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Campus Events

Homecoming events

Homecoming events begin Friday, with an alumni reception with Chancellor Reed from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Laurel Forum.

An opening reception for an exhibit of work by UNCA art alumni will also be held Friday, from 7 to 9 p.m., in the Owen Gallery.

Several theater productions will occur for Homecoming. "Halley's Comet," a one-man show by John Amos, will be performed Friday at 8 p.m. The TheaterUNCA production of "Lysistrata" will also be held Friday at 8 p.m.

On Saturday, a tour of the campus will be given, followed by an alumni brunch. At 2 p.m., the men's basketball team will play Radford University at the Justice Center.

On Saturday night, an alumni reception will be held from 8 to 9:30 at the S&W Cafeteria and a Homecoming party will be held from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. at the Cornerhouse.

Master Planning sessions

An open session with campus facility master planners will be held March 5 at 7 p.m. in the Owen Conference Center.

This meeting is the third in a series of public meetings to be held during the development of the campus master plan. This plan will address aspects of land use, building usage and siting, open space, traffic and pedestrian flow, and landscaping and parking. The process began in November and is expected to take nine to 12 months.

The firm of Wallace, Roberts, and Todd of Coral Gables, Florida, will be assisting with the plan.

At the community meeting, consultants will present a series of suggestions for short-range and long-range campus development. The public will be given the opportunity to comment on the alternatives presented.

A fourth round of meetings with the planning firm will be held later in the spring.

Leadership Roundtable

In celebration of Black History Month, an African-American Leadership Roundtable will be held at 5 p.m. today in the private dining room. Minority business owners from the community will be present to talk about their experiences as black business owners.

Lecture series continues

The Great Decisions Lecture Series will present "Economic Cooperation in the Asian Pacific: Openings for the U.S." at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 26 in the Owen Conference Center.

The talk will be given by James Lenburg, from the Mars Hill College history department. The lecture is the fourth in a series of eight talks targeting U.S. foreign policy issues.

The series is sponsored by UNCA and the World Affairs Council of Western North Carolina. Lenburg will give the same lecture at four other Great Decisions lecture sites during the week.

Fire in dorm room causes student evacuation

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News Editor

A candle left burning unattended caused a fire in Highrise Hall Tuesday. The fire caused heavy smoke and the evacuation of the building.

"I was in the study lounge and I heard the alarm go off, and I think it went off automatically," said Hooper Turner, a resident of the third floor of Highrise, where the fire occurred. "I came back out and there was smoke billowing into the hallway and you couldn't tell where it was coming from. By that time, we just ran out of the building and they brought the burned surfboard (the cause of the fire) out."

According to Pete Williams, director of housing, the fire alarm went off in the building and resident assistants ran up to the third floor, along with members of the maintenance crew, to see where the fire was coming from. The fire started after wax from a burning candle dripped onto a surfboard. Williams said a member of maintenance took the burning surfboard out of the building and the building was evacuated.

Public safety reports stated that a resident of room 304, Michael Poole, had left the candle burning while he went down the hall. Poole said he was gone for 10 to 15 minutes, and no one else had been in the room.

After seeing the smoke, housing officials dialed 911 and the Asheville Fire department was dispatched. The only damage was from smoke and a small burn hole in the carpet of the room, according to safety reports.

Nancy Williams, assistant director of housing, said students were very cooperative during the incident.

"The hallways were very smoky," said Williams. "People evacuated very quickly and the fire department came very quickly as well."

