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Soviet citizens will arrive today

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Four private Soviet citizens will visit Western North Carolina December 1-5 as part of a "Soviets meet American" program sponsored by the Center for US-USSR Initiatives and the Soviet Peace Committee.

The visit is sponsored locally by the UNCA Global Perspectives Committee. Asheville is one of 240 American communities selected for the visits.

The visit is "a people-to-people exchange to recognize each other as human beings and to explore our common interests and our common future," said Ellie Kincade, assistant director of the counseling center and local coordinator of the event.

What people all over the country are realizing from these visits is that Russians and Americans have far more commonalities than differences, said Kincade.

"We (Russians and Americans) all grew up believing that the other country was the enemy. The purpose of this visit is to allow us to let go of this definition of each other as the enemy," she said.

Another important thing that has come from this is an increase of community feeling, she said.

The reason we create enemies out there is to create

a strong feeling of nationalism. But the interesting thing is that the same sense of internal community comes from making friends out there as creating a common enemy," Kincade said.

Preparing for the visit has brought the UNCA and Asheville communities together, according to Kincade.

The four-day visit will begin at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 5 with a public forum in UNCA's Owen Conference Center. The forum, which is sponsored by UNCA's Management Club, will give people the chance to interact with the Russians, said Karen Williams, secretary of the club.

"We had to organize an open forum (with a moderator) to give a formal structure to the program. But, we're hoping to have an informal atmosphere to make the Russians comfortable--to see American people as they really are," said Williams.

"We thought it would be advantageous for the Soviet citizens to meet the students and to see that there are more similarities than contrasts (between the two cultures)," said Williams.

In preparation for the open forum, the Management club has been offering lectures in the Private Dining Room

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Go Dogs!!

While the Bulldog temporarily remains unnamed, he could still be seen on duty at a recent game against East Kentucky in the Asheville Civic Center.

Humor program to address health

by Kris Beddingfield
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Students, staff and faculty can join community leaders for a lunchtime program on humor entitled "Don't Let Your Turkeys Get You Down" in the Owen Conference Center, December 6 from 12 noon to 2 p.m.

The purpose of the program is to show people how humor has many health benefits and is a good way to relieve tension, said Maralee Gollberg, who designed the program.

"Humor has more power to it than people think. There is proven evidence that if you get a group of people to do a project, their creativity level is higher if they laugh first," she said.

The lunchtime program is also a preview for a humor conference, "Laugh for the Health of It," to be held May 19. Dr. Joel Goodman, a nationally acclaimed speaker, author and researcher on the creative power of humor and laughter, will conduct the one-day seminar in the Owen Conference Center.

"He's extremely effective. He's worked with large companies and has seen a change in the corporate structure because of the use of humor. He's a little Woody

Allen," Gollberg said.

People can bring a lunch to the December 6 program or they can purchase a box lunch for \$5. Anyone interested in further information or wishing to reserve a lunch should call the Department of Health and Fitness at 251-6513 or Life After Cancer (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.) at 252-4106. Reservations must be made no later than December 1, Gollberg said.

Topics being presented at the luncheon are "The Healing Power of Humor" by Dr. Rick Pyeritz, UNCA Health Services Director; "Coping Creatively with the Fowl-ups in Your Life" by Ellie Kincade and Dr. Kathleen Donald, UNCA Counseling Center; and "The Magic of Humor: Managing with Mirth" by Dr. Al Altimus, UNCA management department chairman.

Gollberg said she is expecting a fairly large turnout for the program. "So far we have between 150 and 200 reservations. The conference room holds 300 and we just may fill it to capacity," she said.

The humor conference in May will be sponsored by UNCA's Department of

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UNCA is not overrun with academic dishonesty cases

by Maria Horton
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A recent controversy at Appalachian State University has arisen over the question of the academic honesty of two students and the right of a faculty member to question that honesty, according to a report in the Asheville Citizen.

Dr. Eric Iovacchini, vice chancellor for student affairs, said while academic dishonesty is a fact of life, it does not pose a great problem at UNCA.

"I'm sure a lot may go on that we will never know about, but we just don't have a number of cases being reported here," Iovacchini said.

The procedure for handling academic dishonesty or grievances on the part of the students varies at institutions, according to Iovacchini, with UNCA favoring a system that falls under the jurisdiction of the faculty rather than a student judicial court, he said.

"The faculty preferred to

keep it under their domain and as long as the student has due process, I don't think it really matters how it is handled," he said.

The policy in university catalog states that an act of plagiarism or cheating is considered as academic

said many students are not aware of their right to the appeal system or how the process works.

The Faculty Conciliator's job is to serve as a student advocate and to help the student whenever there is a grievance, according to

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University policy

misconduct. A person who knowingly assists another in cheating is likewise guilty of cheating.

A student accused of academic misconduct has the right to a hearing before the Academic Appeals Board. A request for this hearing should be made to the Faculty Conciliator who will advise the student further of his or her rights and will make the arrangements for the hearing.

The request must be made within ten days of the accusation.

Dr. Margaret Downes, a former Faculty Conciliator,

Downes.

"Sometimes it's just enough that the student has a chance to gripe and express his indignation. Other times, it's a matter of setting up an appointment for the student and instructor to talk over the situation," she said.

"Only twice that I can remember has a case gone before the board for a hearing," Downes added.

Students are free to go up the chain of command and if they do not feel they have received satisfaction, they can go off campus, Iovacchini said.

"Most students, when

confronted with the question of cheating, either admit it or accept it because we just don't have the cases being reported to the Appeals Board," he said.

The faculty is aware of the students' rights and tend not to accuse anyone of cheating unless they think they can prove it, Iovacchini said.

Dr. Charlotte Goedsche, current chair of the Academic Appeals Board, agreed with Downes that students are not aware of their rights with regards to cheating or grievances even though it is published in the catalogue and the student guide.

"It's like when you buy a new car, you don't always read the whole manual," Goedsche said.

Some of the faculty have said that it is a good idea to tell the students so they can be aware of their rights, she said.

Faculty members agree that cheating is not a large problem at UNCA.