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Writing Center to reduce services

By Andy Rhinehart
News Editor

Over the final seven weeks of the 1987 fall semester students filled the appointment book of the Writing Center in Carmichael Hall, taking an advantage of a unique opportunity to improve the quality of their written works.

But in the spring of 1988, those students may have to go elsewhere for assistance, for financial pressures have reduced funding for the paid tutors that served in the center. As a result, the Writing Center doors will swing open far less in the weeks ahead.

"Our problem has always been finding out how many dollars we're going to have available for the center," co-coordinator Dr. Dee James said. "At the end of the year I am supposed to prepare a budget and give it to my department chairman, who submits it to Tom Cochran.

"This year, the state legislature was late in appropriating funding, and no one knew how

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Area retirees gathered in the Owen Conference Center for the grand opening of the North Carolina Center for Creative Retirement. Featured at the opening was the introduction of the College for Seniors.

Retirees flock to CCR debut

By Kris Beddingfield
Staff Writer

Over 200 retirees filled Owen Hall Friday as the Center for Creative Retirement (CCR) held its open house to announce its newest component, the College for Seniors.

Dr. Phillip Secor, planning consultant for the center, said "This is an exciting event for UNCA. Everyone will be enriched by our greatest resource, our older generation."

Members of that older generation came to see the latest attempt at involving a growing area, retirement-age population in UNCA campus life, and few came away disappointed.

"I'm really impressed," said Pat Bonner, a retiree from Hendersonville. "The facilities are outstanding, and it's wonderful to see people excited about this program."

Fred and Janelle Lindhorst, retirees from the Asheville area, said they were "very interested" and plan to attend next year.

"Everything looks just wonderful," said Shirley Andrews, a retiree from Asheville.

All, however, were not im-

pressed. One guest said, "I have more important work to do, like accomplishing things that Ronald Reagan won't."

Controversy has surrounded the CCR since its opening. Concern has risen among UNCA students and faculty regarding the amount of space that will be given to the center. For now, classes will be held in Owen Hall, but one student asks, "What will happen when the CCR outgrows the rooms it has now? How many more rooms are they going to take away from us?"

The College for Seniors will hold classes from March 2 through April 28. There are five courses available and each meets one day a week. Cost for the classes is \$75, regardless of the number of courses taken.

Among the topics being offered are a class on foreign policy, taught by Richard Sampson, which will focus on key international trouble spots such as Central America and the Middle East.

"The History Behind the Historical Novel: 1763-1815" is a

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News in brief

The Banner is now on the UNCA main computer system. Therefore, any announcements, messages or letters may be sent through the electronic mail to The Banner Office. Messages may be sent to The Banner from any computer on the system. We ask that you please send announcements or messages this way, so that we will be better informed of events on campus. All announcements for each Thursday's paper must be received by Monday of that same week at 6 p.m.

Weather

Friday: Partly cloudy and cool. Morning lows around 20. Afternoon highs in the mid to upper 30s.

Saturday: Variable cloudiness, cold and breezy with a chance of snow flurries. Morning lows in the low to mid 20s. Afternoon highs in the upper 30s.

Sunday: Variable cloudiness, cold and breezy with a chance of snow flurries. Morning lows in the teens. Afternoon highs in the 30s.

Note from the Atmospheric Sciences department: Get those winter clothes back on! The snow earlier in the month was just a little foreplay for what is to come!

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

(right) It was 24 years ago that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. gave his landmark "I have a dream" speech at the Washington Monument.

(below) Years later the Washington Monument stands empty, as some say the progress of blacks has been limited.



Staff Photo--Rudi Schwab



(UPI)

Progress of blacks limited

By Julie Ball
Editor

The Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday brings about much reflection on the progress of blacks in American society, but that progress has been very limited, according to one UNCA professor.

Although overt racism is not as big a problem as it once was, there is a "long, long way to go" before real changes take place for blacks in American society, according to Dr. Dwight Mullen, assistant professor of political science.

"The problems now are much more sophisticated," said Mullen.

"They don't call you names, but you see people not completing the (university) program. The number of these people are disproportionately black," he said.

In general, support services for black students are lacking, according to Mullen.

Another factor that decreases retention of black students is the lack of black faculty, according to Mullen. Black faculty provide positive role models, and they can "culturally relate to the needs of black students," he said.

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Campus celebrates King holiday

By Tina Moore
Staff Writer

"In many ways blacks are not as well off as they were 20 years ago," said Dr. Dwight Mullen, assistant professor of political science. Mullen made

the remarks in a keynote address at a celebration marking the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Mullen said that statistics measuring various economic and social trends prove his belief.

The rate of unemployment

for black men has grown from being double the rate of unemployment for white men to triple that of white men, according to Mullen.

Mullen also said that a college educated black man is four

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