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SIGNS OF APPROACHING WINTER: Students David Carter and Jenny Bracanovich sport scarves and gloves on their way into the Highsmith University Center. Long pants

and jackets quickly replaced shorts and T-shirts around campus as the season's first cold weather breezed into western North Carolina.

Groundbreaking held for new residence hall

By Jennifer Heglar

UNCA held the groundbreaking ceremony Nov. 21 for the new \$4.38 million residence hall that will be constructed next to the Highsmith Center.

The hall is part of major expansions scheduled at UNCA. North Carolina National Bank will finance the project during the two-year construction period, after which bonds will be sold to pay off the bank loan. Student fees and dormitory rentals will generate revenues needed to pay off the bonds over a 30-year period.

Expected to raise UNCA's campus population to 800 students, the 300-bed, carpeted, air-conditioned facility is

scheduled to open in fall, 1987, said Dr. Eric Iovachinni, vice chancellor for student affairs.

The hall, designed by the Asheville architectural firm Padgett and Freeman, will fill the two acres beside the Highsmith Center. The general contractor will be Buncombe Construction Co.

The building will serve as a conference and convention facility in the summer.

"We think this will be an extremely popular building with students because its design is similar to one of UNC-Charlotte's most popular dormitories," Iovachinni said.

The residence hall will be

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Health Promotions assists YMI in designing health plan

By Scott Luckadoo

UNCA's Health Promotion Program has begun a proposed merger between the Young Men's Institute (YMI) and the new Minority Health Program.

The new program, established by an advisory committee set up to design a black health plan, will be headed by Asheville native B. J. Bryson.

Bryson, 26, holds a masters degree in social work from the University of Georgia.

According to Bryson, the advisory committee, chaired by UNCA's Health Promotions Program Coordinator Dr. "Buck" Buckalew, chose her from 45 applicants this summer.

The \$87,000 project will be

funded through a grant from the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation.

"The funds for the project are administered through the UNCA Health Promotions Program," Bryson said.

However, Bryson noted that the university itself had little to do with the program.

"There is no real connection between the university and the program, but we do get support from the UNCA Health Promotions staff," Bryson said.

The Minority Health Program has already located its office in the YMI Cultural Center at 39 S. Market St.

"We plan to develop a partnership with YMI. Then

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