

News

Student Poll

By **Adrien Sanders**
Staff Writer

On Feb. 19, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in favor of a 15-foot buffer zone around abortion clinic entrances. This would allow safe entry for women who sought to have abortions.

Protesters are not allowed inside this buffer zone, which shows that the public thinks the woman's right to have an abortion is more important than the protesters' freedom of speech.

There is an exception, however, where two non-threatening "sidewalk counselors" at a time are allowed inside the buffer zone to

calmly talk to the woman seeking the abortion. If the woman requests that they leave, these "sidewalk counselors" must do so.

The decision in *Schneck v. Pro-Choice* seeks to keep the women from being harassed as they enter these clinics, but they are only shielded 15 feet from the clinic itself.

The Supreme Court struck down the concept of "floating" zones which would follow the woman wherever she went outside the buffer zone. The Supreme Court said that it would violate free speech on public areas such as sidewalks.

The following UNCA students commented on the decision:

Photos by **Trish Johnson**



"The buffer zone is good because women need to make their decision in peace. It is a hard enough decision without people harassing them."

Niambi Hall-Cambell
freshman, undeclared



"Legally, as long as the protesters are not on private property, they should be allowed to express themselves."

Mischa Irsch
sophomore, German/biology



"I agree that women should be protected, but I don't agree with abortion."

Tom Bushe
junior, math



"The buffer zone is an improvement, but it is not wide enough."

Raysun Georgen
sophomore, environmental studies



"The buffer zone around the woman should be enforced. I don't think someone should be allowed to harass the woman. It's her legal right to obtain an abortion."

Brendan Thomas
junior, psychology



"I think there should be a wider buffer zone, because it is hard enough on women to go in there without being harassed."

Brian Hunter
sophomore, undeclared



"I agree with the decision, because even though we have the right to protest, we don't have the right to impede on a privately-funded facility."

Keith Payne
senior, psychology

Public Safety Reports

By **Adrien Sanders**
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The Department of Public Safety filed four incident reports between Feb. 17 and Feb. 24.

On Feb. 17, Officer Steven Pressley responded three times to the alarm sounding from the Forestry Service Lab.

The first time, he found three people inside working. He checked their identification, and then advised them on how to get in the lab without setting off the alarm.

The second time the alarm sounded, Pressley informed the individuals that he was turning off the alarm until they completed their work. He reactivated the alarm when they finished.

On the third sounding of the alarm, Pressley called Officer Bruce Martin, and Martin contacted the individual in charge of the facility

to come and correct the situation. UNCA student Christine Karrenstein reported on Feb. 23, that the right front fender of her car had been damaged.

She had parked her car in the Highrise parking lot on Feb. 22, and when she drove her car to a gas station the next day, she noticed the damage.

On Feb. 24, Resident Assistant Steven Taylor called the Department of Public Safety while he was in South Ridge.

Sterling Miller had been banned from the dorms that day, and was trying to enter the building. Taylor had no papers stating that Miller was not allowed in, so Officer Steven Metcalf told him there was nothing he could do.

They called Pete Williams, the director of housing and residence life, who confirmed that Miller had been banned from inside the dorms, and he needed to leave.

Metcalf then escorted Miller outside to his car.

Miller said he had spoken to Eric Iovacchini, vice chancellor for student affairs, and had misunderstood the instructions.

Also that day, someone called the Department of Public Safety in reference to marijuana odor coming from room 321 in Highrise.

Officer Metcalf responded, and asked if he could come in the room after explaining why he was there. Caren Grissom let him in. Kelly MacLachlan and Brent Rhodarmer were also in the room.

Metcalf noticed the windows were open, there was a fan facing the windows, and there was a wet towel under the door.

When asked about these, Grissom said it was because the residents next door were allergic to cigarette smoke. Metcalf smelled nothing other than cigarette smoke, so he left.

Student's father publishes book

By **Catharine Sutherland**
Staff Writer

Instead of getting words of wisdom from Ann Landers' column this week, a Princeton, N.J. writer hopes UNCA students will turn to his new book for advice.

"Dear Abbie (Hoffman) Advice on Life, Love and Feminine Facial Hair... What Your Parents, Teachers and Preachers Never Told You," is a self-published book by Doug De Bias.

The book aims to help "coming of agers 18-25 years old who live in this affluent crazy land called America" find their own way in life.

"Think for yourself about stuff, and work hard to cooperate with other people who are doing the best they can," De Bias said, summarizing his main message to the college-aged generation.

