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Campus Events

■ Race/Religion talk show

As part of Black History Month, a race and religion talk show will be held tonight at the Highsmith Center Student Lounge.

The panel discussion will be held in a talk-show format. The moderator for the event will be Darcel Grimes, news anchor for WLOS-TV.

The event will explore answers to the questions, "Has the utilization of religion been a mechanism to justify racism and discrimination? Has religion acted as a safe haven and defense for those who have been discriminated against?"

Panel members will include Keith Bramlett, lecturer in sociology; Shmuel Birnham, rabbi of Congregation Beth Israel; Carl Arrington, pastor of Berry Temple United Methodist Church; Bob Smith, Asheville-Buncombe Community Relations Council director; John Hayes, Hillcrest Enrichment Program director; and several UNCA students.

The program is sponsored by Student Development and is a Humanities cultural event.

■ Classes offered

The Continuing Education Program at UNCA will offer beginning and intermediate German classes this month.

The beginning course will be taught Thursdays from 6 to 7:30 p.m., Feb. 8 through April 11. The class will teach German phrases, sentences, and idioms most useful for travel abroad.

The Intermediate I course will be taught on Thursdays from 7:30 to 9 p.m., Feb. 8 through April 11. The course will focus on additional language skills and German culture.

The Intermediate II course will be taught Tuesdays from 7:30 to 9 p.m., Feb. 13 through April 16 and will study conversation, simple stories, grammar, and key situations in everyday German life.

The course will be taught by Christine Gullickson, a former UNCA German professor and native of Switzerland.

■ Lecture series continues

The Great Decisions Lecture Series will continue Feb. 12 with the presentation of "The Intelligence Community: Time for Reform."

The lecture will be held at Owen Conference Center and will be given by George Olmsted, an international banker and retired colonel from the U.S. Army Special Forces. It is the second in a series of eight talks targeting U.S. foreign policy issues.

Olmsted will give the same talk at four other Western North Carolina sites, including Hendersonville and Black Mountain, the week of Feb. 12.

■ VCAA status report

The Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Search Committee began interviewing candidates for the off-campus stage of the search Jan. 26.

The off-campus interviews will be held in February. Afterwards, members of the committee will visit the institutions where the candidates are currently employed. The visits are scheduled for February and early March.

Professor's unexpected death stuns campus community

Andrea Lawson
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Members of the campus community said they were shocked after the death of a UNCA professor on Tuesday.

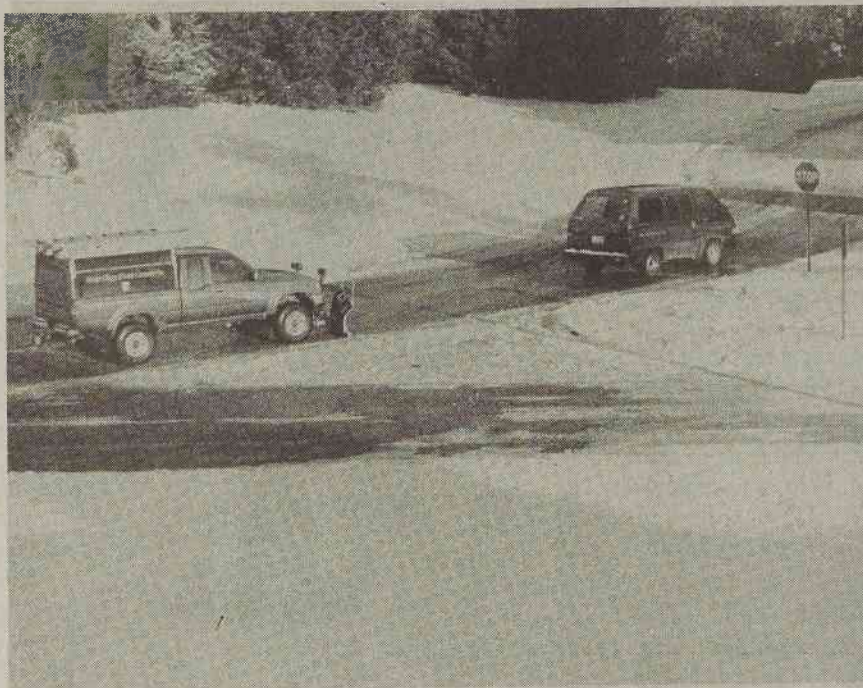
"We are deeply saddened to hear of Dr. Howard's death," said Chancellor Reed, in a published letter to the campus community. "In his long tenure at UNCA, he has been a respected teacher

and scholar, and a valued colleague and friend. His passing is a profound loss to this campus and to higher education in North Carolina." Howard served as chair of the philoso-

phy department from 1978 to the present. He joined UNCA in 1972. His areas of scholarship were philoso-

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Campus hit by snow storm



Photos by William Davis

A winter storm hit Asheville Friday night, causing the cancellation of afternoon classes Friday and day and evening classes Monday. Snow plows (above) helped clear icy campus roads for Tuesday classes. Students (above) enjoyed a long weekend and the opportunity to play in the snow.

