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# The Blue Banner

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## Who's Afraid?

Dr. Marcella Cranford brought Akilla, an Eastern Timber Wolf, to UNCA Monday. Students were permitted to pet the wolf.

## Suspects seen in car stolen on campus

By Michele Samuel  
Entertainment Editor

A car theft occurred last week on the UNCA campus with the victim's sister spotting the stolen vehicle sometime later.

Pat Jackson, a student at UNCA discovered her red 1978 Datsun 210 missing from the Owen Hall parking lot March 3 at 12:15 p.m.

Jackson's sister later spotted two men driving the car in Asheville.

"My sister saw the car going up Fairview Road three days ago," Jackson said earlier this week.

"The police searched the River Ridge Mall area," said Jackson.

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## Low voter turnout marks SGA elections

By Michael Pauciello  
Assistant News Editor

Once again, just as last year, low voter turnout has marked the SGA elections.

Out of over 2,700 students, 200 residents and 56 commuters went to the polls to elect next year's student government.

"I can't figure it out," said Gregg Thompson, SGA elections commissioner. "Three hundred students live in the highrise; if they have a class, they have to go through the highrise (where the resident polls were)."

Thompson blames the low turnout on student apathy. SGA publicized the election in the Blue Banner in addition to the many posters around campus.

The turnout of 256 is lower than last year's count of 271, when SGA called a run-off election for the president spot.

This year, the decision of president was much easier as Monica Bonikowski won the position by a significant margin over Geoff Cabe.

The other two contested seats, vice-president and commuter senator, however, ran so close that the necessary recount took until 10 a.m. yesterday.

"I anticipated a close race for vice-president," said Thompson. "Both candidates are pretty popular on campus."

Bill Pfeiffer defeated Gwen Zimmerman in that race by a 125 to 123 vote.

The commuter senator race had three candidates running for two seats. Kevin Hamlin pulled in 24 votes and Katrina Hartso collected 18 to win the seats over Shawn Fitzpatrick who had 17 votes.

Two or three voters could have made a difference, said Thompson of

the two races.

"Because it was close, I called a recount, but it showed the same numbers as (Tuesday) night," said Thompson.

According to the SGA constitution,

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## Rainy Days

Two UNCA students try to stay dry Monday as they walk past the construction site at Rhoades Hall.