



RUTH HARRISON AND KURT EHRSAM, winners of The Blue Banner Trivia Trap Playoff.

Staff photo by Penny Kramp

Ehrsam wins playoff

History-political science major Kurt Ehrsam, along with his partner Ruth Harrison, won the **Blue Banner Trivia Trap Playoff** in 50 minutes Sunday in the UNCA Highsmith Center.

Ehrsam, who won the March 7 Trivia Trap, competed for the \$50 prize against Trivia Trap winners Linda Hoffman and Tracy Thompson along with their partners. Ehrsam split the prize evenly with Harrison.

The players answered questions from the Genus edition of **Trivial Pursuit**. "Everybody got the last wedge in pie at the same time, so it was pretty even," said Donna Jarrett, circulation and promotions manager for the **Banner**.

THE BLUE BANNER

Serving the students of the University of North Carolina Asheville since 1982

Volume VI, Number XIV

Thursday, May 2, 1985

Chancellor compromises

By Jennifer Heglar

Today marks the end of housing's room sign-up for the 1985 - 86 academic year and the resolution of student-administration controversy over dorm changes.

Chancellor David Brown, who originally proposed doubling 74 corner Village rooms to meet university housing debts, reconsidered this decision at the prodding of UNCA students.

The chancellor, admitting the administration did not at first consult students "as broadly as we should have" on the issue, credited Neal Rhoades, student government president, and Pat Cabe, vice-president. Both worked with Cindy Lamm, housing director, on finding a solution to the problem.

At an April 17 meeting with Brown, Rhoades and Cabe proposed housing create 28 additional private rooms by closing in lounge spaces in six Village dorms.

Under this plan, the university will double only 42 corner rooms.

According to Rhoades, "Out of that meeting, the fact came up that he (Brown) had never seen a Village room."

Therefore, Rhoades and Cabe invited the chancellor to tour the Village with them.

Rhoades said when Brown saw the Village, his reaction was, "Wow...we've got a lot of space here, don't we?"

"The fact came up that Brown had never seen a Village room."

Neal Rhoades

Brown agreed upon seeing the Village, he was more inclined to agree with Student Government's plan.

"When I went into the Village, I had a sense that it's a marvelous place," he said.

"It's not pretty, but it is really neat. I had not envisioned that, so that's a big change in my attitude as a result of the tour."

Rhoades, calling Brown "facilitating, accommodating and flexible," said the chancellor was "very, very nice" about adjusting his proposal according to student input.

Cabe echoed this sentiment, saying the administration worked well with student government because the students had researched the issue well, were willing to compromise, and proposed "legitimate alternatives" to Brown's plan.

"We weren't just pulling strings out of the air," she said.



ROCKMONT ROCKS: Kim Adams and James Davenport laugh it up at the annual end-of-the-year smash. (See related photo spread on page 10.)

Staff photo by Betsy Phillips

Commencement still mandatory

By Joan Sterk

The pomp and circumstance surrounding graduation ceremonies are part of a ritual some graduates would rather do without; but attending the ceremony is mandatory.

Surprised? Many seniors were unaware of this fact before receiving the letter from Dr. Tom Cochran, assistant vice chancellor of academic affairs, stating that attendance of the ceremonies is mandatory unless there was a valid, approved excuse.

This has always been the procedure, according to Dorr. "Part of the experience of going to school is participating in the ceremony," Dorr said.

"You can't be exempt from real world things," said Dorr, concerning the reason for making attendance mandatory.

Cochran said, "We want to encourage students to participate. It's part of your whole college experience."

Cochran said they do not make any issue out of attendance, and will accept excuses such as conflict with being out of town, health, or religious conflicts.

Of this year's class of approximately 220, only 150 will show up for the ceremony, according to Cochran. "Most of them (the absentees) I will never hear from," Cochran said.

continued on page 4

Drugs: 'running rampant'

By Penny Kramp

"I could within three minutes walk out and come back with a handful of drugs. Drugs are running rampant now."

This is how Suzanne Bowers, counselor at Appalachian Hall, describes Asheville's drug community.

Bowers, a former drug

addict herself, said Asheville's drug network is "outstanding. Asheville has more Narcotics Anonymous meetings than any town this size in the United States. There are at least 10 to 15 meetings every week."

"Currently cocaine is really widespread. College students like it because

continued on page 3