Center.

"We are not there to rewrite papers, make cor-

rections, or proofread," said James, "but, we are willing to answer questions and assist the students who need help."

Madelyn Moseley and Juanita Stock serve as supervising tutors at the Writing Center. The Writing Center employs eight student tutors at present.

James applied for funds to cover the cost of the new program through Tom Cochran, Assistant Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs. Final approval for the funds came from the UNCA Board of Directors. Partial funding for the program is coming from the Temporary Wage Program, the Student Affairs Fund, and Adult Services at UNCA.

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UNCA receives grant for 80 thousand dollars

By Debbie Weeks

UNCA is the recipient of a \$83,862 grant, said Winifred A. Pizzano, Federal Co-Chairman of the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC), at a press conference held Sept. 11.

The grant was the result of a request made by Governor James B. Hunt, Jr., in July.

The grant money will fund a feasibility study linking UNCA to the Microelectronics Center of North Carolina.

"The system would be something similar to tele-conferencing although not through AT & T," said Wally Bowen, Public Information Director at UNCA.

Alan Blatecky, Manager of Communications Services for MCNC, will direct the feasibility study. He said some preliminary work has already been done. He expects to complete the study in six months, according to a news release by Bowen.

In her speech, Pizzano said, "the increasing number of electronics firms in this area can be linked into the state's tot-



Announcing grant: Winifred Pizzano Staff photo by Phil Ross

al communications system."

She added that such a system is "cited by the ARC as an example of government, industry and educational institutions working together."

The possibility of microelectronics training available in this area will increase job opportunities for North Carolinians.

UNCA Chancellor David Brown said, "the program would give UNCA the op-

portunity to serve Western North Carolina in a more up-to-date, significant manner and will aid in the economic development of the region."

Two other grants announced include, (1) \$200,000 to Haywood Technical College to assist in equipping a Regional High Technology Training Demonstration Center," according to a press release by Lewis Helms, Public Relations Advisor to Pizzano.

And (2) a \$2,280,000 grant for "an improved interchange at I-40," said Helms. The project will improve access to the North Carolina Farmers Market complex and the new Wang Laboratories, Inc., plant site.

The Wang Laboratories project is worth \$32 million will bring 300 new

jobs in the microelectronics field to the Asheville area.

Helms stated according to "a survey by the Research Triangle Institute, over 1,100 jobs will be created in these fields (microelectronics) within the next two years."

Graffiti: reflections of a culture

By Donna Obrecht

All over the country, on bathroom walls and stalls, you'll find drawings and words that reflect our culture. Here at UNCA we have our own distinct style of intellectual graffiti.

So, what do university people think about? I have spent the week prowling around "johns" to find out just what was on the student body's mind.

I wasn't suprised to find that one of the answers was "drugs, sex, and rock n' roll."

Another student disagreed, saying "sex, drugs and rock n' roll. Get

your priorities straight."

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