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## UNCA destined for new drug policy

By Sharon Joyce  
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A new University of North Carolina system-wide policy on illegal drug use will apply to UNCA students and faculty alike, according to Dr. Eric Iovacchini, vice-chancellor for student affairs.

The UNC Board of Governors passed the policy at their January meeting and designed it to be modified to the specific needs of each of the 16 campuses in the system.

"We can change the policy, as long as we stay within what they have passed," Iovacchini said.

The basic requirements of the general drug policy include a program of education, counseling and rehabilitation for each campus, and a range of minimum penalties for drug offenders.

The policy divides drug offenses into two cate-

gories: trafficking and possession. There are also two sections of illegal drugs: "hard drugs," including but not limited to, heroin, mescaline, LSD, opium, cocaine, amphetamine and methamphetamine, and "soft drugs," including but not limited to, marijuana, pentobarbital, and codeine.

According to the general policy, the penalty for trafficking "hard drugs" will result in the expulsion of students and the discharge of faculty or staff. Trafficking "soft drugs" involves a minimum penalty of forfeiture of one semester of academic credit for students and forfeiture of eighteen weeks of pay for faculty and staff for a first offense and expulsion or discharge for a second offense.

Illegal possession of "hard drugs" results in a loss of one semester of academic credit for students and eighteen weeks of pay for faculty and staff members. In the case of illegal possession

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of "soft drugs," the penalty is probation with the time being determined on a case-by-case basis.

The policy also states that "a person on probation must agree to participate in a drug education and counseling program, consent to regular drug testing, and accept such other conditions and restrictions, including a program of community service."

Iovacchini, who says being coordinator of the policy is "just part of my responsibilities as vice-chancellor of student affairs," calls the po-

licy itself, "workable."

Dr. Gene Rainey, secretary of the system-wide Faculty Assembly and professor of political science, said that the Assembly has only two concerns with the policy as it now stands.

The first concern is that more emphasis should be placed on education and rehabilitation rather than on penalties. The Assembly also questions when the policy actually takes effect. Their concern is that even if a person is innocent, he or she can be suspended immediately -- at the point of offense, says Rainey.

The policy cannot be immediately enacted, however. "Our goal is to have it reviewed and approved by the Faculty Senate and Student Senate and passed by the Board of Trustees meeting in May," Iovacchini says.

## Enrollment position open again

By Kristin Wilke  
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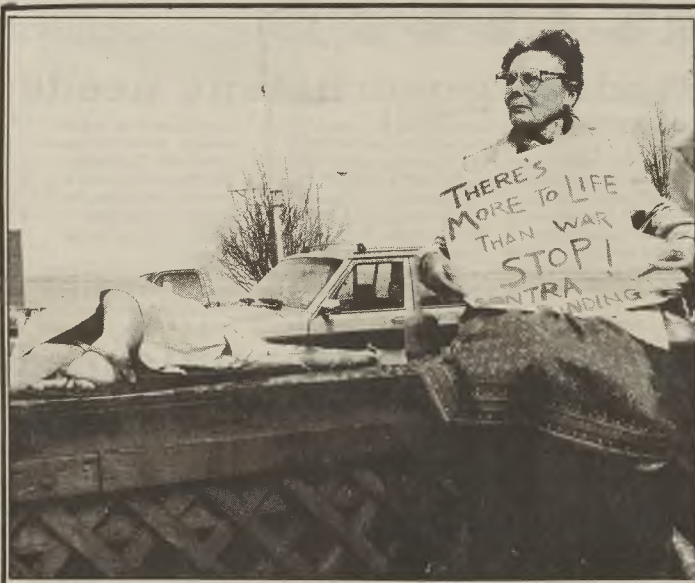
For the second time in less than a year, UNCA is without a vice-chancellor of enrollment services.

Current administrator Kip Howard announced his resignation on Friday to take a position at Muskingum College in Ohio. Howard was formerly dean of enrollment at Muskingum for five years.

"I'm not leaving this position for any negative reasons," said Howard. Although originally attracted to UNCA because of the size and the location of the university, Howard had come to believe that a liberal arts education was the best possible learning experience, but he found there were some minor problems.

"It's more regional than it is a residential collegiate experience," Howard said.

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Staff Photo--Sarah Gottfried  
The Central American Resource Center recently gathered in City/County Plaza to protest United States involvement in Nicaragua.

## Rainey to run for county seat

By Julie Ball  
Editor

Dr. Gene Rainey, professor of political science, recently announced his candidacy for chairman of the Buncombe Board of County Commissioners.

