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## Campus News

### Awarded grants

UNCA physicists Chuck Bennett and Randy Booker have both been awarded research grants.

Bennett was awarded \$34,440 from the Department of Energy to study hot fusion, plus a Research Corporation grant of \$19,900 to study how long-wavelength laser beams propagate through space.

Booker was awarded a \$25,000 grant from the Research Corporation last December to investigate the rotational spectrum of nitric acid, a constituent of acid rain, using microwaves.

### Students unprepared

Three-fourths of the 5,000 college teachers polled last spring by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching said their undergraduate students are "seriously unprepared in the basic skills," preliminary data revealed.

Complete results of the survey, which is conducted every five years, will be released in November.

Professors at two-year schools complained most frequently, with 84 percent saying students lack basic skills. At liberal arts colleges, 84 percent said their pupils don't know enough.

Two-thirds of those surveyed thought colleges spend "too much time and money teaching students what they should have learned in high school."

The data, Carnegie President Ernest Boyer said, proves "the nation's public schools are disturbingly deficient."

### Not equal in bedroom

The Sexual Revolution has come and gone, but college women and men still aren't on equal ground in the bedroom, sociologist Janet Lever said.

Lever drew her conclusions from an October, 1988 roundtable discussion of six women attending the University of Wisconsin in Madison. They discussed topics including AIDS, pregnancy, condoms, oral sex, mutual satisfaction, date rape and infidelity.

"The biggest I see in the last 25 years is that a guy doesn't have to say 'I love you' anymore to get a woman in bed," said Lever, whose thoughts are published in the current issue of *Playboy* magazine.

Once in bed, women typically are responsible for protection against pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases. If they don't bring the matter up, their partners won't either, Lever found.

### Meet the candidates

The League of Women Voters will sponsor a meet the candidates forum on Wednesday, Sept. 20 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel (formerly Quality Inn on the Plaza).

The public is invited to attend and learn more about the views and opinions of the 14 City Council and two Mayoral candidates running in the primary election.

From CFS, press releases and staff reports

### Weekend Weather

The extended forecast for Friday through Sunday calls for mostly cloudy skies Friday, becoming partly cloudy Saturday and Sunday with a slight chance of scattered showers throughout the weekend.

Highs will be in the upper 70s Friday, warming into the 80s on Saturday and Sunday.

Lows will drop into the 60s throughout the weekend.

For the latest local weather forecasts, call the UNCA meteorology department's 24 hour weatherline at 251-6435.

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# The Blue Banner

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## Black student enrollment doubles

by Benny Smith

Staff Writer

Black student enrollment on the UNCA campus increased 110 percent compared to last year's minority enrollment status, the admissions office reported.

"Last year, UNCA recruited ten new black freshmen, while this year we recruited 21 new black freshmen," said Steve Wilborn, assistant director

of admissions.

"On the other hand, last year we recruited 13 new black transfer students, and this year there are 11 new black transfer students," said Wilborn.

Another positive factor about black student enrollment on campus is the retention of black students enrolled last year.

According to Caroline Miller, assistant vice chancellor of enrollment

services, 80 percent of last year's black freshmen returned to UNCA this year.

"This is by far one of the better records of retention that UNCA has experienced," said Miller.

There are a few factors contributing to the increase of black student enrollment, Miller said. Basically, "there was more of a university effort in the recruitment of black students."

First of all, "One thing that had an effect on the new increase of black students on campus was the help of the African-American Student Association," said Wilborn.

Last year, members of the AASA volunteered on Saturday mornings to call new prospective black students that were interested in UNCA.

"During this time they would answer questions

about the university and invite them to some of the activities of the association," commented Wilborn.

"This little time spent on the telephone developed into a friendship, so that once the new students arrived on campus at least they would have the advantage of knowing someone."

Another factor responsible for the increase of black

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### Enjoying the afternoon

Siva Bonatti and Jonas Rolett, both from S.C., enjoy a sunny afternoon outside Owen Hall recently.

Photo by Sandra Signon

## Family Day planned

by Pam Guthrie

Staff Writer

This Saturday marks UNCA's fourth annual Family Day. According to Cissy Petty, Director of Student Development, Family Day will offer special activities "for everyone from your youngest brother to your husband or wife."

