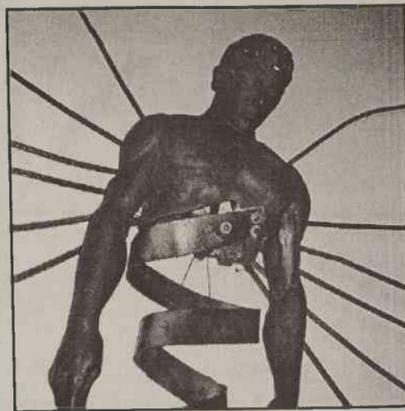


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Senate passes new anti-terrorism bill

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President George W. Bush signed a new anti-terrorism bill Oct. 26, designed to pursue terrorists and bring them to justice.

"The new law that I sign today will allow surveillance of all communications used by terrorists, including e-mails, the Internet and cell phones," said Bush.

Since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks the creation of a new anti-terrorist law has been in the works, according to the *New York Times*.

The Senate passed the new law Oct. 25 by a final vote of 98 to one, according to the *New York Times*.

"The changes," which went into effect immediately, "will help counter a threat like no other our nation has ever faced," said Bush. "We take an essential step in defeating terrorism, while protecting the constitutional rights of all Americans."

The new bill will allow expanded wiretapping authority, expand the government's ability to conduct electronic surveillance, detain immigrants without charges and penetrate money-laundering banks, according to officials.

The bill also allows the release of grand jury information to deter terrorism, and relaxes the conditions under which judges can authorize intelligence wiretaps, according to Bush.

"This bill has the possibility of giving the government more power than it should over the citizens," said senior art major Glenn Roberts.

While the majority of the Senate supported the new legislation, Russ Feingold, a Democrat from Wisconsin, voted against the bill.

Feingold said the bill would allow unconstitutional searches and punish people for "vague associations with possible terrorists," according to the *New York Times*.

Feingold also criticized the bill for allowing intelligence wiretaps that would not require a judge to find probable cause before allowing them, according to the *Times*.

"Congress will fulfill its duty only when it protects both the American people and the freedoms at the foundation of American society," said Feingold in the article.

"I think they're taking it a little too far," said Hilary Schoendorf, a junior environmental science major. She wondered if the new bill would make much of a difference in thwarting terrorism.

"There are enough protective measures in our government. If it (the bill) was enacted, it couldn't interfere with our rights too much," said Roberts.

Many lawmakers argued in favor of the bill.

"It also provides that authority for expanded surveillance of computer and telephones would expire after

UNCA to replace Highsmith Center



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Flags adorn the ceiling of Highsmith Center, which will shut down after the weekend of Nov. 11.

New building expected to accommodate more student groups

Alison McKone
Staff Reporter

UNCA is tearing down Highsmith Center, which will be replaced by a brand new student center. The building will be officially shut down after the weekend of November 10 and 11 to begin construction on the new building which has a budget of \$11,900,000.

"Our hope is that we will get to move in (to the new student center) the summer of 2004, that's the anticipated schedule. There is some fudge time built into the

project for things like rain delays and things like that," said Kevan Frazier, Director of Student Life at UNCA.

According to Randy Williams, Director of the Highsmith Project, the construction process is expected to be about 700 days. The budget for the new Highsmith Center comes from bond money, given to the school as a result of the voters' decision from a referendum in last year's election.

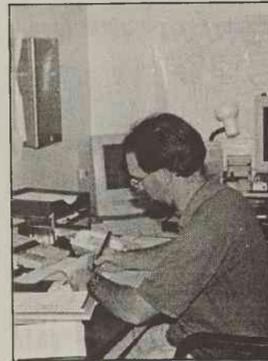
"Some people have said (about Chick-fil-A) as well, we just put that in to tear it down, but when all that was done, we didn't know if we would ever have the money for the new building," Frazier said.

The occupants of office space in Highsmith Center will be moved into

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the newly renovated second level of the parking garage under the Dining Hall. In this temporary facility, there is office space for all those currently in the Highsmith Center as well as a small



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Rick Brophy, assistant director of Student Life-Facilities, works in his office.

game room and small conference room, according to Frazier.

