

## Banner announces 'Trivia Trap' winner

Several UNCA students correctly answered last week's three Banner Trivia Trap questions. The winner, the first to turn in the right answers to *The Blue Banner* office, was Linda Hoffman, a 19-year-old math major from Asheville. She won \$5 and a chance to win \$50 more in the up-coming play-offs.

Answers to last week's questions are: 1) Calcium and phosphorous; 2) *The Great Gatsby*; and 3) Five. This week's \$5 winner will be drawn from among all correct student answers to the following trivial questions, deposited at *The Blue Banner* office by noon Monday.

1. If an unfair coin is flipped and the probability of heads is .7 (7/10), what is the probability of getting two heads in two flips of the coin?
2. Name the language of the Aryan people who invaded India some 3000 years ago.
3. Who were Currer, Ellis, and Acton Bell?



LINDA HOFFMAN, 19 year old UNCA math major, was the first person to correctly answer last week's three Trivia Trap questions.

Hoffman won \$5 and a chance to compete for \$50 in the Blue Banner Trivia Trap playoffs.

# THE BLUE BANNER

Serving the students of the University of North Carolina Asheville since 1982

Volume VI, Number VI

Thursday, February 28, 1985



KEITH HEGE, gives himself a pat for putting out last week's Highrise fire. Staff photo by Cathy James

## False alarms disturb Highrise

# Firebug strikes dorm

By Jennifer Heglar

A prankster most likely started the Feb. 21 trash can fire in a Highrise elevator, according to Malinda Graves, senior resident assistant (RA).

More than 30 false fire alarms have disturbed Highrise residents at all times of the day and night this school year, said Graves.

Graves said someone apparently deliberately set the trash can afire on the seventh floor, then put the can on the elevator, which automatically goes

to first floor when the alarm sounds.

There, according to Keith Hege, first floor fire marshal, is where he found the fire.

"When I first heard the alarm, I thought, 'Durn, we've got to go outside again,'" he said, "but then I went out into the hall and saw smoke coming

out of the elevator."

Hege said he then grabbed the trashcan and threw it outside.

Both Housing and UNCA Department of Security and Services are investigating the incident. However, according to Graves, neither has any substantial leads as to who started the fire.

continued on page 8

## GE debate burning again

By Chris Streppa

It's highly likely by fall of 1986 incoming UNCA students will be subject to new general education requirements, those courses all students must take before graduating.

The Faculty Senate met Saturday to begin deliberating the individual requirements that will comprise the general education curriculum.

They focused on the natural sciences component. While Chairman Alan Comer says the "new requirement was adopted almost unanimously," dissatisfaction and division persists among the science faculty.

All students must now pass a two-course sequence in one of the "fundamental sciences" in order to graduate: six credits in biology (which does not include a lab), eight credits in chemistry, or eight credits in physics.

The new natural sciences requirement adopted by the Faculty Senate consists of two parts.

Students will be able to choose from biology, chemistry or physics to fulfill a five credit-hour segment of the new requirement.

An additional three credit-hour interdisciplinary course will complete the requirement.

Comer says classes will combine laboratory experience with lectures that "will cover interdisciplinary connections whenever feasible, and emphasize the historical development of the discipline."

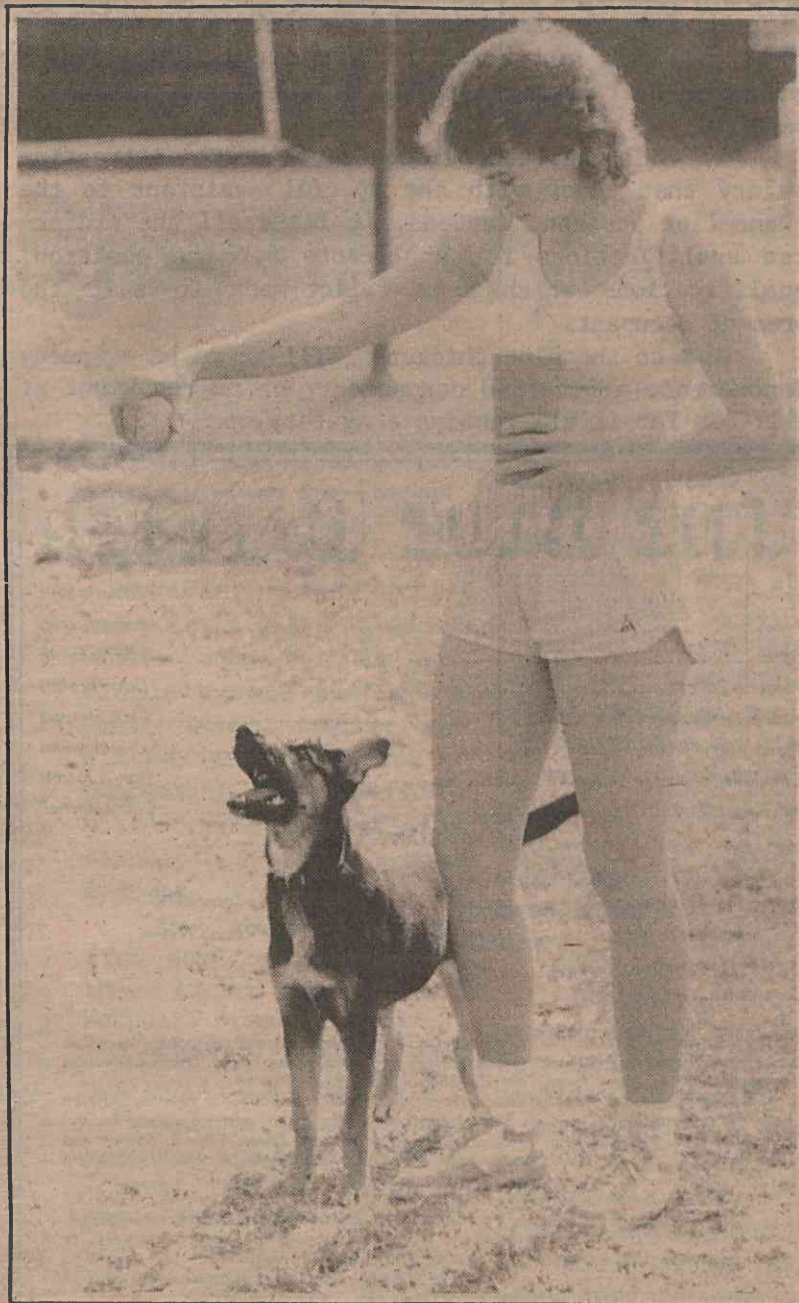
Comer points out existing courses like atmospheric and environmental sciences will fulfill this part of the requirement.

"They are interdisciplinary by their very nature because they combine elements of biology, chemistry, and physics."

He also anticipates the various science departments will soon be designing more new courses for the requirement.

But Dr. Ed Brotak, associate professor of atmospheric sciences, argues that "many people in the building [Rhoades Science

continued on page 8



SUSAN MASSEY and Sam take advantage of the week's warm weather. Staff photo by Sylvia Hawkins

## Portrait of a Gay Student

See page 3