

# News

## Students win in Knowledge Bowl

Rachel Crumpler  
Staff Writer

East Rowan High School won first place for the second year in a row in the UNCA Knowledge Bowl Oct. 28 and Nov. 4, out of many WNC high school students who participated. The contest allowed the campus to simultaneously serve the community and represent UNCA's love of learning, according to Chancellor Jim Mullen in an e-mail.

"The Knowledge Bowl brings young men and women to our campus to celebrate knowledge and learning," said Mullen. "It is a competition that represents both our values as a place of learning and our commitment to serving our community."

During the first week of the contest, 19 high school teams individually attempted to answer 75 questions and a few bonus questions. The top eight teams competed again to select a winner, according to Michelle Patrick, assistant professor of management and accountancy and co-organizer of the event, in an e-mail.

"Each winning student gets a trophy, a hardback dictionary donated by the bookstore and a chance to compete in the national competition," said Patrick. "In addition, (East Rowan) gets \$400 and the traveling trophy for the year."

The essential speed challenges most students. They must think of answers rapidly, according to Ben Martin, a senior member of the Crest High School team, which placed second.

"The competition is 'kind of nerve-racking,'" said Martin. "You are trying to think really quick, and that hinders your answer."

According to the Knowledge Bowl handbook, the questions cover all areas, including English, history, mathematics and science. UNCA faculty compiles the questions and read the questions at the event.

A professor might ask, "What is the name for the accidental transportation of initial sounds?" said Patrick in an e-mail. The answer is "a spoonerism."

Each team practices for the tournament throughout the year, according to Simon Dixon, a junior at Hayesville High School.

To train, "we sit in a room and answer questions during our lunch time," said Dixon, the captain of his team. We train "all year, but we've been training really hard for the past couple weeks."

Martha Moore, a teacher of European history at Shelby High School, said she coaches the school team because she wants to encourage students to enjoy learning.

The Knowledge Bowl "is a way to promote academics," said Moore. "well, and they were willing to come out and show their support," said Southern. "They basically spoke a few words on why the bonds are so important and why students should get out and vote."

**The competition is "kind of nerve racking. You are trying to think really quick, and that hinders your answer."**

-Ben Martin, a senior member of the Crest High School team, which placed second in the event.

**Bert Holmes, chair of chemistry, will present the lecture "Preparing for the MCAT and DAT" Nov. 16 in Room 37 in the Highsmith Center. It is intended to teach students how to best prepare for the pre-medical, pre-dental and pre-osteopathic medicine entrance exams. For more information, call (828) 232-5168.**

## Bond

continued from page 1



PHOTO BY WALTER FYLER

Several students, faculty, staff and community members encouraged citizens to register to vote in October.

Another key point of the rally was to state how important the bonds are to higher education in the state, according to Southern.

"We all realized how important the bonds are, it is a big picture issue for the whole state," said Southern. "When you improve education, jobs are better and we, (as students), are better prepared for the workforce. That is the message the legislators wanted to send."

According to Southern, the rally made a big impact on getting students to get out and vote in the election. "Having the WLOS-13 TV coverage of the rally and getting people in the community to see the local legislators support was really helpful," said Southern.

"Also, those students, faculty and staff in the cafeteria talked about it to others," said Southern.

Students said this rally was a good idea to show student and community support for the bond.

"It is important, as a student, to be able to learn in classrooms and labs that are up to date technology wise," said Laura Price, a sophomore Spanish major. "The \$51 million that UNCA gets will really make a difference for us to do that."

"The rally was helpful in showing a strong message of support from officials," said Brian Smith, a sophomore literature and political science major. "This rally did a good job in getting the message to the student body."

## NEWS from the OUTSIDE WORLD

### WNC fires halted

Fires in N.C.'s Mitchell and Burke counties have been contained, but have caused people with serious allergies and respiratory problems to be advised to remain indoors. The fires spread quickly as a result of extremely dry conditions that have lasted for more than 45 days. People who live as far away as Charlotte were also advised to remain indoors. Much of the problem was alleviated by Nov. 4 rain.

### AT&T suspected of 'slamming'

The Federal Communications Commission is investigating phone company AT&T for allegedly obtaining thousands of new customers from rival companies by replacing their phone service without their okay.

This is an illegal process called "slamming." If AT&T is responsible for "slamming," then they can face fines of \$80,000 per incident, and could also be banned from offering long-distance services in the regions where it illegally switched customers service. The exact number of incidents is not known.

### Crew moves into International Space Station

The first residents of the International Space Station are doing well, according to CNN, but they are having to deal with tight quarters, puffy faces, dirty laundry and cultural differences. There is only one bathroom on board the shuttle and the inhabitants are only able to change their clothes every five days. The crew has no shower facilities, but they do have soap. They must attempt to get along in these conditions for four months.

### England offers assistance for flood victims

John Prescott, the deputy prime minister of England, offered continued financial assistance for flood victims in England. He approved \$76.5 million in flood defense for the next four years. The English town of York has experienced the worst floods since 1625.

A major storm front brought torrential downpour that created immense problems with railway and road transportation. This is the worst flooding in 50 years. As of Nov. 3, 3,000 homes had been put on evacuation notice. More rain was expected Nov. 5.

### President Bill Clinton invites leaders for talks

Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat accepted an invitation Nov. 5 to discuss separate Middle East peace talks in Washington hosted by President Bill Clinton. Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak will likely accept a similar invitation in a few days.

## ONE OF US

In Person: Susan Korda, Filmmaker

Asheville Art Museum, UNC-Asheville Cultural & Special Events Committee Mass Communications Department with support from Cinematique

Thursday Nov 9  
7:30 P.M.  
Robinson, Rm. 125  
UNC-Asheville  
Asheville, NC

Southern Circuit 2000 Independent Film Series

KORDA BUILDS COMPELLING PORTRAITS OF THE FASCINATING AND ECCENTRIC MEMBERS OF HER FAMILY: A GLAMOROUS MOTHER WHO SAVED THE LIVES OF 30 STRANGERS DURING WORLD WAR II, BUT WAS WILLING TO ABANDON HER OWN DAUGHTER. A DEBONAIR FATHER WHOSE WAR EXPERIENCES LEFT HIM UNABLE TO SEE ANYONE'S PAIN BUT HIS OWN. A BROTHER REDUCED TO SHOOTING AT PORTRAITS OF HIS FAMILY WITH A 9MM. IN A SEARING INDICTMENT OF GERMANY, HER FAMILY, AND ULTIMATELY, HERSELF, KORDA PULLS NO PUNCHES WHATSOEVER.



AAM members \$4.00  
General Public \$5.00  
Students \$4.00  
UNC-A Students free



Junior College      4-year University      Med School, Here I Come!

**Give It Once, It's a Nice Gift.  
Give It Every Year and  
It's a Nice Education.**

U.S. Savings Bonds are gifts with a future. And when you give them every year, they can make a real dent in someone's college bills. With eight denominations to choose from, there's a size for every wallet. And whether you choose the popular Series EE Bonds or the inflation-protected I Bonds, your gift will grow safely until that special person needs it.

Savings Bonds can be purchased through most local banks, where you work, or automatically through the new Savings Bonds EasySaver™ Plan at [www.easysaver.gov](http://www.easysaver.gov).

Call 1-800-4US BOND for recorded rate information, or write to:

Savings Bonds Pocket Guide, Parkersburg, WV 26106-1328.



For complete information about U.S. Savings Bonds, visit our Web site at [www.savingsbonds.gov](http://www.savingsbonds.gov).