"We will not have a space that replicates the coffeehouse/Dante's space, we will not have a space anywhere near the size of the student lounge, we don't have a space to fill the old PDR (Private Dining Room), and we don't have a space to replicate the Side Door. We do have a space that will transition things that are normally in Highsmith 37 into that a room about the size of the Side Door, we have a small conference room that don't have a similar space to here (the existing Highsmith Center) for meetings. But those are our only two public venues," Frazier said.

According to Frazier, events, such as Open Mic and other events typically held in Highsmith will continue through the construction process. These events will be held in different areas across campus in places such as the Humanities Lecture Hall, Lipinsky Hall, and even some in the Dining Hall.

Chick-fil-A will be closed during the time that Highsmith is under construction. However, according to Frazier, an agreement has been worked out by Sodexo with the Asheville Pizza and Brewing Company.

"We went with Asheville Pizza Company because not only do they deliver pizza, but they deliver their whole menu, all their sandwiches and burgers and whatnot. They'll bring Coca-Colas over and bread and diapers, they have a whole delivery list. Students can do that with their Munch Money, even if they are off-campus students as

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School budget takes a cut

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Staff Reporter

UNCA's annual budget will be cut an additional four percent this year, in addition to a permanent budget cut of \$523,189.

This reallocation of about \$1 million is due to a revenue shortfall of almost \$160 million during the first quarter of the state's fiscal year, and a lagging economy.

"This decline, the first in decades for North Carolina, is in all likelihood, partly due to the events of Sept. 11, and reflects similar situations in other states," said University budget officer Steve Honeycutt in an e-mail about this latest cut.

In addition to the reallocation of state funds, North Carolina Governor Mike Easley has put all state repair and renovation monies on hold. This is equal to \$1.5 million for UNCA, according to the e-mail.

"The greatest challenge we all face is that we need to keep our momentum going forward. We can't allow this budget situation to undermine the progress we have made," said Chancellor Jim Mullen. "We have to manage through this challenge as we keep our vision on where we will be when it is over."

State funds make up about 49 percent of UNCA's total annual budget, and cuts must come from areas for which those funds are allocated, according to Wayne McDevitt, Vice Chancellor for Administration and Financial Affairs.

"No faculty or administrative travel is being authorized between now and Nov. 8. Any previously authorized travel is being honored," said Tom Cochran, Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs. "We have also stopped all equipment purchases for the next two weeks. Further, we have suspended all book purchases by the library."

While this latest cut will affect all aspects of life at UNCA, university administrators are working hard to identify areas of campus life which can be controlled financially.

One of the main areas of potential improvement is in campus utility costs, which have risen considerably in recent years, according to McDevitt.

There is also currently a hiring freeze, which could go on for several months, according to McDevitt.

"We are currently reviewing our energy policy and will soon be communicating on a variety of voluntary, and some non-voluntary, strategies for conserving energy and our scarce financial resources," said Stephen Baxley, Director of Facilities, Management and Planning, in another e-mail about the new budget.

"We are partnering with public safety to make sure windows are closed and lights are turned off-but to protect our UNCA budgets, we need your support," said Baxley. "We need to show our commitment to energy savings and face this fiscal situation together."

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Two apprehended in investigation of thefts

Lori Brenner
Staff Reporter

Two arrests were made in connection with the recent sets of vehicle break-ins on campus.

One student and a local resident were arrested on campus for breaking and entering of a motor vehicle.

"I sat down and the door was

unlocked. The seat belt was undone," said Shawn Westin, a resident assistant in Founders Hall. "I thought some one has been in my car."

The amplifier from Westin's speakers had been stolen. The amp has been found, but is being kept as evidence at the moment, according to UNCA public safety.

Jonathan Marbois-Segall, an undeclared freshman, and Jonathan Sharp an Asheville resident, were served with warrants on Oct. 23.

Three suspects are being questioned in contention with this case.

One has been interviewed; one is in jail; and the other has not been reached, according to Sergeant Adams, a public safety investigator on campus.

No items have been recovered from the break-ins in the past week, but several items were found in a local pawnshop prior to that.

"I am appreciative of the work that public safety has done in the

interest of the students," said Westin.

The break-ins occurred from Oct. 17-21.

Eight cars have been broken in to overall. Four of the break-ins occurred in the Founder's Hall parking lot; one was in the Zageir Hall parking lot; two occurred in the parking lot below South Ridge Residence Hall; and one was in the West Ridge Residence Hall parking deck.

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