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Campus News

Pledge dies

Two students have been expelled and eight more suspended following the Oct. 18 death of an Alpha Phi Alpha pledge at Atlanta's Morehouse College.

"Clearly we want to send a message to fraternities that hazing of any kind is not tolerated and will not be tolerated," said Morehouse spokesman Robert Bolton. "The college defines hazing as harassment, mental and/or physical."

Pledges told Alpha Phi Alpha state director Robert Willis they were "pushed and shoved around" when they failed to answer questions about the fraternity correctly.

Dr. Joseph Burton, Cobb County medical examiner, said an autopsy did not reveal any bruises or visible injuries on Joel Harris, who collapsed during the questioning. Other pledges said they didn't see the sophomore get hit.

Medical examiners say Harris had an enlarged heart, which contributed to his death.

Alpha Phi Alpha—the nation's oldest black fraternity—prohibits hazing, which is considered a crime in Georgia.

Offering names, ages

Hoping to keep local bars from serving alcohol to underage students, officials at St. Bonaventure University in New York are offering local tavern owners a list of students' names and ages.

Administrators decided to circulate the list despite student anger over a similar effort last fall.

"It came up that we ought to help these bar owners out if they're saying they can't manage so many people by helping them verify who's of age and who isn't," explained Timothy Gallineau, vice president for student development.

Student government leaders, however, complained students' names and ages were nobody else's business, and that the school was distributing personal information that students had given it in confidence.

"We felt it violated our privacy rights," explained student President Dan Maerton. The American Civil Liberties Union subsequently refused to take the case, saying it didn't think it could convince a court the information was private.

Violence discussed

Asheville Cablevision, Helpmate, the City of Asheville, and the Sheriff and Asheville Police Department will present a screening of a cable TV documentary and panel discussion on the issue of domestic violence.

The film, entitled Battered: America Undercover, produced by Home Box Office, can be seen Nov. 9 at 7 p.m. on cable channel 34. The broadcast will be followed by a panel discussion with confidential viewer call-in questions. Viewers may call in their questions by calling 251-0100.

A professional therapist will be available for counseling or an operator will relay general questions to the panel so strict confidentiality is assured. Panel questions will be answered by Deb Vingle, representative from Helpmate, and M.O.V.E.

From CPS, press releases and staff reports

Weekend Weather

The extended forecast for Friday through Sunday calls for partly cloudy skies Friday becoming fair Saturday and Sunday with daily temperatures near normal. Highs Friday in the 50s, warming into the 60s Saturday and Sunday.

Lows will be mostly in the 30s.

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Serving the students and faculty of UNCA

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Business leaders raising funds

by Lee Pearson

Staff Writer

As UNCA kicks off its annual fund-raising campaign, many area leaders say the school has made significant contributions to the community and deserves their support.

"UNCA has made great strides in reaching out to the community and in creating a quality of undergraduate education that is bringing recognition to Asheville," said Jay Banks, publisher of the Asheville Citizen-Times and a member of the UNCA Board of Trustees. "Now is the time for the community to respond and to help this momentum grow," Banks said.

Ernest Ferguson, chairman See Leaders, Page 10



Study partners

Photo by Miranda Wyatt

Dena Riester and Richard McKinney study together in Ramsey Library last week.

Private donations exceed \$522,000

by Pam Guthrie

Staff Writer

The UNCA Foundation received \$522,631 in private donations during the last fiscal year, according to Beverly Cutter Modlin, the vice-chancellor for university relations.

Those contributions came from individuals, foundations, and corporations for a variety of university purposes, she said.

William Pott, the Foundation's treasurer for last fiscal year, said "the main purpose of the Foundation is to raise money to support the institution and to promote the image of the institution."

"These donations give us the flexibility with funds that the state does not. Without the UNCA Foundation, many students who are attending UNCA on scholarship would not be here," Modlin said. She also serves as the Foundation's secretary.

