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Weather causes cancellation

By Penny Kramp

Five inches of snow fell on Asheville Monday and Tuesday, turning the UNCA campus into a beautiful but deadly winter wonderland and causing cancellation of a day of classes for the third consecutive week.

Dr. Laurence Dorr, vice chancellor of academic affairs, announced the closing early Tuesday morning.

He said he based the decision on the extreme weather conditions, not the recent flood of snow policy protests.

"The roads were close to impassable. Most people could not have made it here," said Dorr.

"I think Dorr made the right decision, but Wednesday classes should also have been closed. I live in Haywood County and it took 50 minutes to get here," said student Kathy Mason.

Dorr said he received a number of similar com-

plaints Wednesday morning.

"Most of these complaints were ill-advised. The sun was out and the snow was already melting," said Dorr.

Dr. Ed Brotak, assistant professor of atmospheric science, said the cause of the recent precipitation is a major storm coming out of the Rocky Mountains.

It isn't just a coincidence that snow falls on Mondays, according to Brotak.

"The weather is in an atmospheric cycle. But it is impossible to predict when the pattern will change or whether or not we will be hit with more snow," said Brotak.

The bad weather cancellations have created academic concerns for many professors.

Dr. Merritt Moseley, assistant professor of literature, said his Tuesday humanities class has not met in four weeks.



Staff photo by Sylvia Hawkins

GOING TO THE DOGS: Dr. Margaret Cleek's Alaskan Malamutes Shandra (L) and Kyle (R) enjoy Tuesday's snow.

"Students will have to try to recover with the help of their professors. You just have to try to squeeze the material in,"

said Moseley.

"There are no easy answers. You either close

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UNCASG requests drinking law hearings

By Jennifer Heglar

The University of North Carolina Association of Student Government (UNCASG) unanimously passed Saturday an act to hold hearings on raising the state drinking age to 21.

Twelve of the sixteen state universities sent representatives to the UNCASG meeting hosted by UNCA Friday and Saturday.

UNCA Student Government president Ken Cagle, who is also president of the UNCASG, said the major issue of the conference was an act to call for hearings on the proposed raising of the North Carolina state drinking age to 21 years.

The act, composed by Paul Parker, UNC-Chapel Hill student government president, states, "...the UNCASG speaks on behalf of the students of the public universities of North Carolina...to request that the state...establish open hearings on this proposed law across the state, in-

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SNUGGLE BEARS: Chris Keith (L) and Cynthia Sproule (R) curl up with an unidentified friend.

Staff photo by Leslie McCullough

Vandals mar campus

By Joan Sterk

The results of vandalism are not a pretty sight. But they are becoming a common sight on UNCA's campus.

During this school year, vandalism and littering have been rapidly increasing.

Most attempts to explain the increase focus on alcohol. Despite a new, more restrictive alcohol policy, campus vandalism is definitely on the rise.

"Any of it (vandalism) is ridiculous. It should not occur," said Cindy Lamm, housing director.

"There's graffiti and trash beyond belief. It seems like it picked up

mid-semester," Lamm said.

Sharyn McDonald, Highsmith University Center director, said, "The major vandalism is being done around times dances are scheduled in the Highsmith Center."

Although the frequency of fights is decreasing this year, the high rate of vandalism is still a major problem.

"We assume it's alcohol related. Most of the damages are in the men's bathroom in the Highsmith Center," McDonald said.

"They've punched holes in the walls almost every time there is an event in the center," McDonald said.

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