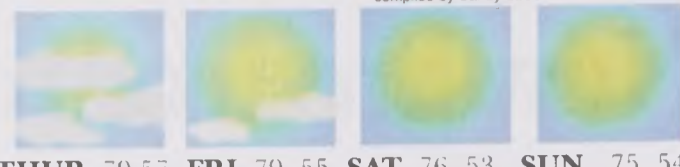


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Microsoft releases Halo 3, delights gamers worldwide

Microsoft released "Halo 3" for their Xbox 360 console Tuesday. The game, in which gamers take on the role of the Master Chief, presold more than one million copies before its release.

Three versions of the game are available: a \$59.99 version including just the game; a limited edition version for \$69.99; and a legendary edition, which adds a replica of the helmet worn by the Master Chief.

Christian fundamentalist convicted of rape

A jury convicted Warren Jeffs, president of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, for being an accomplice to rape. Jurists found Jeffs guilty of performing a marriage between a 19-year-old man and a 14-year-old girl.

Jeffs also faces charges in Arizona of being an accomplice for incest and sexual misconduct with a minor. When arrested last year, authorities found more than \$57,000, wigs and sunglasses in Jeff's car.

Facilities complex dedicated Sept. 20, honoring Millar

UNC Asheville dedicated the new facilities management complex on Sept. 20 to the honor of Sam Millar, who served as university engineer for 15 years. The new

On the front lines

Students for a Democratic Society want to change your world and your mind, one protest at a time

By Carline Fry
STAFF WRITER

Members of UNC Asheville's chapter of Students for a Democratic Society dedicate themselves to making the world a better place through radical activism, and they're starting at home, according to SDS member Doug Michel.

"We in SDS engage in and are committed to a long-term struggle for a better world," said Doug Michel, junior student. "We do this through radical, democratic participation in issues that affect us as youth and students and as U.S. citizens."

The organization is dedicated to fighting imperialism, racism and sexism, and it supports economic, political and social change through activism, according to UNC Asheville's SDS unity statement.

"SDS is indispensable for all U.S. campuses, especially here at UNCA," Michel said. "It provides an important outlet for students who are tired of war, tired of politicians screwing them over, and tired of institutional oppression because they don't fit the 'American ideal.'"

The organization is against all imperialistic wars and interventions, and demands U.S. troops be pulled out of Iraq immediately, according to the unity statement.

"The war in Iraq has been going on for almost five years now," said Katie Ketz, regional coordinator for UNC Asheville's SDS. "It's about time that a national, independent student group formed to combat the oppression of not only the Iraqi people, but other oppressed people around the world and here at home."

The organization, which was called the UNCA Socialist Unity League until spring 2006, formally affiliated with SDS in August 2006.

"The group has been SUL-SDS for over a year now," Ketz said. "That was a mouthful, so we decided to drop the first part and become just UNCA SDS, so that we can better represent this national group on a local level."

The original, national SDS formed in the early 1960s and dissolved by the end of the decade. In January 2006, members re-formed the organization, mostly due to the Iraq war, which resulted in chapters forming around the country.

"Historically, SDS has carried an omnipresent legacy of student activism," Michel said. "SDS was re-formed by the



Sophomore Peter Mills reads a sign posted by Students for a Democratic Society as part of a protest display set up on the Quad this week. Each white flag represents a life lost during the Iraq War, including U.S. troops, Iraqi soldiers and civilians.

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growing need and urgency to unite the U.S. youth and student population against the Iraq war and against the war on our civil rights at home."

As well as sharing the same name, the new SDS is fighting for many of the same issues the original organization focused on.

"The 'new' SDS has formed around many principles (the original) SDS carried during the 1960s, such as participatory democracy, anti-imperialism and radical action," Michel said.

SDS members have many events planned,

including a protest against the Iraq war.

"Our large mobilization will be on Oct. 17, against the war and for education needs, which has been deeply affected due to this never-ending, senseless war in Iraq," Michel said.

The organization brings various public speakers to the UNC Asheville campus and takes part in various protests around the country, according to Ketz.

"We're planning on bringing Carlos

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Campus copes with student death

By Adam Hillberry
INVESTIGATIVE REPORTER



Bill Haggard
Vice Chancellor
for Student
Affairs

In light of the recent death of sophomore Daniel Hendricks, Bill Haggard, vice chancellor for student affairs, commented on how the university and community can cope with a campus-related death.

