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## Campus News

### Illegal use of crates

Unauthorized possession of plastic milk crates, used by dairies to transport milk, will be against the law in North Carolina, effective Jan. 1, 1990.

The versatile cases are often used by college students for bookcases and other pieces of furniture.

N.C. General statute GS14-72.4 will make the unauthorized use of the crates a misdemeanor punishable by a \$300 fine and/or imprisonment.

Nearly a million milk cases were borrowed, stolen or misappropriated from N.C. and Virginia dairies during the past year at a cost of \$2 million to the industry.

According to a national survey, there are \$250 million worth of crates missing across the country.

Phillip Holder of Pet dairy said the law applies only to milk crates bearing the name of the owner, not the plastic crates purchased in department stores or elsewhere. However, defacing or removing the identification mark is also illegal.

Cases should be returned to a local dairy or neighborhood grocery store, Holder said. No questions will be asked through Dec. 31, 1989.

### Mt. Mitchell hike

The Ecology Club will hike up the highest peak east of the Mississippi on Sat. Sept. 30.

The public is invited to join on this moderate hike on Mt. Mitchell. The nature trails on and around the summit provide scenic views of Western North Carolina and an introduction to a somewhat fragile high altitude ecosystem.

This will be the first of many outings the club is planning. Other day hikes, raft trips and social gatherings will happen throughout the year.

Those interested in the Mt. Mitchell hike should contact Verl at 253-7505 after 5 p.m. The trip will leave from the student center at 9 a.m. on Sept. 30.

### Schedule available

The fall schedule of Special Academic Programs has been published and is available by calling the SAP office at 251-6558.

The schedule features 24 non-credit courses on topics including business, health, computers, foreign languages, culture and history and special interest seminars.

Most of the short-courses begin in late September or early October and conclude in late November and early December.

The course titles range from "African Drumming" and "Advanced Word Perfect" to "Tree Identification" and "Understanding Poetry."

Foreign language instruction includes beginning Chinese and four levels of German, ranging from beginning to advanced.

Special interest seminars include "Successful Advertising and Marketing Alternatives," "The Taguchi Approach to Parameter Design," and "Real Estate Sales."

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## Weekend Weather

The extended forecast for Friday through Sunday calls for mostly cloudy with showers and thunderstorms likely during the entire weekend.

Rain could be heavy at times. Highs will be in the 70s and lows will dip into the 60s.

For the latest information on Hurricane Hugo, call the UNCA meteorology department's 24 hour weatherline at 251-6435.

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# The Blue Banner

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### Cleaning up the roadside

Photo by Miranda Wyatt

Sigma Pi members Joe Frick, Joey Ashley and William Allen clean up along the side of I-240 last weekend as part of the state-wide Adopt-A-Highway program.

## UNCA addressing student attrition rate

by Pam Guthrie

Staff Writer

Nationwide, student drop-out rates are on the rise. At UNCA, administrators are addressing the problem. "Institutionally, we have identified retention of students as an area of focus this year," said Dr. Caroline Miller, the assistant vice-chancellor for enrollment management.

According to Miller, about

10 percent of freshmen have dropped out before Christmas in the past few years, while another five to 10 percent have dropped out during or after the second semester. After that, the attrition rate tends to decrease until after the sophomore year, when many students transfer.

UNCA's attrition rate does not compare favorably to most of the other

predominantly white universities in the state. Miller thinks there are many reasons for this, the first being that our curriculum is more stringent than those of nearby universities.

Many of the freshmen who withdraw are not ready for the socio-cultural adjustment required by college life, Miller said. "We hear a lot of 'I missed my

## Freshmen score highest SATs

by Vicki McCoy

Assistant News Editor

The freshman class of 1989-90 has the highest Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) average in the history of UNCA, according to Caroline Miller, vice-chancellor of enrollment management.

The SAT average of this year's entering students was 988, which is 35 points higher than last year's scores.

"They (the freshmen) are a good group," Miller said. "One-half of them was in the top fifth of their graduating class."

According to Miller, UNCA now has the third highest SAT average in the 16 school University of North Carolina system. The University of North

Carolina at Chapel Hill has the highest average with North Carolina State University in second place.

Miller said 35 percent of the freshmen class are from outside of western North Carolina.

"12 percent of the freshmen are out of state students, mostly from Georgia, Florida, Virginia and South Carolina," Miller said. "There are about 20 states represented overall."

However, Miller said the university had experienced a decrease in enrollment from Buncombe County. Miller said the drop was due to a shift in the county demographics this year.

"Our decrease in enrollment from the local area is because of a

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## Confusing intersection blamed for accident

by Benny Smith

Staff Writer

Confusing road signs leading to the highrise dormitory entrance on the UNCA campus may have caused an on-campus accident last Sunday at 7:35 p.m.

The accident happened when Darrin Germany, a resident student, collided into the car of Lori Goodman with his motorcycle due to misjudgement.

"I was coming down from the hill next to the highrise entrance when I saw the car coming up the hill," said Germany. "I decreased my speed, thinking that she was going to turn into the highrise parking lot," said Germany.

"She slowed down also, thinking that I was going to go on. So I speeded up,

close to 20 m.p.h. to turn in, and she proceeded to turn at the same time," said Germany.

"Then I slid off my motorcycle into her vehicle, resulting in a temporary black-out," said Germany.

In future references, "to deter future accidents, a stop sign needs to be placed somewhere on either side of the lane," said Goodman.

"I am just glad that he is not badly injured by the accident," said Goodman.

According to the police report, Germany suffered from abrasions on the knee, a swollen ankle, a swollen back plus a sore rib cage.

"It is really hard to see cars coming from the other direction because of the 'blind spot' and the absence of a stop sign," said Goodman.

According to Kevan

Frazier, residential senator of the Student Government Association and chairman of the aesthetics committee, there is a definite problem with the intersection.

At the end of last semester, the aesthetics committee met with Robin Grooms, safety manager of the campus, and discussed different safety problems at UNCA.

"The intersection leading to the highrise entrance was among the proposed problems," said Frazier.

"The main complaint about the intersection leading to the highrise entrance is that it has too many lanes," said Frazier.

In fact, "this makes it difficult for a driver coming up the secondary entrance road to determine which lane they are to turn in," said Frazier.

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## Miller named asst. vice chancellor

by Benny Smith

Staff Writer

On Aug. 1, Caroline Miller was named assistant vice chancellor of enrollment services at UNCA.

The Special Search Committee of UNCA, made up of faculty, staff and administrators, selected Miller for the position last summer. "There were three other contenders for the

position of assistant vice chancellor of enrollment services," said Miller.

"One reason why I think the committee selected me for the position is because I am familiar with UNCA and the department of enrollment services," said Miller.

Last January, Miller worked part-time as assistant vice chancellor of enrollment services while



Caroline Miller

also serving as the director of personnel at UNCA.

According to Miller, the position had been open since March of 1988. "In

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Photo by Paul Adams

### Broadway construction

The widening of Broadway begins to take shape, hopefully easing the traffic problem for many commuter students.

## False fire alarms plague dorm

by Vicki McCoy

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The fire alarm system has caused problems recently for the approximately 300 students who live in the Hgrhise residence hall, according to Pete Williams, director of housing and residence life.

"It (the fire alarm) has gone off a lot," Williams said, "but there are several things we are doing about it."

According to Williams, on Sept. 11, a malfunction of one of the smokeheads activated the alarm system three or four times. Also, on Sept. 18, students evacuated the building three times during the night due to the fire alarms.

Williams said the malfunction of the alarms was responsible only for the Sept. 11 incident, but pranks, vandalism, or

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