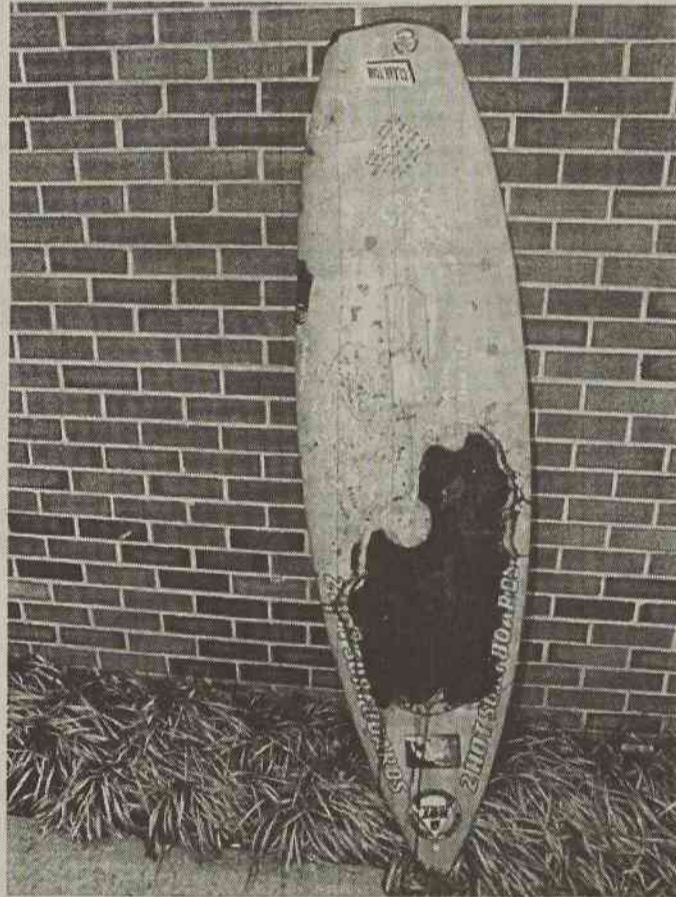
According to university regulations, candles are not permitted in the residence halls. Health and safety inspections are performed by resident assistants every semester to check for objects that could be fire hazards. Michael DeLorm, the resident assistant on Poole's hall, said it was ironic that the fire started that day, since health and safety inspections were held Tuesday night.

According to safety reports, Poole told officers that he knew open flames were not permitted in the resident halls, but he often had a candle burning in his room. Housing officials said they don't know if the students will be punished for the incident.

"It was just a candle, just an accident," Poole said.



Photos by William Davis



Public Safety officers search the dorm room of Michael Poole and Daniel Wilcox (above) after the fire Tuesday. According to Pete Williams, director of housing, the search was routine. The fire started after wax from a burning candle dripped onto a surfboard (left). The surfboard was removed from the room by maintenance workers and was left outside the building until public safety officers took it to the office as evidence.

Nationally-known journalist and writer to speak at commencement

Kenneth Corn
Staff Writer

Retired CBS broadcast journalist and writer Charles Kuralt will give this year's commencement speech on the steps of Ramsey Library May 11. A camera crew from the University of North Carolina Public Television will film the event for a later broadcast.

Last week Leigh Svenson, manager of audio-visual service, and others from the

Media Center met with five representatives from UNC-TV to discuss the event. "They are talking about doing a multiple camera remote shoot," said Svenson. "Their objective is to put together a 30-minute piece for a program."

Svenson said the station wants to make a 10-minute promotional piece on UNCA for their show, then fill the body of the show with 20 minutes of

Kuralt's speech. He said the station would possibly air the show the next day.

The idea of making the 10 minute promotional piece was strictly UNC-TV's, said Svenson. The station volunteered to come to UNCA and no money will be involved in this event.

According to Tom Byers, special assistant to the chancellor, UNC-TV contacted UNCA first about filming

Kuralt's speech. He feels the station found out about Kuralt's speech from contacts at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He said Kuralt was a graduate of the university and is an active alumni member.

Byers also said this would not

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Largest women's organization on campus works with local homeless shelter

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The sororities of UNCA's Greek Council will begin a "Feed the Homeless" service project Thursday, February 22, for the Asheville-Buncombe Community Christian Ministry (ABCCM).

"We love it!" said Donnita Dicus, the interim crisis coordinator at ABCCM. "They will work in the food pantry

bagging up groceries for clients, helping in the clothing area or serving food."

The project was initiated by Beth Daniels, the president of UNCA's Panhellenic Association, the largest organization for women on campus.

"One of the things we focus on in Panhellenic is service to the community and to the campus," Daniels said. "Sometimes we think of phi-

lanthropy as just raising money and giving money to something. Well, this is giving your time, and I think that is just as important if not more."

Panhellenic is a national organization that is made up of 27 sisterhoods of different sororities. The three sororities on campus, Gamma Phi Beta, Alpha Phi, and Alpha Xi Delta, have delegates represented at Panhellenic, and the

officers are chosen from each sorority.

Panhellenic is where "the sororities can come together on even ground with common ground rules that they go by," said Daniels, a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority. Panhellenic sets the guidelines of Rush, when members are recruited. There are common rules and common budgets.

The Panhellenic money

comes from dues from the sororities, she said. No money comes from the university or from student fees. "Each sorority also raises money for their organization," said Daniels.

The "Feed the Homeless" project is planned to be ongoing and there are many volunteers within each sorority. "Most of our volun-

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