"One thing that is an immediate concern is the care and safety of all those immediately affected by a death," Haggard said. "One of the first things we do in event of a death is try to find out what happened."

Being available to comfort and ease affected students is very important, according to Haggard.

"Another thing is trying to figure out who are the people closest to the deceased that may be affected and to reach out to them and make sure they have the care and help they need," Haggard said. "Also to inform the campus of what has happened and what services are available. We can also do in-class interventions where we have a counselor and other student affairs staff members come to the class and speak on what has happened and dealing with it."

One of the most important things is having counselors and other student affairs officials available for student needs, according to Haggard.

"For instance, we had counselors on duty extra hours Friday night and Sunday evening to be available for students who need to see someone or talk to someone," Haggard said. "That's one of the things we do. Right now, in this case, that's still our highest priority."

The campus reaction to a campus death is a difficult one to assess.

"Exactly how the campus reacts depends upon the facts of the case," Haggard said. "Part of those folks who might need care, somebody who might be faculty or staff who might have had contact with the individual in a class."

The university may change policies depending upon the safety factors involved in an emergency case.

"If a death is related to some other type of safety issue, then there might be an adjustment of how we might do things," Haggard said. "But as was mentioned in the campus wide emails on this case, this case is one where it was determined there was no threat to anyone."

Respect for the deceased is a tender issue to address and the administrators adhere appropriately, according to Haggard.

"Another thing we always balance is the respect for the deceased and respect for the deceased family. We try to work closely with the family on how we would respond to make sure that everything we do is respectful of all involved," Haggard said.

On-campus immigration forum presses issues

By Adam Hillberry
INVESTIGATIVE REPORTER

An Asheville City Council member and a Pisgah Legal Services staff member will lead an on-campus dialogue on current immigration issues and policies, while some in the campus community view current immigration laws as a tense issue for our society.

"It's such a social issue," said Deidre Wiggins, assistant director of Multicultural Events and Programs and Student Activities and Integrative Learning. "I try to do a lot of social justice programs in this office. It's something that's on the front burner of our society, and I just think it needs to be addressed by our students to at least be aware of some of the current issues locally."

This summer, the Asheville City Council discussed the possibility of enforcing statute 287 (g) of the Immigration and Naturalization Act, which would enable local law enforcers to deport undocumented people.

"(Councilman) Carl Mumpower has proposed the 287 (g) and so I want to make our stu-

dents aware of that," Wiggins said. "Because of the cultural issues we're grappling with on immigration, I think we need to discuss them as a group."

Mumpower sits as the only member on the City Council who actively wants to adopt statute 287(g) and will speak at the dialogue Thursday. Jane Oakes of Pisgah Legal Services is scheduled to speak.

Other campus community members object to the current immigration laws and statute 287(g).

"The system has made it so hard for immigrants to legally become citizens here," said Caitlin Nelligan, co-president of Hispanic Outreach of Learning and Awareness. "Why would you want to be part of a community or country that doesn't want you? Why would you want to pay taxes to that country or community if you can just sneak in illegally. If we treat them well, they're going to want to be a part of our country. They're climbing up a really steep hill."

The ability to deport should not be given to local law enforce-

ment, according to Greta Trautmann, chair and associate professor of foreign languages.

"Although I think that immigration law in-and-of itself is far too complex for any of us with a lack of information to make uninformed opinions about it, I am absolutely horrified at the idea of local enforcers of the law would be given any kind of right to enter people into the state of deportation," Trautmann said. "I don't have faith in local city officials to have the critical ability to make those kinds of decisions in times of crisis. I'm afraid that in many instances it would amount to racial profiling and a lack of critical thinking."

The forum begins at 12:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 27, at UNC Asheville's Laurel Forum, Karpen Hall 39.

Contact Deidre Wiggins at 232-5110 for more information.

Immigration Questions

Several aspects of the immigration issue consist of questions our society has trouble answering. Questions to be asked at the dialogue include:

- Is an immigration reform bill necessary?
- Should undocumented immigrants be allowed to live or work in the United States, and should they receive health care, social security and other compensation benefits?
- Do you see the language barrier as a detriment to the educational system or do you feel it should be embraced to enhance the enrichment of our society?
- Do you feel local law enforcement should be given the authority to detain and deport illegal immigrants?