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Recycling changed

Jeanette Webb

UNCA students and faculty can now recycle paper products that previously contaminated other recyclables.

The recycling industry has expanded to recycle materials such as magazines, telephone books, fax paper, unopened mail, and envelopes with cellophane windows, said Robyn Hansen, Physical Plant maintenance manager.

Many students who currently recycle seem to be pleased with this addition to UNCA's recycling program.

"It's very good progress," said Melanie Lott, a UNCA junior.

"I think it's great, because I used to have to take my magazines home or just throw them away," said Molly Zink, a UNCA sophomore.

This new development in recycling may make students, like sophomore Katherine Lewis, more likely to recycle what would otherwise be garbage.

"I think it's great that the recycling industry has expanded to include more types of paper. It makes recycling easier so that more people are willing to participate," said Lewis.

Although pleased with the advancement, some students still have concerns about the recycling program.

"I think there needs to be more recycling bins on campus so that people will be more apt to participate," said Lott.

"I wish we could recycle cardboard in all the dorms," added Zink.

Students with concerns like these can e-mail Mike Chase, student recycling coordinator, at the address RECYCLE.

Lecture series begins

Andrea Lawson

The Great Decisions Lecture Series will begin Feb. 5. The series will explore international issues and will be held at UNCA and Isothermal Community College, as well as locations in Black Mountain, Hendersonville, Brevard.

Speakers in the series will include George Olmstead, retired colonel with the U.S. Army Special Forces, Charles McGill, economics consultant, and faculty members from Mars Hill College.

The series is sponsored by the Center for Creative Retirement, the Asheville/Buncombe County League of Women Voters, the Blue Ridge Center for Lifelong Education, the American Association of University Women's Brevard chapter, and Isothermal Community College.

The first lecture, "Foreign Policy and the U.S. Political System," will be held at the Owen Conference Center Feb. 5 and will be given by Larry Stern from the Mars Hill political science department.

Stern will present the same lecture at the other locations during the week.

Film series continues

Andrea Lawson

The Latin American Womanhood film and lecture series will present "I is a Long-Memored Woman" Feb. 8. The film depicts the history of slavery and the experiences of Caribbean women. The series is sponsored by UNCA international programs and the women's studies department.

Administration allows convicted student to remain at UNCA

Jennifer Thurston
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UNCA administration will take no disciplinary or punitive measures against a UNCA student who pled guilty to a rape charge last fall.

Chancellor Patsy Reed has determined that sophomore Lucas Reid shall remain at UNCA as a "regular student"

after considering a recommendation made by the student court. The details of both the student court hearing and the actual recommendation made by the court were closed.

"My decision was to permit Lucas to remain as a regular student," Chancellor Reed said. "We can't talk about it. I really would prefer to, but the matter is closed."

According to the Oct. 26 issue of the *Blue Banner*, Reid was convicted of one count of second-degree rape and four counts of second-degree sexual offense in Oct. 1995. Reid pled guilty under the Fair Sentencing Act, which allows defendants to enter a guilty plea without admitting actual guilt. Reid was sentenced to 45 days active imprisonment and 25 years suspended sentence

with probation. Four other men were convicted in the case, in which a retarded Statesville woman was penetrated by objects while being videotaped on the nights of Dec. 31, 1992 and Jan. 1, 1993.

According to the UNCA Judicial Code, the university "reserves the right

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Master plan consultants to gain input from campus community on future construction and renovations

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Master planning consultants will hold their last series of presentations to the campus community starting on Mar. 5.

During the three-day series, the consultants will present their ideas on how the growth of the university should progress for the next ten years. They will also ask for reactions to their plan from students, faculty, and staff.

The consultants for the project are from the Florida-based planning and design firm Wallace Roberts & Todd.

The group came to UNCA in November to gather information on the needs of the university to begin planning. A visit in January confirmed information they had previously gathered.

After the sessions in March, the consultants will have enough information to make a final plan, which will cost the university \$125,000.

"The November meetings were for the master planning consultants to get input about what we have got and what our concerns are," said Tom Byers, special assistant to the chancellor.

"When they came back in January, they were verifying the impressions they formed during the initial fact finding. The March sessions are what I think they call alternative concepts," he said.

The upcoming sessions are an opportunity for the entire campus to see the plan the consultants have formulated. It will also be a chance for everyone to voice their opinions of the proposed plan, Byers said.

Byers gave an example of how the sessions will work. He said the consultants may propose that the flat area between Carol Belk Theater and Ramsey Library would be a good site for a building or an addition to Carmichael Hall.

The participants in the sessions will have a chance to say whether or not they agree with the proposed changes.

Byers emphasized the university has made the planning sessions open to students and encourages everyone to come. After the March sessions conclude, Byers expects that the university should have a "coherent" plan for future development.

According to the Jan. 18 *Asheville Citizen-Times*, the planners expect the enrollment to increase by about 350 students over the next ten years and about 600 more beds should be available for resident students. UNCA currently has 900 beds for resident students.