Semester starts with three car break-ins

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Three cars were broken into on the UNCA campus Jan. 15, causing over \$870 worth of damage to the students' cars. Officials at the public safety office said incidents such as this one were not uncommon, because of crime groups and the inadequate number of officers on staff.

"I wish that they had a lot more parking nearer the campus and also to let the rules be known, because I didn't know you could park anywhere on the weekends," said Ashley Graham, a student whose car in to. "Ac-

"The officer mentioned himself that there was only one patrol person, and I think if they worked to get more people patrolling that would help, too."--Ashley Graham, student.

officer himself was only person, if they get more trolling help, too." The first break-in Graham's ing to reports. G r a h a m said she received a phone call at around 3:30 a.m. from the public safety office. She was taken to her car, which was parked in the lower lot behind South Ridge Hall. Graham said she found the window broken and her radar detector missing.

"I thought they (public safety) did a good job," Graham said. The second incident was reported at 5:02 a.m., according to reports. Jesse Knight, a student, reported that his driver's side window had been broken and a portable compact disc player had been stolen. The third incident was reported at 1:30 p.m. and also involved the breaking of a student's car window and theft of a compact disc container and 20 compact discs.

In all three cases, the weapon used to break the windows was unknown. According to Dennis Gregory, investigation/crime prevention officer, it is not unusual for officers to report up to ten break-ins in one evening, and that UNCA has about 30 break-ins per year.

"It was probably the same person that night," Gregory said. He also said he thinks there are probably two or three groups that break into cars on campus.

Gregory said the students can try to get their stolen property back by allowing officers to enter the serial numbers of their stolen property into the police information computer.

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Celebration underway for African-American Heritage Month

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UNCA's African-American Student Development is coordinating various events for the African-American Heritage Month Celebration. Throughout the month of February, various events will focus on African-American history and culture.

"We hope that we challenge everyone to learn more about African-American history and to take part in these activities," said Carolyn Briggs, coordinator of African-American Student Development. We need to be celebrating African-American history not only in February, but all year, everyday," said Briggs.

Most of the nine scheduled events are free and all are open to UNCA students, staff, and faculty.

One of the events will be an eight-part series called "Opening Doors: A Dialogue on Racism" that involves not only UNCA, but also Memorial Mission Hospital, St. Joseph's Hospital, and MAHEC. Students who attend this series may receive one hour of credit, on a pass/fail basis.

"The focus is to break down the barriers and 'open doors' that are closed of people's awareness and perception. We want to get those misconceptions out of the way, so that we're able to have open dialogue," said Adrian Tatum, president of UNCA's African-American Student Association.

The "Opening Doors" program will bring together people from four major Asheville institutions and attempt to offer "real world" questions and answers about race relations in educational and workplace settings.

Tatum said because the "Opening Doors" series is ongoing and will have participants from UNCA as well as people outside the university, it can help build community relations and improve communication.

"Racism on this campus is hard to pick out. It's not so much overt, but the covert kind. Little things that people do and little things that people say that make you think, 'Hmmm, what are they trying to get at? What are they trying to prove?'" said Tatum.

In 1926, Carter G. Woodson first began observing Black History week. He viewed it as a time to "celebrate and focus on the contributions and achievements of Black Americans." It is now a month long event that is nationally observed.

UNCA's African-American Student Association has a similar objective to

Woodson's about why these African-American Heritage Month events need to take place.

"(We hope) to not only show the accomplishments (made by) African-Americans throughout history, but what we are doing now. This is very important for people to understand that we are here and we've made contributions and continue to make contributions to this country and to the world," said Tatum.

Tatum said he also thinks that since the spotlight is on African-Americans this month, it is a good opportunity to promote African-American contributions. The various events are designed to widen perspectives, eliminate narrow-mindedness, and enable people to

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