

News

NEWS from the OUTSIDE WORLD

Alaska Airlines plane crashes; no survivors

On Feb. 1, the remains of four plane crash victims were found off the coast of California following the crash of Alaska Airlines flight 261. Of the 88 passengers, no survivors have been found. The search continues, despite cold temperatures and depths of up to 700 feet. The plane crashed after losing control of its stabilizer trim, resulting in a 17,000 foot nose-dive.

McCain has surprising victory over Bush

Senator John McCain emerged victorious in the New Hampshire Republican Primary over Governor George W. Bush with a surprising double-digit lead. However, as of Feb. 2, the Democratic Race between V.P. Al Gore and Bill Bradley is still in the air, with numbers too close together for either to claim victory.

Middle-East leaders will continue talks

Leaders of Israel and the Arab world will continue stalled talks on cooperation in the Middle-East. These talks could bring the region closer to solving vital issues like water shortages, refugees, and economic problems. Russia and the United States, who have co-sponsored the talks, look forward to posterity and peace. The talks will take place in April and May.

Cancer patients get "marijuana patch"

A grant of \$361,000 was given to the Albany College of Pharmacy by the American Cancer Society to develop a "marijuana patch" similar to what cigarette smokers slap on to curb the urge. The patch would be given to cancer patients to ease the pain, nausea and vomiting that often accompany chemotherapy. Those who endorse medical marijuana have already been critical, saying that it won't be as effective as smoking the drug.

Prize for on-line art equal to Oscars

To stimulate interest in an emerging genre, the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art has established the Webby Prize for Excellence in Online Art. The award will go to digital artists for their overall work, not for specific projects. A \$50,000 prize will be divided among up to three winners each year, and will be awarded for the first time May 11 at the Webby awards ceremony in San Francisco, billed as the Internet's version of the Oscars.

New building at Governors Village

By Susan McCord
Staff Writer

The construction of a new residence hall immediately south of Governors Village will replace part of the village with modern student housing and increase student residency, yet there will be a decrease in single room capacity, according to a representative of UNCA.

"As soon as students leave after the spring semester of 2002, Swain Hall, Aycock Hall and Craig Hall will be torn down," said Ron Reagan, university architect. Students returning in the fall of 2002 will have a new residence to move into.

The new residence will be composed of one-third double rooms and two-thirds singles, in suites of two single rooms and one double, sharing a bath. The first phase of the construction will add 144 new beds.

Governors Village is in need of costly renovations and repairs, making it cheaper and more effective to demolish and rebuild rather than repair, according to the campus master plan.

"Funds for the Governor's Village replacement residence halls will be provided by a UNC Asheville housing and dining system revenue bond sale," said Arthur Foley, vice-chancellor of financial affairs, in an e-mail. "UNCA will borrow funds to build the new residence halls with repayment secured by a pledge of net revenues from the housing and dining system."

"All UNCA residence halls were built through debt incurred by the housing and dining system. Student room rents and board charges are pledged to pay the operating expenses of the system, to keep the system facilities repaired and maintained and to pay the debt associated with financing the construction of the residence halls and dining hall," said Foley in an e-mail.

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as well as academically, according to Hunnicutt.

Corrigan's visit will provide the steps needed for UNCA to look at the athletic program and continue to strengthen it, according to

Jobs

ideal position to track economic trends," according to the release. "Graduates need to come through the UNCA Career Center to sign up with Jobtrak," said Keller. "It will also be a way for graduating seniors to pre-arrange for the Western North Carolina job fair. Various colleges are coming together. It's sort of like one-stop shopping for employers and job seekers."

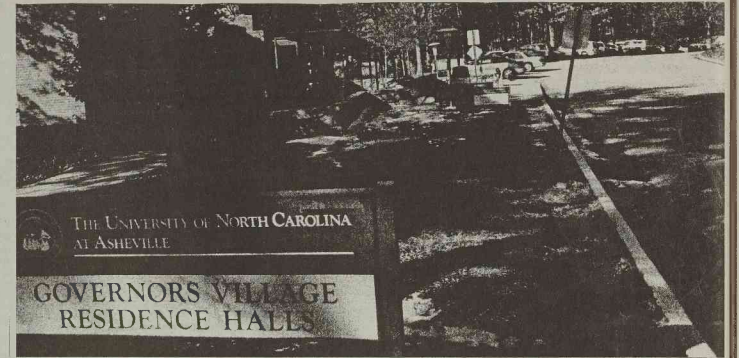


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The new residence hall will modernize Governors Village and will be finished by 2002.

To avoid a net decrease in on-campus housing, the new hall will be built adjacent to Swain and Aycock while students are still in residence there, according to Reagan. The new structure will near completion in the spring of 2002.

Construction of new housing is Phase I of the 1997 UNCA campus master plan, a campus-wide program of development for land use, traffic circulation, academic support, and recreation facilities.

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Hunnicutt. His experience with small Division I athletic programs will help UNCA to gain a more significant reputation in college athletics, according to Gore.

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The master plan was developed through a series of meetings, an "interactive process of dialogue between the planners and the campus constituents," according to the campus master plan document.

Goals of the plan are to expand on-campus activity by increasing student housing from 1,200-1,500

beds, and to locate new housing adjacent to existing housing, near the academic buildings.

A key feature of the new village, and an important goal of the plan, is the maintenance of a village atmosphere by retaining an open green space within the village.

"One of the things that came out of the programming phase of the

Governors Village master plan was that students wanted to have a gathering space," said Reagan.

The design of the new village shows such a space, located north of the new hall.

The service drive will be reduced to a single lane to the Physical Plant, with no through traffic beside the new village.

Discount Tickets

With a valid UNCA ID, you may purchase tickets to:

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