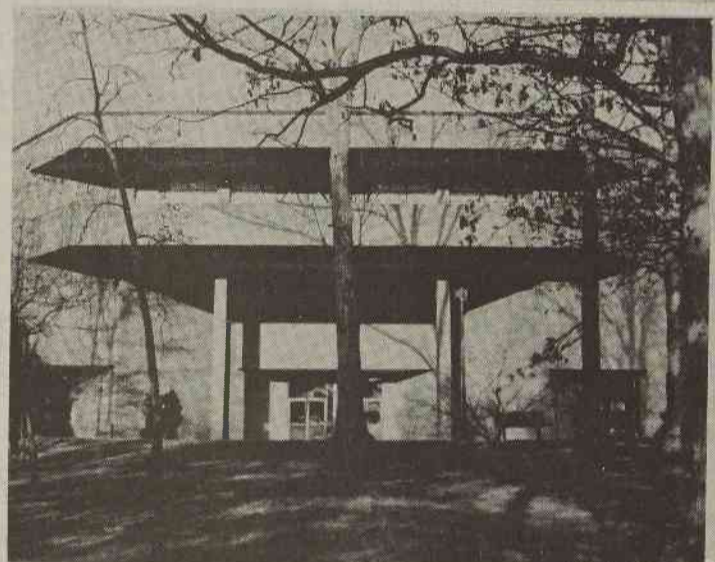
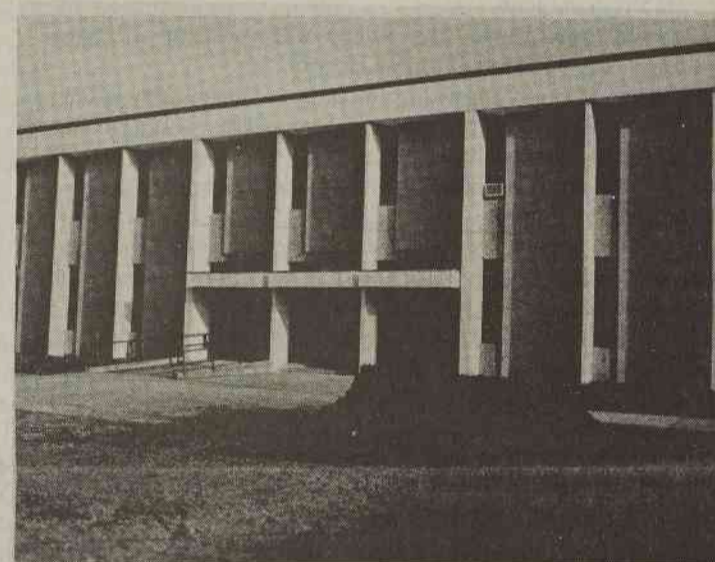
This semester not all of the beds were filled by students.

"The university is by no means rushing ahead and saying that we have to have another building," said Byers. He said when the new South Ridge Residence Hall opened, it filled up immediately and the university had to find off-campus housing for some students.

The university has taken the decline in enrollment into consideration and in the process of evaluating its possible effects on plans.

"We would hate to be in a position where students would be turned away and not have places to live," said Byers. "We have been very close to that in the recent past."

UNCA has one new dormitory in the



Photos by William Lewis

Master planning consultants are proposing renovations to Carmichael Hall (top) and Owen Hall (bottom).

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UNCA one of two schools to escape system-wide cuts in degree programs

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UNCA was one of two campuses of the 16 in the UNC system to escape a degree program cut by the Board of Governors. Last fall, UNCA was notified to give extensive justification as to why four of its degree programs should not be eliminated. Those four programs were philosophy, classics, industrial and engineering management, and master of liberal arts.

UNCA spent several weeks writing up justifications as to why those programs should be continued. Programs were justified by their service to the community, their support provided to other degree programs, and student interest. Each department was asked to prepare a three or four page narrative which responded to certain questions asked by the Board of Governors. The justifications for each program were sent to the general administration in Chapel Hill.

"I was confident that ours would not

likely be eliminated," said Thomas Cochran, vice chancellor for academic affairs. Several of UNCA's programs are core programs within the institution. Also, within the last 10 years, UNCA has added master of liberal arts and industrial and engineering management to its curriculum.

Cochran said he thinks it is a good strategy for a school to look at its programs and see if it has one it might want to eliminate. Over the years, UNCA has eliminated programs that did not have much student interest. Those programs were mostly interdisciplinary ones such as sociology and political science.

Cochran said he believes the Board of Governors' decisions depended upon the institution and the extent to which a program was key to that institution. "For us, philosophy (and classics are) in our core," he said.

However, the industrial and engineering management program is not a core program to UNCA and could have been eliminated. The program was initiated in 1987 because of strong

community interest to have some type of engineering-related program. Cochran said he did not believe the general administration would cancel that program since it could cause problems within the community.

UNCA created the program as a response to a survey of 100 plant and personnel managers in Western North Carolina. Respondents expressed a desire for the program to be included. Other justifications included the educational opportunity for students in this area and the program's degree of curriculum difficulty and interdisciplinary approach. Also, the elimination of this program would not realize any dollar savings and would have had a serious impact on classes with traditionally low enrollment.

With 23 graduates "this is the biggest year ever for graduates in this program," said Robert Yearout, associate professor of management. Since 1988, 21 students have graduated from the industrial and engineering management program. At this time all graduates from the program are either employed

in their field or are attending graduate school.

The master of liberal arts is also a community outreach program that Cochran said he feels serves its purpose. Ted Uldricks, the director of the master of liberal arts program, said the program is intricately connected with the core of the university. The program "sprang from, builds on, and reinforces the humanities program," said Uldricks. UNCA gets extra library funding from the program. Everything the master of liberal arts program orders for the library is also useful to the humanities program and several other academic departments. Uldricks said he also believes faculty members are able to launch experimental new courses in new subjects, or subjects they have taught before, with more ease because of the program.

No one at UNCA knew how sweeping the cuts would be or on what basis the cuts would be made. Uldricks was

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