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NEWS BRIEFS

Fellowships, internships to be offered

The Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation is offering a paid fellowship to North Carolina residents to begin next August. Individuals interested in philanthropy, public policy, or community service can apply. Several paid internships will also be offered this summer. For information, contact Mamie Broadhurst at (800) 443-8319 or e-mail fellow@zsr.org.

Ecology lecture at Warren Wilson

David W. Orr, author of *Earth in Mind and Ecological Literacy*, will give a lecture entitled "Reconstructing the Pieces: Environmental Design in Liberal Arts Education" next Thursday, Jan. 30 at 7 p.m. at Warren Wilson College. Orr teaches at Oberlin College and specializes in global environmental issues and responsibilities. The lecture is free and will be followed by a discussion and book-signing. For information, call 298-3325, ext. 272.

United Way seeks citizen reviewers

United Way of Asheville and Buncombe County is recruiting local residents to serve on its Citizen Review panels. The panels will help decide how United Way's donated campaign funds will be disbursed into community projects. The agency needs volunteers to serve five to ten hours over several months. For information, call 255-0696.

Political issues lecture series

Pack Memorial Library will host a four-part series of political lectures Tuesdays at 7 p.m. beginning Feb. 4. Dr. Marc Karson will lead the free lectures and discussions, focusing on historical perspectives as they relate to current issues. The first lecture will contrast the egalitarian spirit of the Declaration of Independence with the conservative features of the Constitution. For information, call 255-5203.

Tai Chi classes

UNCA adjunct Brent Neely will teach ongoing tai chi classes at area locations. Classes are offered at 6 p.m. Tuesdays at 75 Broadway, 5:30 p.m. Mondays at Jones Elementary School, and 8 a.m. Thursdays at St. James Episcopal Church in Black Mountain. For information, call 253-2207.

DeBlasio honored

UNCA junior Marissa DeBlasio received the Public Relations Association of Western North Carolina Student Scholarship Award in December and will serve as a student representative on the organization's board of directors in 1997. DeBlasio, named a UNCA Emerging Leader in 1995, interned at the United Way of Asheville and Buncombe County this year, and served as *The Banner's* business manager last semester. She has been a president of the Civitan Club, a member of Alpha Xi Delta, and was actively involved in last year's NCUR conference at UNCA.

Menu for vegetarians improving



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Marriott employee Amy Jackson sets out a vegetarian dish, part of an effort on dining services to provide better service to vegetarians on campus.

By Chane Simpson
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In an effort to provide more diverse food choices for vegetarian students, particularly those who live on campus and are required to buy a meal plan, dining hall officials say they are currently improving their vegan cuisine and expanding their meatless menus.

"We offer at least one vegetarian entree at each meal," explained Ken Barefoot, Marriott's director of dining services at UNCA. "And as we get more resources, we'll continue to add more items."

While students have certainly welcomed the news of a broader menu, some vegetarians say progress has indeed been slow.

"There have been improvements," admitted Elizabeth Lundeen, a junior majoring in psychology. "But there is still a lack of options for strict vegetarians."

Here on campus, Barefoot calculates that vegetarians comprise "about six or seven percent" of the

university's student population that regularly eats in the dining hall. That translates into about 30 to 40 people in a typical lunch time crowd of 600, Barefoot said.

"I'm wide open to suggestions, vegetarians or otherwise," Kitchen Manager Ben Joyner added. "I get a lot of complaints from some of the vegetarians on campus, but I hardly ever get any other feedback." Joyner has a computer program that allows him to convert family-size recipes into institutional-size amounts and has said he's willing to entertain new ideas.

Nutritionists generally divide vegetarianism into three separate categories: *Vegans* eat no animal or dairy products of any kind (many also refuse to wear leather or use honey); *Lacto-vegetarians* consume dairy products; and *Lacto-ovo-vegetarians* eat dairy products and eggs. Of course all three diets include no meat. According to information supplied by Marriott staff, most vegetarians in the United States follow a lacto-ovo-vegetarian discipline. Marriott, which coordinates din-

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Student fees to increase for next year

By Catharine Sutherland
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Members of the student fees committee voted on Dec. 2 to increase student fees 4.2 per cent for the 1997-98 school year, said Sergio Mariaca, student body president and one of three students on the committee. Mariaca estimated that 80 percent of the fee increase would go toward funding a pay raise for state employees mandated by the state last summer.



