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rowdy audience

## Band forced to halt concert

by Maria Horton  
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Illegal drinking may have caused a "brawl" that forced a premature end to the Drivin' n' Cryin' concert last weekend in Lipinsky Auditorium, according to students attending the concert.

Fights were going on during the performance, but the trouble became more intense later in the evening, said Jim Spratling, a UNCA sophomore.

The band stopped the performance because "they said the audience was too violent," he continued.

"These guys were drinking and like to fight. I've seen this happen and heard about these guys before," he said.

John Quigley, advisor for Underdog Productions, called the disturbance a "scuffle" that may have been caused by drinking.

"We're not policemen. We don't check purses or frisk people," Quigley said. "It's a certainty that there is drinking at campus events, but this was the first time there was a fight."

There were security people at the concert, but they did not try to break up the fight until the band stopped playing, according to Spratling.

"It was too little too late. Security was there, but they took off the wrong people."

Spratling said.

Two Underdog staff members were on hand for the concert along with two off-duty security people hired by Underdog, according to Quigley.

Paul Simmons and Bernard Carman, officers of Underdog Productions, said they were concerned that a few rowdy students could ruin things for others by the type of behavior that was displayed at the concert.

"This all happened in about five or ten minutes at the end of the concert," Carman said. "It wasn't really fighting. It was more like enthusiastic slam dancing."

"We hope things will be kept under control in the future. From now on, if anyone is caught out of line, they are out the door—no refund, they're out," Simmons said.

Campus Security Chief Charles Carreno said he was not informed of a problem at the concert. "It must have been a minor thing because no report was submitted to me. We can't pursue a complaint if no one wants to prosecute," he said.

The problem lies, according to Quigley, in an inability to prevent drinking on campus.

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The last day of summer offers students a chance to enjoy the last rays of summer sunshine.

## University opens science wing

by Maria Horton  
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The opening of the new wing to Rhoades Science Hall on Saturday, September 17, was the completion of a project that was "ten years in the making," according to Dr. John Stevens, professor of chemistry and chairman of the building's planning committee.

The 64,000-square-foot building is one of the largest single outlay projects in UNCA's history and adjoins Rhoades Hall, bringing the entire science complex to 100,000 square feet, according to the UNCA public information office.

Stevens said the addition was built from the inside out. "We looked at what academic pro-

grams we needed for the future, what equipment was necessary and what kind of building could house them," he said.

The building is a "doing facility," Stevens said. "Students read and forget; see and remember; but do and understand," he said.

The \$6.25 million structure adds 29 general and specialty laboratories for a total of more than 50 in the complex along with a number of new classrooms and offices.

The Buncombe delegation to the North Carolina General

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Dr. John Stevens

Assembly, Mayor Louis Bissette, and members of the County Commission were among the guests present for the ribbon cutting.

Representative Dennis Winner said the university has been "the number one priority of the delegation."

The wing is the first major academic building to be constructed in almost a decade at a university that is the fastest growing school east of the Mississippi, according to Chancellor David Brown.

"We ran everything down to last minute. We had one class scheduled in the women's bathroom because we didn't have the numbers straightened out," Brown said.

Stevens said the addition was designed with undergraduate students in mind. "The lecture hall, various workshops, and the teleconference center all combine to create one of the best facilities

in the nation," Stevens said.

"The computer science course is outstanding for graduate students, but for undergraduates, you can only find programs like this at Cal Tech, Carnegie and UNCA," Stevens said.

Special features include a 180-seat lecture hall equipped with state-of-the-art audiovisual equipment, a specialty microwave computer classroom utilizing the most recent technology, and the electron microscope lab and laser lab, which are vibration-isolated.

Also included in the new

structure is a \$5.7 million microwave link to the Microelectronics Center of North Carolina. Mayor Louis Bissette said the new additions will enable UNCA to compare favorably with any facility in the country.

Brown thanked Max Price, who represented the Stow & Davis division of Steelcase, Inc., of Fletcher, for their longtime support. Their contribution allowed the \$700,000 spent to equip the new addition go toward scientific rather than office equipment, Brown said. The area housing the video network will be named "The Steelcase Teleconference Center," Brown said.

Stevens and Student Government Association President Rosalee Hart cut the ribbon officially opening the new structure and symbolizing a combined interest of student faculty cooperation, Brown said.

## Plans begin for new gym complex

by Susan Dryman  
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Officials estimate that if all goes as planned, construction on a new sports center complex could begin by next fall.

According to UNCA Facilities Planner Jim O. Efland, the North Carolina State General Assembly appropriated \$300,000 during its 1988 summer session toward the design and planning of a new sports center complex.

Efland and other officials are considering the site behind Justice Center (where the upper level tennis courts are now.) He said if that site is chosen, those courts will be incorporated into the new complex, so none of the courts will be lost.

"We're envisioning a non-competitive building in that it'll be non-intercollegiate," Efland said. Intercollegiate games will be left to Justice Center, which will still be used mainly for that purpose. The new complex would be used primarily for intermural, physical education and health promotion classes, Efland said.

Planners are hoping for a 50,000 square-foot building with an open room comprising the majority of the building. This room, he said, may have four basketball courts including pull-down basketball nets with a running track encircling the courts. Planners are also hoping for an indoor racquetball court as well. "I suppose I'm a bit prejudiced," Athletic Director Ed Farrell said of the project, "but I feel this is the most needed facility on campus,

particularly as we increase the number of our (student) residents."

No external architectural styles have been decided upon. However, 22 architects from the upper part of the state are

being considered to design the new building.

Board of Trustees will narrow that number to only one architect. The Board of Trustees will then submit that architect to state construction, who will then negotiate a building contract with UNCA and the architect chosen.

When a contract with an architect is settled, the General Assembly, an organization in Raleigh representing N.C. state-supported schools, will submit the final building proposal to the State Legislature sometime next year.

Then the decision to grant the building monies will be in the hands of the Legislature, Efland said. It will be at that time that UNCA will officially know whether or not it has the monies to begin building.

"It's been the policy though...that if the money is appropriated to plan and design a facility, then the money will eventually be appropriated to build that facility and see it through to completion," he said.

Approximately \$5 million will be needed to complete the facility. If the State Legislature grants the \$5 million in building money, completion can be expected by the spring semester of 1992.



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Rosalee Hart and John Stevens cut ribbon to open new wing.