Modlin said that an aggressive annual fund drive this year should See Donations, Page 10

Hugo's destruction overwhelms students

by Lee Ann Donnelly

Staff Writer

TV news coverage of Hurricane Hugo offered viewers very limited pictures of the destruction left in its wake, said Gary Miller, head of the environmental studies department.

"The damage was ten times worse in person than what you saw on TV," he said.

Miller said he and a group of students had already made plans to take a six-day trip to study coastal wetland ecosystems when the storm hit the South Carolina coast.

"It was coincidental that the trip was planned and Hugo hit," he said. "This provided a unique opportunity for the students."

The U.S. Army granted the group permission to go to McClellanville, S.C., which is near Charleston and only five miles from open waterways.

There the students were able to talk to the residents affected by the storm. "Some of the students were sickened by the destruction," said Miller.

Diane Maney, a junior majoring in environmental science, agreed the destruction was overwhelming. "Nothing I saw on the news compared to the destruction I saw in person," she said. "It was terrible. There was nothing left of a little town below McClellanville. There were

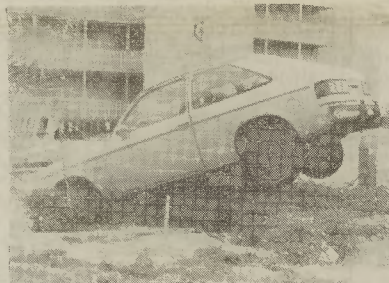


Photo by Diane Maney

A group of UNCA students toured hurricane-ravaged sections of South Carolina and said the damage was much worse than what the media covered.

commodes and washing machines laying here and there," she said.

"McClellanville residents evacuated to the local high school until the storm ended," said Miller. A wave estimated to be 22 feet high "went over the town," according to Miller. The student group was allowed to view the school's gymnasium where the people stayed.

Maas honored by local groups

by Kimberly Cooley

Staff Writer

Richard Maas, assistant professor of environmental studies, will be honored today by Asheville Citizens for Responsive Government. He will also be honored by the Quality Forward Clean Up Committee on Nov. 10, the groups announced.

Maas is being honored today for his work as a member of the Metropolitan Sewerage District Board, according to Anne Craig of the Asheville Citizens for Responsive Government.

"I forged a compromise between the politicians and the public," said Maas. The

committee wanted to burn sludge, while the politicians wanted to bury it somewhere in Western North Carolina, according to Maas.

"I came up with the dual system to do either thing with the sludge," said Maas. Maas said he was a communication link as well as a technological link for the Asheville Citizens for Responsive Government. "I brought expertise to the board," said Maas.

Maas is also being recognized Nov. 10 at the Asheville Downtown City Club by the Quality Forward Clean Up Committee.

According to Maas, he is



Richard Maas

being recognized for improving the quality of life in Western North Carolina. Maas has made several contributions in preserving the quality of life in Western North Carolina.

According to Maas, he proposed a technical solution to the Champion/Pigeon River controversy. "I helped prevent jobs from being

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Mobil debate held on campus

by Carrie Trutwin

Staff Writer

Mobil Oil Co. and other associated international oil producers have given the federal government \$300 million in advance payment for the leasing rights to drill for natural gas off the coast of North Carolina, said Gary Miller, director and professor of environmental studies at UNCA.

Representatives from Mobil and the North Carolina Outer Continental Shelf Office held a public forum at Robinson Hall last Thursday. About 75 people attended, Miller said.

"The purpose of the forum," he said, "was to alert the citizens of Western

North Carolina that this is going on. If they want to have any say in the matter they have until December 31 to do so."

Mobil has submitted a Draft Exploration Plan to the federal government and will submit its final exploration plan no later than Feb. 1, 1990, according to Donna Moffitt, director of the Outer Continental Shelf Office.

The draft plan contains a discussion of the geologic evidence, the drilling operations and the measures Mobil will take to reduce or prevent harmful impacts to the North Carolina coast and the See Mobil, Page 10