

# The Banner

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## Quiet on campus

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UNCA's first major fundraising campaign which began last January, continues in its "quiet phase" this fall, getting mixed reactions on its prospective millions.

"Fundraising is good, but it's hard to get \$10 million. There would have to be some reason people would want to give money to UNCA, other than to help a bunch of grubby kids," said Martin Palmeri, senior biology major.

Beverly Modlin, vice chancellor for university relations, said that she is really excited about the campaign. Although it has been a lot of work, Modlin said that the campaign has been fun, and she feels good about its outcome.

Although the university has not publicly announced an official goal for the campaign, the campaign objectives, outlining six different categories of expenditure, add up to approximately \$10.5 million, to be raised over the course of five years.

According to Beverly Modlin, the campaign objectives cater to the causes for which people would be willing to donate money.

Distribution of the funds raised will cover the areas of scholarships (\$3 million), faculty (\$2 million), technological advances (\$2 million), an endowment for a new Center for Community Citizenship and Service Learning (\$500,000), the Center for Creative Retirement (\$2.5 million), and \$500,000 for general use.

"We have all of these items in our shopping bag all the time, so that whenever we're meeting with a donor, we are able to present any of the case items at any time," Modlin said.

The specific categories, however, limit the use of the funds. "Most of the money is coming in donor-directed, meaning that the donors are saying, 'I want this to go to scholarships,' or 'I want this to go for the Center for Creative Retirement.' So, most of the money at this point does not have the flexibility for us to redirect it," said Modlin.

At the end of the campaign, some areas may not have enough funding, while other areas may receive excess, said Modlin.

"You can meet a campaign goal but not meet the campaign needs," said Modlin.

None of the funds will go towards the expansion plans for the Highsmith Center, said Modlin. She said that many donors feel that the state should fund that sort of work. People are more willing to give money for students or professors, or something that appeals to them emotionally, said Modlin.

Also, as the Highsmith Center will require over \$12 million, anything the campaign could raise specifically for the expansion would be hardly be noticeable, said Modlin.

The second largest sum of money the campaign is expecting will go

to the construction of a permanent building for the Center for Creative Retirement.

The center is a way of practicing public relations by allowing the local community to participate with the campus, and it is one of UNCA's assets that make it nationally recognized, said Modlin.

Also, if the Center for Creative Retirement had a new building, it would free up space in Carmichael, Rhodes, and Robinson Halls, said Modlin.

"Well, the funds seem to be well-routed," said Laura Branden, a senior management major. "They aren't improvements that we'll see, or even the freshmen will see, but they seem to promote long-term improvements, and they support the university's mission statement."

Since the campaign is still in its quiet phase, campaign planners are petitioning only donors whom they are very sure want to give, and they are not announcing any goals publicly, said Modlin.

"There are two phases to a campaign. There's the quiet phase and there's a public phase, and an event that happens to mark those is the gala event or the kick-off," said Modlin.