On announcing his candidacy, Rainey said, "We cannot be content with the lack of progress that this county has experienced over the past several years. We have drifted too long without a vision of where we are going. It is time for a change."

Rainey said one of the major issues of the campaign will be a "professional way" to run the county government.

"I'd like to see a county manager, if we could find one from the local people, someone who would know the area," said Rainey.

A county manager would make county government more

professional, Rainey added, noting that Buncombe is one of two counties in North Carolina that do not have a county manager. The North Carolina Legislature did pass a law requiring the county to hire a county manager, but a North Carolina court struck down the law, ruling the legislature could not mandate a county manager for Buncombe County.

Currently, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners R. Curtis Ratcliff performs the functions of chairman and county manager. Rainey said a professional county administrator would "take the administration of the county out of politics."

Rainey, a Democrat, previously served for two terms on Asheville City Council.

Rainey said he sees education and economic development as other issues that will be ad-

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## News In Brief

### Hazardous chemical meeting

"The Community Right-to-Know-Act of 1986" concerning hazardous chemicals is the topic of a Feb. 18 conference sponsored by the Environmental Quality Institute at UNCA.

The three-hour conference begins at 6:30 p.m. in UNCA's Owen Conference Center. A \$10 donation is requested.

The law enables citizens and public agencies to obtain information about toxic chemicals used, stored or emitted by industries in their communities.

The law requires the establishment of local and state committees to inventory hazardous chemicals and to create emergency response plans.

The conference -- which is designed for community organizations, emergency responders, interested citizens, and industry -- will review the law's provisions and 1988 deadlines for compliance.

For more information, call UNCA's Environmental Quality Institute at 251-6441.

### Weather

Friday: Partly cloudy, windy and cold. Morning lows in the upper 20s, afternoon highs around 40.

Saturday: A chance of some snow. Windy and very cold. Morning lows around 20, afternoon highs in the 20s.

Sunday: A chance of some morning snow. Gradual clearing by evening. Windy and cold. Morning lows 10-15 and afternoon highs in the 20s.

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

## Adult student committee formed

By Joy Flatley  
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All across America, the average age of the college student is increasing.

UNCA is no exception. With approximately 39 percent of the student population over the age of 25, there is a growing need for the university to examine the needs of the "non-traditional" student, which might have more problems to deal with than those students who begin college after high school.

As a result, Anita Rose, director of adult and commuter student services, and seven others have formed a committee that will discuss the unique problems of the non-traditional student.

Although the committee has yet to develop a method for the study, Rose said that she and the other committee members must first explain the special needs of the non-traditional students to the various administrative departments.

"Besides the obvious personal barriers they have, non-traditional students have institutional barriers that traditional students do not have," Rose said.

In particular, Rose said that they run into the most problems in the admissions office

and the financial aid office.

"It is hard to tell if a person is admissible or not if they haven't taken the SAT or if they graduated from high school five or 10 years earlier," Rose said.

"What we hope to do as a committee is to nail down what criteria we should look at when these type of people seek admission to UNCA."

The committee consists of six staff members at UNCA: Fran Jones, Joanne Garrett, Maggie Weshner, Mike Stuart, Charles James and Rose. In addition, Cathie Thomas and Carol King, students at UNCA, will be involved.

## Award honors noteworthy teacher

By Julie Ball  
Editor

Almost all students have a favorite teacher -- a teacher who helped them through a difficult class or who made a seemingly dull subject interesting or who was never too busy to answer a question.

Thanks to the Distinguished Teaching Award, students at UNCA have a chance to recognize those favorite teachers.

Students, alumni and faculty can write letters nominating a teacher who they feel deserves the award.

A five member committee, which includes two past recipients of the award, makes the selection based on the quality of the letters received and the achievements of students who have had that particular teacher, according to Dr. Dexter Squibb, professor of chemistry and 1983 recipient of the

award.

"Sometimes, the committee will go beyond the nomination and seek out additional information about the nominee," said Squibb. This includes talking to alumni, other students who have had the teacher and other faculty.

Patience, humor and classroom presence are all important to teaching, according to Squibb.

"You have to put your wants

and desires for personal advancement and research in second place, and you put the students' needs in first place," said Squibb.

Another qualification of a distinguished teacher is caring, according to Dorothy Sulock, lecturer in mathematics and last year's recipient of the award.

"You have to care about students in a sound educational

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