

# The Banner

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## News in brief

### College Republicans split

College Press Service

The bitterness that has rocked the College Republican National Committee in recent months has split some state and campus Republican groups as well.

Student Republicans at the University of Vermont, Ohio State, Michigan State and in the large statewide Florida and California chapters are all engaged in ongoing internal disputes.

And, as at the national level, the disputes center less on which candidates to back in the 1988 primary season approaching in two months than on who gets to control the party's campus affairs.

### School denies gay rights

College Press Service

In what has long been seen as a major case for collegiate gays, the District of Columbia Court of Appeals ruled Nov. 20 that Catholic Georgetown University does not have to grant student gay groups official recognition.

The court did say that Georgetown must give homosexual groups the same privileges—generally, use of campus meeting rooms—it gives other student groups.

Gay groups sued Georgetown for recognition in 1980, after Georgetown officials refused to give them official status because Catholic doctrine condemns homosexuality.

### Money keys dropouts

College Press Service

About a third of the students who drop out of college leave for money reasons, a five-year examination of dropout patterns by the University of Maryland concluded last week.

Some of the dropouts might have graduated "if they had received the benefits of existing programs or services," Student Affairs Vice Chancellor Richard Stimson said.

Trying to discover why students left college before graduating, Maryland's Student Affairs Office started following the progress of some 800 1980 freshmen, divided into a "representative group" of students from varied backgrounds and a "minority group" of black students.

### Student 'chasing' down

College Press Service

Students just aren't pursuing the opposite sex the way they used to, University of Wisconsin journalism students have found.

In response to a journalism department survey, a majority of Wisconsin-Madison students said fear of AIDS had convinced them to change their sexual habits.

Fifty-six percent of the students said they used condoms more than they used to, and two-thirds of the students who said they'd had multiple sexual partners during the last year said they'd decrease the number, Prof. Sharon Dunwoody, who supervised the survey of 438 undergrads, reported.

## Inside . . .

Debate has re-opened on the Humanities program and other required courses following a story in the Banner two weeks ago discussing Dr. Ed Brotak's proposal for the general education requirements. In a letter to the editor, Dr. Sandra Obergfell says the goal of the Humanities program is for students to become more familiar with the integrated world in which they live. In his letter, Dr. David Kay clarifies the concept of a college education and its relevance to students' futures.

## Weather

**Friday:** A chance of light snow in the morning. Clearing by late in the day. Very cold and windy. Temperatures in the 30s all day.

**Saturday:** Mostly sunny and cold. Morning lows in the low to mid 20s. Afternoon highs in the low 40s.

**Sunday:** Mostly sunny and not as cold. Morning lows around 20. Afternoon highs in the upper 40s.

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.

## Masters program set for 1988

By Phil Alexander  
Staff Writer

The fall of 1988 will mark a new milestone for UNCA, as the school will open its doors to graduates seeking a Master of Liberal Arts degree.

The MLA program will be an interdisciplinary study comprised of 33 semester hours of course work. The program is planned for part-time students, with most courses being offered as evening classes, according to Ted Uldricks, MLA chairman.

Five classes will be mandatory for all students in the program. These courses include The Human Condition (MLA 500), Contemporary Issues (MLA 600), The Human Experience (MLA 520), The Individual and Society (MLA

540) and Science and Human Values (MLA 560). Also included in the 33-hour requirement is the option between a six-hour master's thesis or a three-hour project. The remainder of the requirement will be met by elective credits.

"I believe this is something the university is entering into with proper care and deliberation," said Tom Byers, special assistant to the chancellor. "What has continued to push the MLA program forward is the conviction that this program will reinforce some of the traditional emphases of the campus."

The program is currently awaiting sanction by the UNC system graduate council, according to Uldricks. They're

going to sanction it," said Uldricks, adding that the council must be called together in a special meeting to consider the program, which means, among other things, finding an appropriate date for all involved to attend.

The MLA program is not designed to provide training in a specific profession or vocation, nor to prepare students for doctoral study, according to Uldricks.

"The purpose of an MLA program," Uldricks said, "is essentially intellectual stimulation." He said that some people, such as teachers, may benefit directly in their fields, however.