The point is to have an encouraging amount when the campaign is made public to

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Beverly Modlin

## Victims' advocate

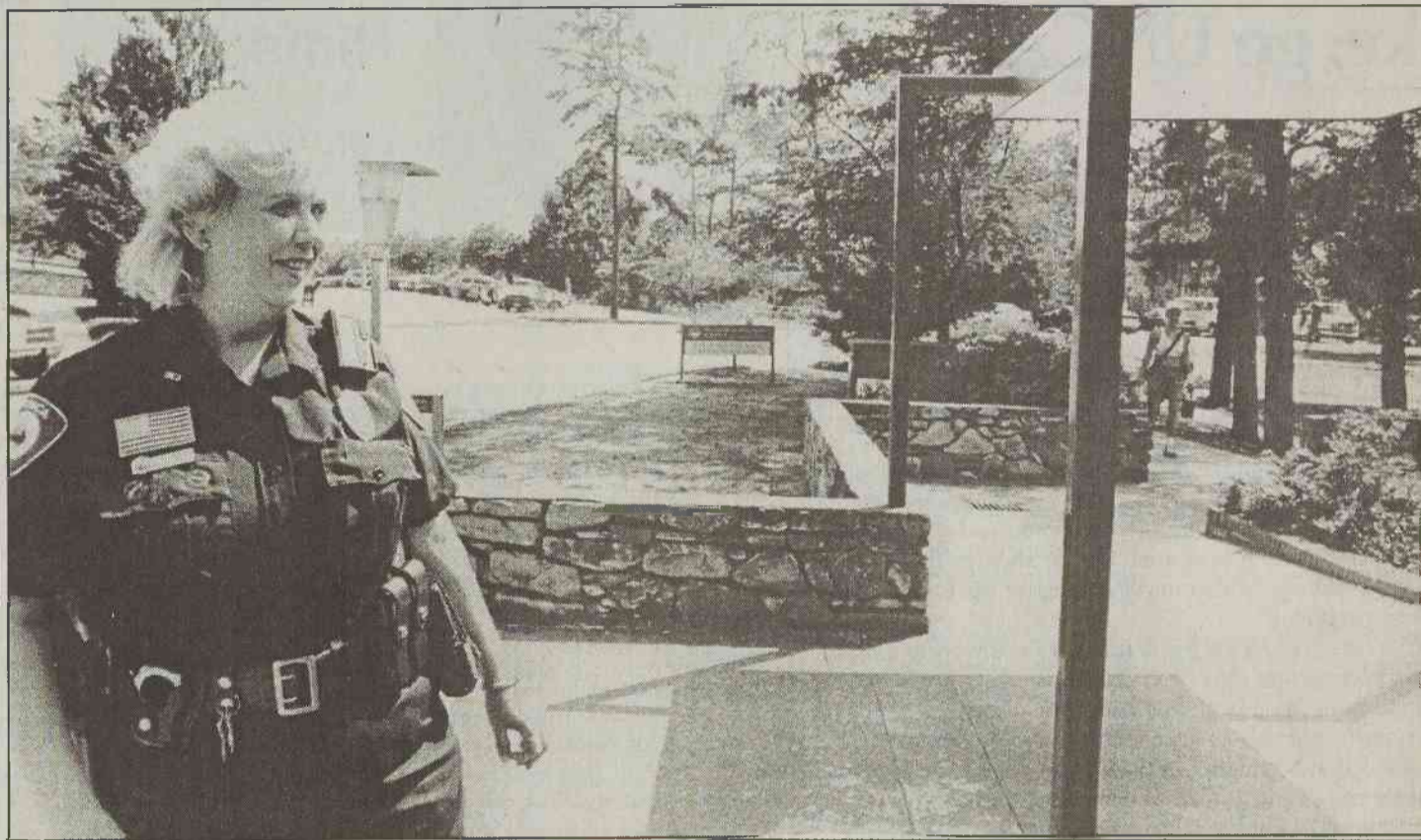


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UNCA's new victims' advocate, Officer Vicki Harris, will assist UNCA faculty, students, and staff who are witnesses or victims of a crime.

## Federal grant funds new position

By Samantha Hartmann  
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The Public Safety Department initiated a new program, the Victim/Witness Advocate Program, to assist all UNCA students, faculty, and staff who are victims of crime, witnesses to a crime, or experience a crisis. Officer Vicki Harris, who joined the department in July, heads the new program.

"I serve as a voice for victims," said Harris. "I am here to help with various services, such as emergency medical attention, counseling, crisis intervention, and court proceedings."

Harris said she is available to help from the beginning stages of victimization through the final stages of recovery and prosecution.

The program is sponsored by a federal grant from the U.S. Department of Justice through the North Carolina Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, Governor's Crime Commission.

"We received a one year grant, but it can be renewed for a second year," said Jerry Adams, sergeant in charge of investigations with the department. "The evaluation is based on the type and amount of work done, and the benefits of the program."

Deborah Misch, a senior

art major, said she thought it was a good idea to have someone available who had knowledge of the court system.

"People are often overwhelmed by a variety of emotions when they are victims of crime," said Misch. "They do not need the additional stress of dealing with the complexities of the court system."

Misch, who has been a victim of robbery, said she remembers being frustrated by the lack of information from authorities.

