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News in brief

Bible stories return

The Bible is back. Stories from the Bible are being resurrected by publishers of children's books this holiday season, says a children's literature authority at UNCA.

Not since the 1950s have so many new children's books dealt with Bible stories, says Charlie Reed, editor of the ALAN review, a national journal which monitors children's literature.

Reed says the new books are written and illustrated by some of the top writers and artists in the field of children's literature.

The books are aimed at well-educated book-buyers who appreciate excellence in writing and illustration and are willing to pay for it, she says.

Job openings still rising

College Press Service

Students graduating from college this school year will find job opportunities scarcer than before the stock market plunge in October but more plentiful than last year, according to a study released Nov. 30.

Michigan State University's annual survey of employers in business, industry, government and education showed that employers had planned to hire 5.5 percent more graduates than last year.

But after the "crash" of Oct. 19, companies scaled back their hiring plans by 1.7 percent.

Like other surveys, the MSU study found that students in technical fields like engineering can expect to find the highest starting salaries and the greatest demand. Starting salaries for students with bachelor's degrees should average about \$22,600. Chemical engineering graduates can expect offers of about \$30,190.

More religion in '88 race

The injection of religion into American politics, firmly established with the 1980 election of Ronald Reagan, is likely to intensify during the 1988 presidential race, according to political scientist Dr. Gene Rainey of UNCA.

The demise of presidential candidates Gary Hart and Joseph Biden, and Supreme Court nominee Douglas Ginsburg, shows that "the American public is becoming more sensitive to ethical, moral and religious concerns," said Rainey.

Though Republican candidate Pat Robertson is the most obvious beneficiary of religious activism, the religion factor in American politics is not limited to conservative, right-wing ideology, he said.

Rainey cited advocates of "social Gospel" theology as examples of "activists who bring religion and politics together" by calling for an end to American aid to the Nicaraguan Contras or by promoting sanctions against South Africa's apartheid.

Banner holiday notes

After a semester full of deadlines, bylines and cutlines, this issue marks the final appearance of The Banner before the Christmas holidays and the end of the fall semester.

But don't worry, The Banner will return to a newsstand near you on Jan. 21, 1988. Have a Merry Christmas.

Inside . . .

In a mountain rivalry that is developing quickly into a full-fledged feud, the UNCA Bulldogs have fired all the shots.

Monday night marked another big win for Jerry Green and Co., as the Bulldogs defeated Western North Carolina neighbor Western Carolina 76-71 in the Asheville Civic Center. The win marked the third consecutive triumph over the Catamounts since UNCA's jump to Division I play last season.

For more on the big Bulldog win, see Page 5.

Weather

Friday: Cloudy with a chance of rain. Morning lows around 40. Afternoon highs around 50.

Saturday: Partly cloudy. Lows in the low 30s. Afternoon highs around 50.

Sunday: Partly cloudy. Lows around 30. 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.



Santa's helper

Staff Photo--Rudi Schwab

This little elf seems to be having fun as he hangs onto the holiday spirit. He's part of the Christmas display featured at the Grove Park Inn this holiday season.

Food service inspections spark concern

By Julie Tilka
Staff Writer

Inconsistent sanitary grades at UNCA's cafeteria, including a Grade "C" in mid-November are a cause of concern, according to a Buncombe County Environmental Health Sanitarian.

The cafeteria's inspection grades during 1987 have been inconsistent, said Lee Roberts, sanitarian with the Buncombe County Health Department. For example, in March they received a B, in April a B, in July an A, and in November a C.

The Highsmith Center cafeteria, which serves dormitory residents and provides dining services to various groups on campus, received a 75.5 percent rating in a Nov. 17 inspection, Lee R. Roberts, sanitarian with the Buncombe County Health Department, said. In that inspection, "There were violations in almost 80 percent of the items listed on the (inspection) sheet," he said.

The cafeteria later received a 94.5 percent rating in a second inspection Dec. 4, which the cafeteria had requested. The service running the cafeteria is owned by Marriott.

"They can legally operate

with an A,B or C. Naturally, I'm concerned if they go down. I don't like to see it go from B to C," Roberts said.