Larry Wilson, vice chancellor for academic affairs, agreed. "Some teachers, secondary

school teachers in particular, will find it to be really useful for them in their teaching and personal advancement," said Wilson, adding that a current drive in the corporate field for liberally educated managers might also provoke response to the program from lower-level corporate managers.

Wilson said the program would provide managers who do not have a liberal arts background "a chance to study what they didn't at the undergraduate level." He speculated that this would offer a chance to move up into higher management.

MLA program committee member Alan Comer said that the degree itself would be

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## UNCA students honored

By Maria Horton  
Staff Writer

The 1988 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges" will contain the names of 45 students from the UNCA senior class, according to John Quigley, program coordinator for the university.

"We sent in 45 nominations this year, and all were accepted," Quigley said. "The number of nominations is dependent upon the number of students enrolled at a particular school," he added.

To qualify for this honor, Quigley said that a student must have a grade point average of 3.0 or better, participate in extracurricular activities at the university and be actively involved in community projects as well.

"In the past we have had students nominate fellow students for this recognition, but this year the nominations were all from faculty or staff," he said.

The 30 women and 15 men who were chosen this year will

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Winter preview

Staff Photo--Chris Allison

Winter makes its appearance in Western North Carolina as snow dusts the mountains of Asheville. The recent cold snap gives us a taste of what's to come.

## Campus security understaffed

By Julie Tilka  
Staff Writer

UNCA's campus security is undermanned and under-equipped, according to both students and administrators

alike.

"I am very uncomfortable with our lack of manpower," Director of Campus Police Charles Carreno, said. "They staff you for the minimum, and then, when something happens, they expect the maximum...Resources don't meet expectations," he said.

In the past 10 years the campus has doubled in size—from 130 resident students to 700—but the staff has remained the same, according to Carreno.

Campus security has a staff of eight: a director, an assistant, and six officers. There are also several part-time student assistants who perform many of routine duties, including unlocking buildings, writing parking tickets and administrative duties.

The new staff members, added last year, have helped reduce the workload, but these students still cannot perform many of the duties security is responsible for, Carreno said.

Carreno is primarily concerned about single coverage—times when there is only one officer on duty for the entire campus. There is especially a need for coverage during the late night and early morning hours, he said. According to Carreno, many nights he can only schedule one officer.

He said there needs to be at least two officers on duty at

all times. That way, he said, while one officer is off campus then another officer could handle incidents on campus.

Carreno said his office receives complaints constantly from students about the amount of time it takes for an officer to respond to a call.

Police officer Dennis Gregory, an eight-year veteran of campus security, said that many times while working alone he must prioritize his calls "and maybe that third person in line doesn't understand why he had to wait."

"I myself wouldn't want to wait 30 to 45 minutes for someone to respond," he said. "It's an inconvenience."

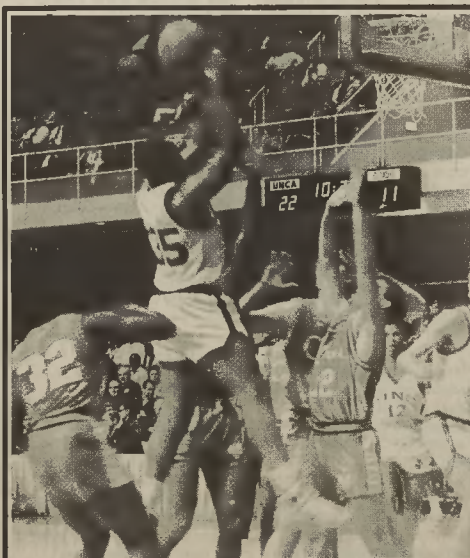
Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Eric Iovacchini also recognizes the need for more security on campus. "I wish we had double coverage on every shift," said Iovacchini. He said it is a goal of his office to get double coverage on campus at all times in the near future.

He plans to make a proposal to the university for an increase in security personnel this spring as a part of the university budget, he said.

Joanne Moore, a sophomore commuter student in engineering, thinks that having one officer on duty at night is "absurd" in light of the recent

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Above the crowd

Bulldog Ricky Chatman goes up for two of his 24 points in UNCA's 85-72 victory over the Citadel Wednesday night.

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