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Campus police have no leads

Stereo thefts investigated

By Jennifer Heglar

UNCA's Department of Security and Services is investigating seven thefts or attempted thefts of stereos from students' vehicles in campus parking lots from Aug. 30 to Sept. 2, said chief of security Charles Carreno.

Six Highrise residents and one Village resident reported the incidents throughout the four days.

Carreno, who is investigating the thefts in cooperation with Asheville City Police, said

chances of finding the culprits are "slim to none."

He believes the thefts may have occurred on Aug. 30, the night of the first dance at UNCA this semester.

The large number of cars on campus provided ample opportunities for such thefts, said Carreno.

"If I were going to steal something, that's when I would have done it," he said.

However, since students returned to their cars at diffe-

rent times throughout the week, Carreno said there is no way of determining the exact times the stereos were stolen.

According to one victim, Wayne Peacock, who had parked his Volkswagon van in the Highrise parking lot, he discovered his cassette deck missing about 8 p.m. Sept. 2.

"They punched out the latch on one of the vent windows," he said.

Peacock added that, when he

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Book prices continue to soar

By Mike Norris

Students returning to UNCA this fall found the usual array of inconveniences awaiting them: long registration lines, closed classes, and parking hassles.

Among these problems, book prices rank near the top of everyone's frustration list.

"I think they're ridiculously high," said sophomore student Glenn Suhy. "The book companies know we have to have books, and, believe me, they charge us for them."

Other students merely accept the book prices as another expected expense of acquiring a college degree.

"I think they're high, but what do you expect?" asked senior Beth Anderson.

"I mean, nobody's going to give you any books."

Jeff Hardin, a sophomore, said, "I'm sure there must be some complaints about them. But then again, there are a lot

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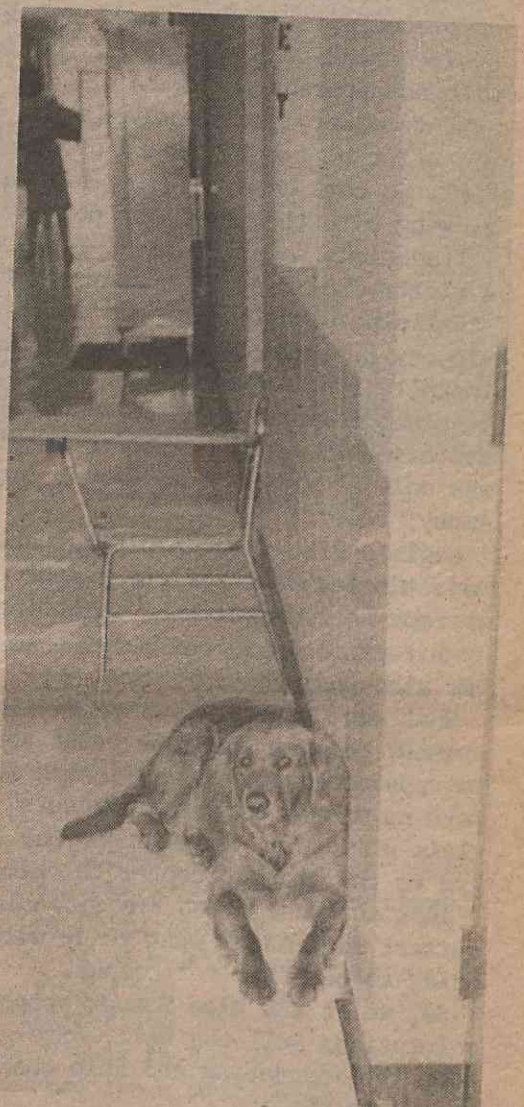


Photo by Jonna McGrath

WAITING FOR A FRIEND: A student's best pal waits patiently for his master outside a classroom Wednesday afternoon.

\$40,000 furniture purchase

Dorms get new look

By Pat Cabe

Approximately \$40,000 worth of new furniture helps to compensate for crowded conditions this semester in some rooms of the Governor's Village dormitories.

Due to an increased demand for on-campus housing, two people now live in a space previously occupied by only one person.

Despite cramped space in the approximately 37 corner dormitory rooms in the Village, Housing Director Pete Williams said, "A few students have complained, but overall we've had very favorable reactions to the new furniture so far."

Gwen Zimmerman, a freshman from Winston-Salem, North Carolina, lives in a doubled corner room in Gardner dorm.

"The lack of space isn't a problem for me," she said, "but that's because I get along great with my roommate."

"The rooms are small," Zimmerman added.

"The new furniture was a shock because the first time I came up here to visit the furniture was old and dirty."

According to Williams, doubled corner rooms received "two wardrobes, bunk beds, two desks and

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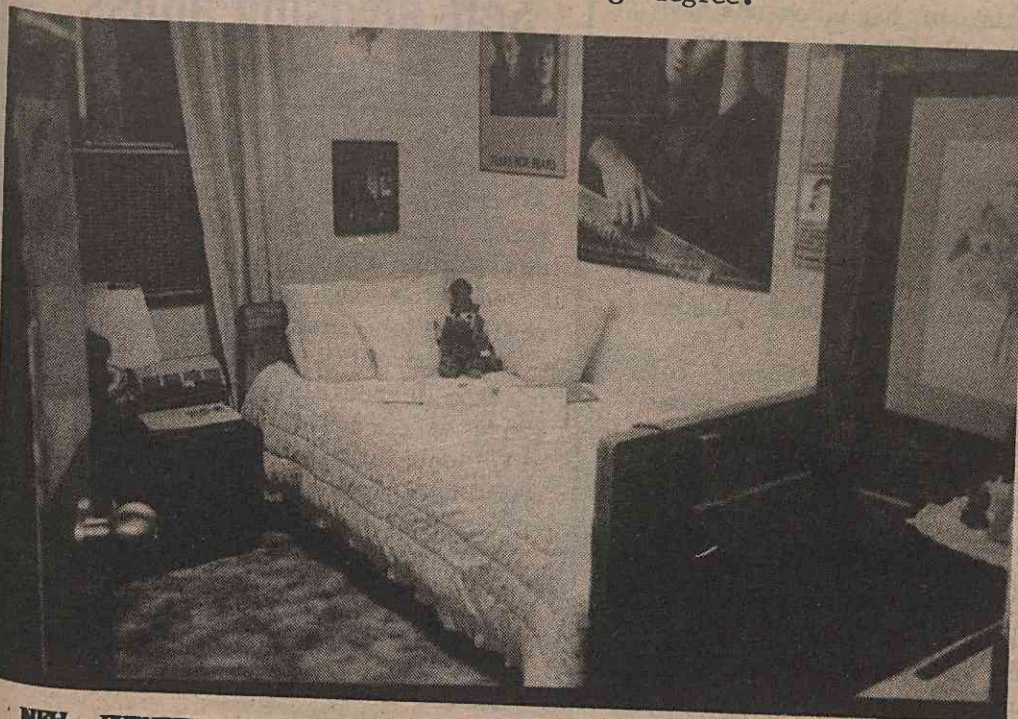


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NEW FURNITURE: Billy Joel surveys some of the \$40,000 worth of furniture purchased this semester for use in some remodeled Village rooms.