Petty initiated and developed Family Day with the intent to involve the whole family, not simply the student, in the college experience. "Family Day

gives the extended family -- parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters -- the chance to see what college life is all about," she says.

Turnout in the past three years has been good, but Petty hopes this will be a banner year. The event has been renamed Family Day instead of Parent's Day with the hope that adult students will come with their families.

The activities begin at 9 a.m. with registration at Highsmith Center and a continental breakfast in the

Private Dining Room. Chancellor Brown, faculty members, administrators and student leaders will welcome students and guests.

At 10 a.m. student guides will accompany families to the new lecture facility in Robinson Hall. David Johnston, director of the career center, and John White, director of admissions, will present an introduction to the liberal arts education and discuss

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## Over 300 retirees enroll in CFS

by Lee Ann Donnelly

Staff Writer

Humanities 214 students may be surprised this fall to see more and more retirees attending the group lecture series on Monday mornings.

The College for Seniors (CFS), a program sponsored by the North Carolina Center for Creative Retirement (CCR) at UNCA, has grown to provide the opportunity for CFS participants and regularly-enrolled undergraduates to attend classes together. This interaction between the two different age groups is only one part of the many CCR programs.

According to Ron Manheimer, director of the center, the retirees feel communication with undergraduates is highly

important. "The undergraduates can learn a lot from them," said Manheimer.

The CFS has enrolled 310 local retirees. In addition to the Humanities 214 course, they have 14 classes to choose from. These subjects range from writing their autobiographies to a course in using personal computers. "Retirees now have the time to enjoy learning. They're hungry to learn things," said Manheimer.

Retirees and undergraduate students will participate together in some of the classes offered by the CFS. After attending the Monday morning humanities lectures, participants will return with several undergraduate honors students to the CFS

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## Freshmen elect SGA senators

by Jerri Henderson

Staff Writer

UNCA freshmen elected Brian Corbin, Marlus Harding and Holly Weis as their SGA senators during elections held Monday and Tuesday.

The new senators will represent the freshman class at all SGA meetings and let SGA and the administration know what freshmen want or need within the university.

Corbin graduated from Franklin High School, where he was involved with Student Council for four years. He served as president his senior and junior years.

"I decided to run for SGA because it would be a waste to let that experience go, and I figured it would probably help me out later in life," Corbin said.

The issue Corbin is most concerned with is the Highrise fire alarm system that he says is "more of a problem than it is helpful. It probably goes off an average of two times a week."

Harding was senior class president at his high school in McLeansville and is anxious to work with SGA.

"I will try to do a good job and try to get things done. I'm looking for a new attitude around here," said Harding.

"I'd like to start a campus radio station, and I also

want to keep in touch with the freshmen to see what they'd like," Harding said.

Weis is a psychology major minoring in education. She hopes to become a high school counselor.

Some things Weis wants for UNCA include a new fire alarm system in the Highrise, more communication between faculty and students, and more information to students about SGA business.

"It's too easy for students to set off the fire alarms. If there's really a fire, no one will take it serious enough," said Weis. "I especially want to get involved with the Academic Committee to help improve relations between students, faculty and the administration."

The other candidates for freshman senator were Paul Fanning, Jody Godwin, Joseph Harrison, Chad Merrill and Stephen Tharrington.

Fanning is planning to major in political science, and he was also involved with student government at his high school in Wilmington. He held the office of elective councilperson and was involved with committees within the Student Council Association.

Fanning's main concerns are the parking situation

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## Six new computers installed on campus

by Kim Cooley

Staff Writer

UNCA now has six more computers for students to use this year. This brings the number of computers accessible to students to 20.

The six new computers are located in 208B Carmichael Hall. According to Kurt Parker of the computing center, "the communication department has first dibs on the computers. When class is not in session, the classroom is an open lab, and any student may use the computers for general purposes," Parker said.

There are four other computer labs on campus. There are two in Robinson Hall, one in Owen Hall,

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Humanities readings Photo by Diane Maney  
Jerri Allison kicks off her shoes while she catches up on her humanities readings.