Eric Emory, Health Department food and lodging supervisor, said, "It's (Grade C) not life-threatening. It certainly needs improving. We don't want Grade C's in Buncombe County."

"Our real concern is if they keep a Grade C and don't improve. It was obvious that they were concerned," he said.

According to Roberts, there are three basic parts to an inspection: (1) food handling, including refrigeration, cleaning of equipment and eating and drinking utensils; (2) physical condition of the building (3) physical condition of the equipment. All inspections are unannounced.

The health department grading system works on a 1000-point scale with points looked at in terms of percentages. A Grade "A" is 90-100 percent, Grade "B" is 80 to 89.5 percent, a Grade "C" is 70 to 79.5 percent, and anything below a Grade C is automatic closure within the law.

Many of the violations in the

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Masters program approved for funding

By Phil Alexander
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The University of North Carolina general administration has approved funding for the proposed Master of Liberal Arts program at UNCA, according to Dr. Jeffrey Rackham, chairman of the department of literature.

Rackham, who served as acting vice chancellor for academic affairs during the 1986-87 academic year, said recent confusion surrounding the funding for the program has resulted because of a misunderstanding of a complex budget.

"(The source of funding) is not an issue. It's a rumor that got out of control, and that's unfortunate," said Rackham. He explained that university funding is dependent upon a projected, full-time equivalency (FTE) ratio, and that the graduate program has been accounted for in the projection.

"Graduate students generate more money per student than the undergraduate students," Rackham said, adding that the additional money will be used to hire new faculty to teach undergraduate courses that will be vacated by faculty who opt to teach in the graduate program.

Under the current arrangement, instructors who teach graduate-level courses will be exempted from teaching two undergraduate courses for every graduate course they teach, according to Dr. Shirley Browning, chairman of the University Planning Council.

Meanwhile, the faculty senate is set to vote on the program's structure and its catalog requirements in its monthly meeting today. Paul Sweeney, chairman of the Academic Policies Committee, said Wednesday that questions of resources will need to be answered in the meeting before the program will be passed. "If (these questions) are

satisfactorily answered, then the chance of it passing are very good," said Sweeney. "I think it's a good program, and I think most people think it's a good program, quite apart from the issue of funding."

Rackham said that the funding had been provided for the program. The only part of the program which has not been addressed is the secretarial position, according to Rackham. "If (the general administration) doesn't give us a commitment for that, we will have to take it out of the regular budget," he said. The graduate student FTE will provide for the secretary in this case, Rackham noted.

Browning said that finding adjunct faculty to fill the undergraduate courses is a problem that needs to be addressed. He said that too many adjunct faculty positions on campus could be detrimental to the university, and that, if full-time faculty decided to teach all undergraduate courses the next year, the adjunct faculty would be put out of work.

"By definition, an adjunct is a one-semester position," Rackham said, noting that adjunct faculty may be rehired for subsequent semesters. "I agree that, at the current time, we tend to be relying too much on adjuncts."

Rackham attributed the need for adjunct faculty to the rapid growth on the UNCA campus. The budget will not adjust for growth that is higher than projected until the following year, according to Rackham.

However, Rackham cautioned that adjunct faculty are qualified in their fields. "Neither students nor faculty should assume the adjuncts are lower quality," he said. "Most of them are publishing scholars, and all of them have (at least) master's degrees," he said.

Browning said the budget is based on projections made

several years in advance. The university sends an enrollment projection to the general administration, and, after a discussion of the projection between general administration and university officials, the administration determines a final FTE projection, according to Browning.

Browning said that, if the projection is much less than

the actual FTE ratio for a year, the projection could be revised the following year. He added, however, that the general administration checks to make sure the actual FTE and the projected FTE are similar. "If we don't hit the target that they funded us for, then (the university) has to

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Where's Rudolph?

Staff Photo--Rudi Schwab

Although temperatures have been in the 50s lately, it isn't hard to imagine snow on the rooftops and the sound of sleighbells when viewing this holiday scene at the Grove Park Inn.