Sergio Mariaca

"When the state passes a mandatory salary increase then the salary source must increase," said Caroline Miller, vice chancellor for enrollment management. In this case, she said, the increase source is the student fee account.

Miller described positions funded by student fees as those on campus that do things to directly support student activities. She cited employees working in student development as one example; since the Highsmith Center operation fees (a branch of student fees) encompass these workers' salaries, the university must increase student fees to comply with the pay raise.

Student reaction to the proposed fee increase has been positive, with many students claiming to support a higher cost if the result will prove beneficial.

"I'd be in favor of the increase because it costs so much to improve student life on campus, said Marquis McGee, a junior biology major. McGee said he felt the pay raise would serve as an extra incentive to the already dedicated student development workers.

"Overall, nobody wants to pay more money," said freshman Preston Gannaway, "but if they are asking for more money and it goes toward something all students will benefit from, then I think it's worthwhile. UNCA's effective health services and the new parking lot on campus stand out as applications of student fees that are worth an increase, she said.

Translated into dollars, the proposed increase would place next year's student fees at around twenty dollars more than the cur-

rent \$521 charge. However, committee members believe the increase would be both minimal and

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beneficial.

"I think we worked hard to try to minimize the fee increase and to look at assuring that any increase would go directly to student interests," said Miller, also a member of the committee assembled to discuss student fees.

The purpose of the seven-person committee, which included faculty, administrators and students, was to offer the chancellor

a recommendation on student fee increases, said Mariaca. He added that making the final decision on the increase was not a purpose.

The North Carolina Board of Governors holds the ultimate decision-making power on the cost of student fees, according to a memo from the UNC General Administration concerning proposed fees. The board bases its final decision on the recommendation of the chancellor and the university president.

The recommendation of the student fees committee came after a series of interviews with representatives from each of the fee-driven services on campus, such as campus commission and recreation and intramurals, said Mariaca.

"We asked each representative what they could do without in order to keep costs as low as possible," said Mariaca. "Each of them was very sensitive to raising fees."

An increase in student fees at UNCA may raise more eyebrows than a hike at other North Carolina public universities due to the high ratio of fees to tuition found here, Mariaca said. While the average fee to tuition ratio of the sixteen state institutions stands at 89.58 percent, UNCA's ratio peaks at 136.03 percent, nearly

35 percent higher than any other state-supported school.

The high ratio does not reflect extraordinarily high student fees in comparison to other universities, said Mariaca, but rather a striking discrepancy in the relationship of fees to tuition. "Fee-wise we are right in the middle, but compared to tuition we are far above all the others," he said.

Mariaca attributes much of the problem to the state's failure to financially support the 1992 declaration of UNCA as a public liberal arts school. The attraction of a liberal arts campus lies in perks such as a small student body, smaller class sizes and no teaching assistants, he said, naming these as some of the many privileges that raise the costs of the university.

"We are getting hurt by the state. We have one of the highest operating costs, but we have less students. If we're going to be a liberal arts school, then the state needs to back it up," said Mariaca.

"Students need to speak up," he said, relating SGA's plan to put together a letter-writing campaign to voice student opinion in the General Assembly and get the word out about the student fees.

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New gym opens

By Johanna Luks
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The new addition to the Justice Health and Fitness center opened Tuesday after two years of construction. The addition includes a large weight room and three courts for basketball, tennis, volleyball, badminton, and indoor soccer. Other new features include racquetball and squash courts, new locker rooms, and an indoor track.

The purpose of the gym is to serve as a recreation and health and fitness center. This setup creates a "balance of users," said Maggie Smith, Justice Center facilities manager. Monday through Friday the center will be closed from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. to accommodate health and fitness classes. "The athletic department does not

run this facility," said Smith.

"UNCA was strapped with a small facility that could not accommodate Division I competition and recreation," said Smith. "We can offer probably ten times the recreation activity than we did before."

Smith is positive about the way the new addition will affect the community. The center is open to all UNCA students, staff, and faculty, and their families. "We have the capacity to handle the people and we think it's a benefit for the UNCA community," said Smith.

"I'm glad that the gym will open soon, especially because of the indoor track and weight room," said Ellen Shinkle, a sophomore majoring in sociology. Shinkle felt

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Ten in a row!



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Mike Matthews splits the Winthrop double team in a

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