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Campus Events

Today

- Pre-registration for Summer/Fall Semesters continues, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. (appointment card only), Lipinsky Hall.
- Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs candidate James P. Pitts: Presentation to Faculty Senate (Open Session), 2:30-3:15 p.m., Red Oak Conference Room, Ramsey Library. The presentation is open to faculty and campus and will be held from 3:30 to 4:30 in the Owen Conference Center.
- The UNCA Community Forum will present "Undergraduate Chemistry--An Equipment-Dependent Discipline" by John Gupton at 4:15 p.m. in the Laurel Forum.
- "The Threepenny Opera" will be performed tonight at 8 p.m. in the Carol Belk Theatre.

Friday

- Pre-registration continues for Summer/Fall, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Lipinsky Hall.
- Martin Holmes, lecturer in politics at Mansfield College, Oxford, and a faculty member in UNCA's Summer at Oxford Program, will present "Effective Lecturing," a Faculty Development Brown Bag Lunch, at 12:15 p.m. in Karpen Hall 127. Holmes will also visit classes and meet with students going to Oxford and Cambridge.

- The Southern Conference on Slavic Studies will present, "Contemporary Russia: Prospects and Problems," with a panel discussion by Dr. Leonid Dobrokhov, former Counsellor of Embassy, Soviet Embassy, Washington D.C.; Dr. Sergei Porshakov, from the Institute of World Economy and International Relations, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow; and Dr. George Enteen, from the history department of Penn State University and a specialist on 20th century Russia. The moderator for the event will be Dr. James Hart, from the Center for Russian and East European Studies, University of Virginia.

- The UNCA Percussion Ensemble will present a concert tonight at 8 p.m. in Lipinsky 018. The concert is free to UNCA students and faculty/staff with ID.

- "The Threepenny Opera" will be performed in Carol Belk Theatre at 8 p.m.

Saturday

- A grantwriting workshop will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Whitman Room, Ramsey Library. This event is sponsored by Special Academic Programs.

- Wendy Liebman, stand-up comic, will perform in the Highsmith Center at 9 p.m. The event is free to UNCA students and staff with ID.

Student legislature group wins awards at regional level

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The UNCA delegation of the North Carolina Student Legislature (NCSL) won the Best Delegation for a Small School Award during the Annual Legislative Session on March 23 in Raleigh. The delegation also won three other awards including Best Scrapbook, Best Bill in the Senate, and Best New Delegate.

"It is very nice to get that recognition and the pat on the back from the rest of the state," said Eric Becker, president pro tempore for the senate. "It makes all the work through the year and the stress worth it."

"NCSL is a highly-recognized student organization, statewide as well as at UNCA," said Shawn McKee, delegation chairperson. The delegation travels to six Interim Councils (IC) at different host universities throughout the state.

At these IC's, the delegation debates with other delegations on resolutions about current state issues. Students in the organization research and write the resolutions debated, said McKee.

"At our Annual Legislative Session, we debate bills that are written by members of NCSL in much the same way the (North Carolina) General Assembly does," said McKee. UNCA students wrote four of the bills debated at this year's session.

Peter Franklin, vice delegation chairperson, said his bill on preemption of local authority on gun control will be up for review by the general assembly. He also said the assembly will review two bills written by UNCA delegate James Hertsch about electronic crimes



NCSL members hold the awards they won during the Annual Legislative Session held on March 23 in Raleigh. Their honors include Best Delegation for a Small School and Best Scrapbook.

Photo by Del J. Delorm

and revisions to peeping laws.

McKee said it was the effort by every single person in the delegation that won the award. She said the keys to winning were having a large number of members involved in committees, holding high positions, writing quality bills, and giving quality de-

bates.

"We had quality and quantity working together," said McKee. "It made the group stand out a whole lot more."

Becker said this was the fourth year in a row the UNCA delegation has received the award. Becker held the highest position on the senate during

the annual legislative session this year.

"We are one of the hardest working, and apparently the best, delegations," said Becker. "When we put our minds together, we show the others (delegations) how to work."

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Speech contest started by former senator to be held this month

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UNCA's drama department will sponsor the 24th annual Roy Taylor Public Speaking Contest on April 28 at 3 p.m. in the Owen Conference Center.

The contest is open to the public and high school and college students are encouraged to enter. This year one contestant is a 9-year-old. "We've had older people, postgrads, come in, but we've never had anyone younger," said Rob Storrs, adjunct professor in drama and coordinator of the contest. "I figure this is what Senator Taylor wanted," he

said. "He saw a need for people to be able to stand up on their own two feet and make a good accounting of themselves."

"Students currently enrolled in the public speaking class may participate in place of their final," said Pat Snyger, chairman and associate professor of drama. The deadline for registration is April 15.

A faculty representative, a student representative, and someone from the community will judge the contest, she said. Storrs said he selects the judges based on their public speaking experience.

This year the representative from the community is the postmaster of Asheville, said Storrs. "He has to get up in front of people and make himself understood.

He also has to persuade people," he said.

The faculty representative is Charles James, associate professor of chemistry, said Storrs. "He is a member of the senate, so he has to listen to a lot of speeches and he gives a lot of lectures," he said.

The student representative is Dhaval "Doc" Patel, president of the Student Government Association (SGA), according to Storrs. "He obviously had to get elected somehow, so he had to make speeches," he said. "I believe these people have speech communication skills and

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Photo by Michael Taylor

The Highsmith Center is one of the buildings that students want open 24 hours.

SGA president-elect says 24-hour facilities are goals, not promises

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The newly elected SGA president and vice president posted more than 300 fliers during elections on the need for 24-hour facilities. However, university officials said most of the options presented by the two candidates would require extra staffing and more money.

"I think in general you have to look at 24-hour computer centers, 24-hour library, and a 24-hour Highsmith as being real student concerns. These issues are just what I heard a lot of, so that's what I promised I'd work for," said Sergio Mariaca, president-elect. Mariaca said that the issues on his "Top Ten List" were goals, not promises, that he would work his best to achieve.

Mariaca said making these ideas a reality

would bring up serious concern of the logistics of operating such facilities.

"Students have unlimited wants, but we are faced with scarce resources," said Mariaca. "Certainly if the money isn't there, it's just a dream."

Mariaca said that his primary intention now was to figure out exactly what student needs and wants are. "They (students) might have said they want 24 hour everything, when they really just need extended hours for facilities," he said. Mariaca's hope is to find realistic options that will please the greatest number of students.

The dream of having Ramsey Library open 24 hours a day is the most unrealistic

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