The book and its colorful cover stand out in the UNCA bookstore for several reasons: not only is the author a UNCA student's parent, but his daughter, freshman Catalina Dibias, designed the cover artwork.

"I tried to stress diversity with all the different kinds of people, shapes and colors," said Dibias of the cover design.

She aimed to present the book as a work for everybody and to show

unity and diversity in one, she said.

The focus on diversity defines her father's pen name, "De Bias." "The idea of the book is to de-bias people in their thinking, to remove bias," said De Bias. "And nobody can pronounce our name," he said.

In addition to helping her father with the outside of the book, Dibias also found a way to help with the material inside.

"I had some of my friends read the drafts before the book was printed so my dad could get some

feedback," she said.

In the collection of one to two-page essays that range from "Don't Get Dissed: The Disinformation Age" to "Love and Sex: The Search for Emotional and Sexual Happiness."

De Bias seems to cover all the bases on life in any generation, which speaks to one of his main inspirations for writing the book.

The father of two college-aged daughters, he wanted to draw on his experiences in the 1960s to help his children's generation survive the 1990s.

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WEEKEND WEATHER

The weekend will be cooler and sunnier than earlier this week, but temperatures will still be above normal. Clouds will return on Saturday.



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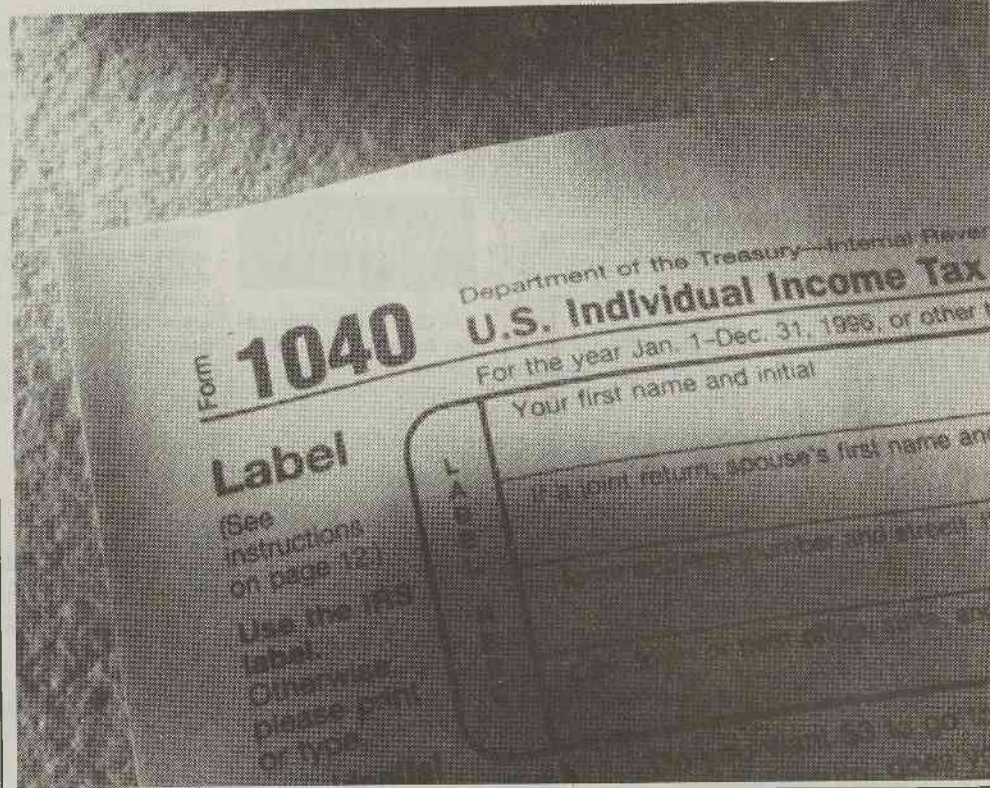
Fri. 55/34 sunny
Sat. 62/41 partly cloudy
Sun. 60/44 partly cloudy

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Fri. 63/43 sunny
Sat. 69/47 partly cloudy
Sun. 69/46 partly cloudy
CHARLOTTE
Fri. 63/40 sunny
Sat. 68/49 partly cloudy
Sun. 67/47 partly cloudy
WILMINGTON
Fri. 64/43 sunny
Sat. 67/46 partly cloudy
Sun. 64/40 partly cloudy
KNOXVILLE
Fri. 61/42 partly cloudy
Sat. 61/33 partly cloudy
Sun. 54/39 partly cloudy
RALEIGH
Fri. 61/36 sunny
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Sun. 65/44 partly cloudy

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