"You are never told if a criminal is caught, or if that person will be convicted," said Misch. "We need more programs like this for vic-

tims. So often, it seems that criminals end up being taken care of better than the victims are. I am not against criminal rehabilitation, but I do have trouble with people in prison who are receiving free health care, shelter, education, and opportunities that victims do not have."

"Officer Harris is going to be able to offer more personal attention to the campus community," said Adams. "In the unfortunate event that someone on this campus becomes a victim of crime, she will be there to assist and provide the attention that victims deserve."

Susan Stader, a junior psychology major, said she was happy to hear that this ser-

vice was available on campus.

"It is good for people to know that there is someone right here on campus," said Stader. "It makes it easier for someone to seek help when a service like this is accessible."

According to printed material on the program available in Public Safety, it is not necessary to file a report before obtaining information and referral assistance from the Victim/Witness Advocate Program.

"You do not have to report a crime in order to talk with me," said Harris.

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## UNCA awaits professor's return

By Samantha Hartmann  
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A UNCA faculty member, Heidi Kelley, associate professor of sociology and director of international studies, is recovering from a stroke she suffered on Aug. 29.

She was experiencing unusually severe headaches on Aug. 28, according to Dwight Mullen, associate professor of political science and a per-

sonal friend of Kelley's.

"She was not feeling well Friday," said Mullen. "She and her husband, Ken Betsale (associate professor of political science), thought it was the heat or a migraine."

"They visited a doctor, but he sent her home thinking it was a headache," said Mullen. "Her condition deteriorated through the night, and she was rushed to the hospital around 3 a.m. Saturday."

Mullen said the stroke was very unexpected.

"This campus is small," said Mullen. "When something like this happens, people really come together."

"There was no history of anything like this in her family," said Mullen. "She had no previous symptoms."

According to the National Stroke Association's website, current statistics indicate that there are nearly four million people in the United States who have survived a stroke.

"There is still so much we don't know about how the

brain compensates for the damage caused by stroke," said the website.

"Stroke survivors sometimes experience remarkable and unanticipated recoveries that can't be explained."

"General recovery guidelines show that 10 percent of stroke survivors recover almost completely, 25 percent recover with minor impairments, and 40 percent experience moderate impairments."

Mullen said Kelley was

transferred from Memorial Mission Hospital to Thoms Rehabilitation Hospital.

"I have no idea how long she will be there," said Mullen.

"She will have both speech and physical rehabilitation," said Mullen.

The faculty and administration will meet today to discuss and determine the delegation of Kelley's duties during the time of her absence.

## Founders and students endure renovations

By Kjrsten Keane  
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While renovations for Founders Residence Hall are nearing completion, some students are upset with the prolonged inconvenience.

"I thought (air conditioning) would be here for the beginning of school," said Brandon Bucy, a sophomore political science major. "Here we are, sizzling in our own juices."

"The original date for air conditioning was Aug. 15," said Pete Williams, UNCA's director of housing. "We're basically a month behind."

Air-conditioning units were tested for leaks on all floors Friday, and are expected to be working this week, said Williams.

Most of the people have been cooperative about the construction, said Williams, but "we have a few students that haven't been."

"It's been a very stressful time for everybody," said Williams. "We appreciate the people who have been understanding of the circumstances. It's not something that was planned to happen, but these things do happen in construction."

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"I have to imagine that it was awkward for the freshmen because it was their first college experience," said Alexis Stephenson,

for the freshmen because it was their first college experience," said Alexis Stephenson,

a sophomore education major. "But sometimes that's the way life is, not always perfect." Incoming students were not anticipating the incomplete renovation projects.

"It was upsetting how torn up everything was when we got here," said Amy Macaluso, a freshman resident. "The lounges weren't set up and it was sweltering."

"At first all the construction in Founders Hall was annoying," said David Schlabach, a sophomore computer science major. "Then I started to think about it. I should be used to the construction and noise and

other related events."

In addition to air conditioning, rooms in Founders received new furniture.

The new, larger furniture placed in Founders Hall over the summer is not really a problem, said Larry Minton, resident director for Founders.

"I didn't like it at first, but it grows on you," said Bucy. "I like the big desk area." (Big furniture) might be a problem with some students who are used to having more

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