

# The Banner

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## News in brief

### Consultants visit UNCA

The UNCA Board of Visitors will have their annual meeting here, on campus tomorrow and Saturday. The group consists of consultants to the university whose role is to assure that UNCA's resources are those of a nationally-distinctive university.

Members of the group are nominated by faculty, staff and friends of the university and are elected by the Board of Trustees.

The meeting will include group sessions, presentations by the visitors, a banquet and an informal discussion with faculty at breakfast.

### Groups silent on hazing

AUSTIN, TEXAS (CPS) -- The University of Texas can't break down a "conspiracy of silence" among greek pledges long enough to curb hazing on the campus, an 111-page report issued last month stated.

The report suggested Texas -- as well as several other schools trying to stop fraternity and sorority hazing of their own members -- is going to have a tough time succeeding until student attitudes change.

"Hazing is like prostitution or pornography. It is a consensual activity, and this makes it extremely difficult to deal with," said John Ratliff, a UT law professor and chairman of the commission which issued the report. "Normally, it does not come to light until someone gets badly hurt."

"As long as the participants (of the fraternities) elect to have this done to themselves and want to maintain this secrecy, there's not a whole lot the university can do," said Ratliff.

### Mercer takeover fails

ATLANTA, GA (CPS) -- Mercer University's president won a unanimous vote of confidence from the school's trustees recently, surviving an attempted ouster by fundamentalists upset by Mercer's appearance in a Playboy magazine listing of top party schools.

A similar conflict between religious fundamentalists and moderates over control of a college has developed at Wake Forest.

The effort to oust R. Kirby Godsey, Mercer's president, began in early October, when Atlanta businessman and Baptist layman Lee Roberts sent letters to students' parents, faculty members and pastors to complain that Mercer no longer followed Baptist principles.

Roberts cited a 1986 Playboy magazine ranking Mercer as a top party school and other "dramatic evidence of filthy language, lewd photographs, heresies, student drunkenness and sexually explicit material" around campus as proof of his contention.

Godsey charged the fundamentalists were "trying to force every person and every institution to adhere to a particular set of doctrines and nothing else."

## Inside . . .

Winter is quickly approaching, and no one knows it better than the members of UNCA's men's and women's basketball teams.

With the season--opens just weeks away, practice for both squads is in high gear as men's coach Jerry Green and women's coach Mary Ann Myers attempt to blend a mix of veterans and newcomers into a winning team.

Two starters, Milton Moore and Ricky Chatman, return from Green's 15-11 club of a year ago, while Myers has all five starters back in uniform from last season's 6-20 squad. Expectations for both clubs are running high as the Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs look to make their mark on the Big South Conference.

## Weather

Friday: Increasing cloudiness. Morning lows around 30. Afternoon highs 60 - 65.

Saturday: Partly cloudy. Morning lows in the 30s. Afternoon highs 55 - 60.

Sunday: Mostly sunny. Morning lows around 30. Afternoon highs around 60.

The UNCA Atmospheric Science department provides this information to the campus community weekly in the Banner. The 24-hour weatherline service is also available at 251-6435.

## Squirrel causes registration delay

By Maria Horton  
Staff Writer

What does a squirrel have to do with pre-registration this week? Plenty, at least on Monday, as a squirrel landed on a transformer outside the physical plant and caused a major power failure on campus, according to Jo Presley, administrative secretary to the director of the UNCA Physical Plant.

"The transformer was damaged and Carolina Power and Light Co. had to repair the damage," said Presley. "We cut the power to all the buildings so that nothing else would be damaged when the main power was restored."

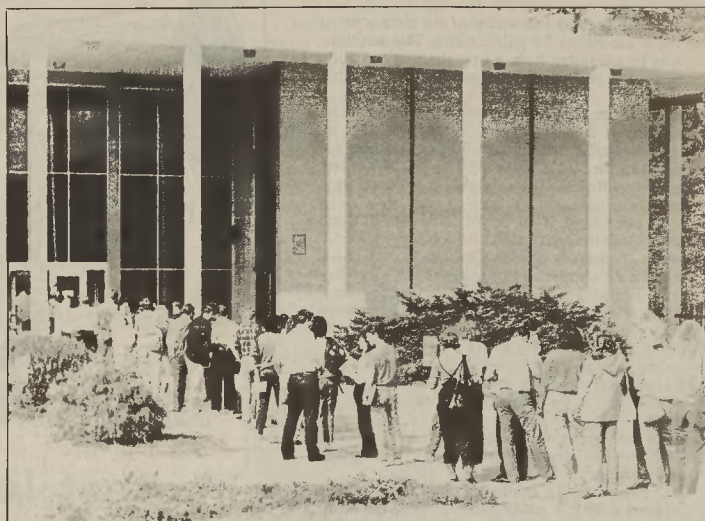
The incident occurred around 1 p.m. and power was restored by 2:30 p.m.

