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had experienced" the same thing, she said.

At that meeting, she met Harris and learned the options available to pursue conviction.

"With a serious charge like this, she was encouraged to prosecute," said Harris.

When she did file an incident report in November, a statement was returned from the accused by public safety.

The male student said in the statement that she asked him to get a condom and penetrate her. Then, after a few minutes of intercourse, she began to cry, and he stopped and tried to console her. He said she told him that she felt dirty and her ex-boyfriend would never take her back.

"Not at any point did (she) ask me to stop, nor at anytime did (she) pull away from me or show any indications that she was uncomfortable or that she did not want anything of a sexual nature to happen," said the accused in the report.

Students can either bring their issue to the Student Conduct Board or go to criminal court in Asheville. Those who choose to keep it on campus, however, she did decline the presence of students and decided to bring her case only before faculty and staff.

"Because of the sensitive nature, they decided a special panel would be selected for the board," said Harris. Special panels are done for more serious and confidential types of cases where the protection of the victim or perpetrator is necessary, according to Dennis Gregory, director of public safety.

The professor "tried to draw people that had professional (and) personal expertise in dealing with this issue, because it was a highly charged situation where there were two different kinds of perceptions," said Iovacchini.

Shortly before the conduct board meeting began, she learned that due process allowed him copies of all the evidence she had submitted to the committee.

"He was entitled to whatever she presented as evidence," said Iovacchini. "The accused person can't

defend himself if he can't see what the charges are."

The alleged victim said that she did not think the accused should have access to personal files, such as her Rape Crisis Center file and medical records.

The accused did not "need to get every single (piece of) information, including papers that are definitely confidential, without me knowing about it," she said.

He received her information prior to being questioned by the committee, but she did not receive his information until after she had been questioned, according to the female student.

"Aren't we supposed to be treated equally? If he gets certain provisions, why can't I?" she said. "It seems like they're siding more with the accused than the victim."

The committee did not seem properly trained on how to deal with this type of issue, according to the student.

"They're not used to having people come forward" with such a sensitive topic, she said. "They weren't really prepared, or knew what questions to ask or how to go about it."

There were comments made at the meeting that identified the situation as a classic date-rape, according to the female student and suggestions that the board did not want to make a decision that would ruin two people's lives, according to the female student.

"I'm like 'Well, my life has already been ruined,' she said.

The alleged victim said another comment about the possibility of "mixed signals" made her feel worse. "It was just handled all wrong," she said.

Don Locke, director of the N.C. State University in Adult Community College Education Doctoral program and leader of the panel, declined comment.

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"No matter how a situation like this comes out, there's one side that's probably not going to be happy with the outcome," said Iovacchini. "From the institution's point of view, the matter's closed."

The defendant has the option to appeal the board's decision. However, the plaintiff does not, according to Iovacchini.

"The due process that's afforded does not allow the person making the accusation to do the appealing," said Iovacchini.

Since she no longer feels safe on campus, she is pursuing criminal action. The attorney consulted agreed that there was enough evidence to prosecute, according to the alleged victim.

He was told not to have any contact with her after the board meeting. However, that would be impossible, since they would see each other around campus, according to the female student.

"I was hoping he was kicked off campus, because that was the only way I thought I could survive and stay" at UNCA, she said.

The fear for her safety has escalated to the point that she graduates at the same time she does, she will refuse to walk and receive her diploma at the ceremony, according to the female student.

There have been several programs dealing with rape awareness signs, including a talk with all male athletes concerning the issue that when someone says "no," they mean no, according to Harris.

The fact that she came forward has caused us to offer more programs in this area that we probably wouldn't have if she hadn't said 'hey, this is how it happened and why,'" said Gregory.

Her story could "encourage more young ladies to come and report these (types of) crimes," said Gregory.

Campaign

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dents manned booths at an "academic showcase" before dinner began, including Dwight Mullen, chair of political science, Cathy Mitchell, chair of mass communications, Michael Ruiz, chair of physics, Scott Walters, chair of drama, Tucker Cook, chair of art and Merritt Mosely, professor of literature.

"We have to stay on the cutting edge of our fields to keep students in competition and stay abreast of our own disciplines," said Mullen. "The students are the ones who benefit."

"I try to give (students) what I didn't have in my undergraduate education; attention (and) individualized teaching to encourage students to think out loud (and) be heard," said Walters. "UNCA is a great place to teach. It is one of the best kept secrets."

Student presenters included Sunshine Wilson, a senior literature major, Joseph Hackett, a sophomore sociology major, Jeannie Johnson, a junior management and economics major, Laura Gasperson, a senior art major and Nicholas McDevitt, a junior history major.

The \$1,000 scholarship Wilson received was the equivalent to working 190 hours at a minimum-wage job. Therefore, Wilson has been able to devote time to her studies and tutoring elementary school children.

"I believe my degree will be more



As part of the academic showcase, faculty members presented material to guests at the campaign.

meaningful because I'll really work for it." "We encourage taking liberal arts learning into the community," said Dale Roberts, director of the Key Center. "We have 1,000 students, staff and faculty doing volunteer work." "With the power that a liberal arts education can provide comes a responsibility to citizenship and service," said Mullen. The campaign was organized through efforts by the Board of Trustees, the Foundation Board and the campaign committee. It is the first one of its kind, according to Comfort.

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Recognizing Excellent Teachers at UNCA: A Call for nominations

Each year, the UNCA community selects seven faculty members to be recognized for teaching excellence. Now is your chance to nominate teachers who've made a difference through inspiration, dedication, brilliance, compassion, intensity, and overall quality. Send us your nominations now — We accept nominations from all segments of the campus community, and your nomination may be the break that gets a deserving teacher recognized. Don't assume that someone else will make your nomination for you!

- The awards are made in the following categories: The UNCA Distinguished Teacher Award, The Board of Governor's Award, Excellence in Teaching by an Untenured Faculty Member, Teaching Excellence in Humanities, Excellence in Teaching by a non-full-time Faculty Member, Teaching Excellence in the Social Sciences, Teaching Excellence in the Natural Sciences

We accept nominations from all segments of the UNCA community: students, staff, faculty, alumni, and friends. You don't need to identify awards in your nomination: All nominees are automatically considered in all the award categories for which they're eligible.

How to make your nomination: Simply write a nomination letter (it doesn't have to be long) that identifies the teacher you're nominating and describes the teaching qualities that inspire your nomination. Send your nominating letter to Tracy L. Brown, Department of Psychology, Ziegler Hall CPO#1960, or by e-mail to mail to: TLBrown@unca.edu.

Please include (or fill-out, tear off, & attach) the following information:

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DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS: Wednesday May 3rd 2000 !!!!