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Former 1988 Democratic presidential candidate, Michael Dukakis, right, attended the chancellor's installation Oct. 6.

academic side, but also understands external needs, according to Dobelle. This needs to be done at museums, at YWCAs and housing authorities, because all can be leaders. In response to a question from the audience, UNCA can find ways to help students be taken more seriously when involved in community service, according to Dobelle. "You need to have a faculty engaged and motivated," said Dobelle. "With the new building downtown, this campus will change and become a hot commodity around the country, drawing more students with a sense of mission and a spirit of community service, inspiring a lot of people to pay attention in a non-threatening way."

Chancellor Mullen said UNCA can help with the need for jobs in Asheville through community endeavors. "UNCA can have impact by the way we reach out, like the critical downtown presence, and the programs with the schools, as well as partnering with the community college endeavor to retro-fit the donated million-dollar BASF building through the current bond issue," said Mullen. "I think UNCA has an opportunity as the designated liberal arts college in N.C. to reach into Asheville's historical arts community and be part of this vibrant and stunning community," said Dobelle in regard to the anticipated UNCA move into the J.C. Penney building in downtown

Asheville. Through the possible performance and visual art building, faculty could interact with other international universities, according to Dobelle. "UNCA faculty have a possibility to become world players in partnership with other mountain cities throughout the world with this new downtown presence," said Dobelle.

Cities do not need more diagnoses, because citizens know what is wrong. If voters do not make demands on elected officials and do not seek office, they deserve what they get, according to Dobelle.

A \$200 million revitalization initiative adjoining Trinity's campus is largely due to the work of UNCA Chancellor James H. Mullen while vice president at Trinity College, according to Dobelle. It includes a Montessori school, a high school for science and math resources, a performing arts academy and a Boy's and Girl's Club operated by 200 Trinity students.

"Those of us in higher education can and must affect the future of our cities and the destiny of our country because today's students want to build a world that reaches beyond skepticism and beyond limitations," said Dobelle.

Students want their lives and their institutions to stand for something, according to Dobelle.

"They want more than pat answers and high rhetoric. These young men and women are the promise of America's new century, and it's our responsibility in Asheville and Hartford to be worthy of their idealism and potential," said Dobelle.

"UNCA has a responsibility to help with the incubation of small companies such as environmental science and computer companies, to help spin them out of that BASF incubation facility," said Mullen.

Dobelle suggested Asheville Mayor Leni Sitnick work with the federal Fannie Mae housing program to build needed low-income housing using its trillions of dollars of funds.

Students give blood



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Shannon Jones, a senior management major, gives blood Oct. 4 to the American Red Cross in the Highsmith Center. Jones was one of a number of students who gave blood.

Graffiti

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dent] as extended members of my family, and the only way I knew how to do that is to look everyone in the eye and have a conversation on something important to me," said Mullen. "When I heard about (the vandalism) I felt that was important that I come and speak (to the students) and say that this is not the kind of community of learning we are, and I cannot, as chancellor, allow things like that to happen."

According to Williams, this meeting is a way for the chancellor to respond to a specific problem, while dealing with a larger issue.

"The chancellor has been clear since the day he has been associated with this campus that he has no tolerance for things like this," said Williams. "We have very strong support from our executive officer now that says we are not going to have intolerance."

In the meeting, Mullen said that such acts of vandalism would not be tolerated on campus now or anytime in the future. He also said those persons responsible for any acts of vandalism will be dealt with accordingly.

"You have a right to your opinion, you have a right to civil debate about your opinion, but there will be no more graffiti in any building, and no more epithets about anybody in this campus community,"

said Mullen. "I am going to assume that whoever did it was not from UNCA, but the next person who does it, if they are from UNCA, I will personally throw (them) out, and it will be a long time before that person is invited back."

Some students questioned why Mullen felt this incident was more important than past incidents of vandalism on campus.

"I have seen things like this happen several times in the past, in fact, vandalism worse than the words 'F--- faggots,'" said Brian Lovern, a senior atmospheric science major. "I think if the chancellor wants to address this incident, he should be ready to address every incident of the same nature."

According to Williams, this act of vandalism is not necessarily of a more serious nature than some incidents in the past, such as past graffiti and ripping signs down, but the chancellor feels all acts of intolerance are serious.

"The chancellor does not feel that this is in the same caliber of ripping a sign in half, and has made it clear that we will welcome everybody and their views into our family," said Williams. "(Mullen) wants to personally say we are not going to put up with hate speech and any kind of harassment (at UNCA)."

NEWS from the OUTSIDE WORLD

Heroin use rises in Northwest U.S.

Heroin use in the Pacific Northwest region has risen to an epidemic level. By some estimates there are over 20,000 heroin addicts around Seattle, Washington. Health clinics in the region offer clean needles to users to protect them from disease and counseling services.

European Union lifts sanctions as Kostunica gains power

Vojislav Kostunica became Yugoslavia's new president Oct. 7. In response, the European Union said they would lift their economic sanctions against Yugoslavia, including an oil embargo and a ban on commercial flights in and out of Serbia.

Number of gun wounds decline

On Oct. 8, the U.S. Justice Department reported that the number of gunshot wounds fell almost 40 percent from 1993 through 1997. The decline has been attributed to a decreasing number of crack cocaine wars and an extended prison sentence for violent criminals.

Palestine and Israel continue fighting

The tension continues to rise between Israeli and Palestinian armies. On Oct. 8, Israel demanded that Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat put an end to the fighting by Oct. 9. If the fighting does not end, Israel may attack Palestinian commanders.

Firestone blamed by Ford for fatal accidents

Ford Motor Co. blamed Firestone tires for the 101 fatal accidents in the nation. Recently, the Washington Post analyzed the crash statistics and found that the Ford Explorer has a higher rate of tire-related accidents, even when the Explorer comes with Goodyear tires.

Roman Catholics celebrate Pope's birthday Oct. 9

Pope James Hickey, who has led the Washington Archdiocese for 20 years, turned 80 on Oct. 9. He celebrated his birthday with 14,000 Roman Catholics singing "Happy Birthday" to him after Mass on Oct. 8. Some of the participants said they felt the salute was more of a formal goodbye to Hickey.

The Hispanic Democrats of N.C. invite students, faculty and staff to a fundraiser dinner and salsa dance Oct. 14 from 3 to 5 p.m. at Zambra Tapas & Wine Bar in downtown Asheville. The special guest is Janet Murguia, deputy campaign manager and director of the constituency outreach for the Gore/Lieberman 2000 campaign. For more information, call Matty Lazo-Chadderton at (919) 467-1175.

The Smithsonian's National Zoological park and the Friends of the National Zoo are offering internships to college students interested in natural science, communications and museum careers. The deadline is Dec. 31. For more information, call (202) 673-0206.

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