Registrar Joanne Garrett said they tried to overcome the problem by sending the paperwork for pre-registration through the proper channels manually.

"We lost about one hour computer time, but we took up the schedules and will process them just as we normally would," she explained. "Students aren't suffering over it. If the classes are closed, they would have been any way."

Garrett said that all the students had been very cooperative and would return on Tuesday to receive their new schedules.

Temper may have been a little frayed by Tuesday, however, when a second power failure caused long lines.



Staff Photo--Joan Schnyder

Students waited in line outside Lipinsky Hall to pre-register earlier this week.

"We had a brown out this morning just long enough to knock out the computers," Garrett said. "We only lost about 25 minutes of computer time."

Garrett said the long lines on Tuesday were also caused by people who should have registered the day before and failed to.

"People who should have come yesterday are still getting an opportunity to register today and that's causing the lines to back up somewhat," she said.

Linda Gilbert, a psychology major, was caught in the long lines. "I've been here for about 40 minutes and I'm still only half way through," she said. "Everything is moving along slowly, but it looks as though there is a holdup at the computer terminals. They need more people working in this area," she said.

Kristina Beddingfield, a communications major, was also waiting for her turn to pre-register. "I've been here about an hour and still haven't

passed the computer station," she said.

Pre-registration was held in Lipinsky once again since the recent renovation was complete. Doris Harmon, administrative assistant to the registrar, said that things had been moving very smoothly until the power went out.

"It's easier to have it here because we don't have to pack up and take everything to the gym the way we do for a general registration," Harmon said.

## Survey examines humanities program

By Andy Rhinehart  
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When the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) bestowed a \$94,840 grant on UNCA's Humanities Core Curriculum last semester, faculty members noted that in the end, the students would reap the benefits of their reward.

Since that time, money from the grant has been used to fund projects such as a current study group consisting of almost 40 members of UNCA's faculty, in which key texts from the four-sequence curriculum are being studied.

Yet the question remains as to whether students are noticing, and benefiting from, the effects of the grant-related projects. To determine such information, the members of the Humanities faculty

recently conducted a survey of students enrolled in the Humanities 214 and 414 classes.

At the top of the student questionnaire, survey-takers were told, "UNCA has received a faculty development grant to help improve the Humanities program. Your honest anonymous answers...will help us to gauge student opinion about the Humanities Program at the start of the grant."

This is exactly what the survey hopes to determine, according to Dr. Anthony Coyne, associate professor of philosophy.

"We surveyed the Humanities 214 and 414 classes earlier this semester," Coyne said. "The same questions will be given out to students in the 124 and 224 classes late in the spring."

"The purpose for doing this is to see if anything being done by the faculty with the NEH grant is being noticed by the students. One thing we're supposed to be doing with the grant is making the program more coherent, so we are asking the students how coherent they think the program is."

The survey focuses on current and previous experiences with the Humanities program, asking questions such as:

- Do you understand the role of the Humanities in General Education?
- Do you feel that the Humanities Program fits together?

- Do the instructors seem to understand

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**Bundled up** -- James, Yvonne and Rhonda Bardon enjoy the sudden appearance of winter weather. Snow made driving treacherous yesterday.

## Students protest parking problems

By Julie Tilka  
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Students organized Friday to protest campus parking policies by parking in a faculty/staff designated lot.

Protestors made their point in the demonstration, according to Dr. Eric Iovacchini, vice chancellor of student affairs. "They (students) have an issue with the way we're developing parking," said Iovacchini.

He said administrators and students alike are coming to the same conclusion: UNCA needs a more flexible parking policy.

Iovacchini talked to students involved in the protest at the parking lot Friday for about two hours. One student suggestion made at the protest will be adopted into university parking policy. Next semester all student parking will be open. In other words, there will not be any commuter or resident designated areas.

Brian Linkous, a protest organizer and senior atmospheric science major, said

protestors wanted to stage a visible protest Friday morning.

About 15 students parked their cars in the faculty slots. Students also pasted up signs objecting to parking policies. Several of the protestors stayed at the lot for a while Friday morning and then spoke with Iovacchini in the afternoon.

"I thought the parking problem was a good way to get students out," said Linkous.

WLOS-TV visited the protest site Friday morning and showed interviews with both faculty and students on their nightly newscast.

A major complaint by the group centers around the recent addition of University Hall, the new 300-room dormitory without a corresponding lot to accommodate the extra students, according to Linkous.

Student Government President Monica Bonikowski said, "I've already told the chancellor and

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