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# The Blue Banner

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## Campus News

### One in five women

Nearly one in five women are forced to have sex or are victims of attempted rape while going to college in New York, Cornell University researcher Andrea Parrot has found.

She released her findings, based on a survey of officials and 215 students at 15 New York colleges, at the end of October during an Albany conference on sexual assault. Survey results involving 30 colleges and 1,000 students will be available in December.

Parrot's figures are consistent with national figures.

In a 1987 survey of 6,000 students on 32 campuses, one in six female students reported being the victim of rape or attempted rape in the preceding year. Most women knew their assailant.

In the same study, one of every 15 men said he had committed rape or had attempted rape in the same period.

### Hostile Republicans

Student leaders who were ousted from office by a College Republican hostile takeover have been reinstated by a student group governing board.

In early November, about 15 students, including College Republican leaders, showed up for a regular meeting of the Campus Awareness Organization (CAO) at UNC-Wilmington when the group's president was out of town. The newcomers signed on as members, quickly impeached the CAO's officers, elected themselves as the new officers, changed the group's constitution, and resolved, in effect, to destroy the CAO by cutting off its funding.

Many of the group's original members accused the College Republicans of trying to shut down CAO because the group's president, Denny Best, is a socialist.

In a closed hearing Nov. 16, the Student Organization Committee, comprised of students and administrators, ruled the charges used to impeach the original officers were false, and reinstated them.

The students who orchestrated the overthrow reportedly are now planning an appeal, but did not return CPS's phone calls.

### 'Toys for Tots'

Asheville Cablevision has a yearly tradition of providing toys for hundreds of needy children in the Asheville area.

The project is called "Toys for Tots." New customers ordering cable between Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve are given free standard installation if they donate a new unwrapped toy worth \$10 or more.

The installer visiting the home will collect the toy at the time of installation.

Asheville Cablevision and Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministry will distribute the toys by Christmas Eve.

Also if a customer orders the Disney Channel and donates a new toy, they will receive a Pluto doll free.

From CPS, press releases and staff reports

## Weekend Weather

The extended forecast for the weekend calls for fair weather Friday with highs in the 40s and lows in the 30s.

Saturday will be cloudy with a chance of rain possibly mixed with snow. Highs will be in the upper 30s with lows in near 30.

Fair turning colder Sunday with highs in the low 30s and lows in the teens.

Jim Owen  
Atmospheric Sciences

## Group linked to cult activities

by Vicki McCoy  
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Religious groups on campus must follow a number of rules before they can meet on campus. However, despite these regulations, cult-like groups can meet and recruit student members.

The Transcendental Meditation (TM)

organization recently held its first meeting on campus, and according to David Smith, director of religious affairs, TM is a religious group. However, directors of the group say that it is not.

In the Nov. 2 issue of The Blue Banner, Tom Ball, director of the first TM meeting, said,

"Transcendental Meditation is not a philosophy or a religion. It is a technique where the mind settles down to a more creative state in preparation for an activity. There are no underlying belief systems involved."

Even though Ball insists that it is not religious in nature, TM was founded by

a Hindu guru named Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, who claimed to receive divine inspiration from a mentor named Guru Dev. Maharishi brought TM to the United States in 1959.

But according to UNCA student Steve Schmidt, TM is something much more than just a relaxation technique.

"I think TM is a cult. What they sell is a meditation system," Schmidt said. "It is possible to get hooked into that, and then it takes on the elements of thought control."

Schmidt, a senior psychology major, was a member of the Hare Krishna movement from

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Photo by Stacey Higdon

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, along with others, marched outside two area fur retailers last week crusading for animal rights.

## Sale of furs protested

by LeeAnn Donnelly  
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Last Saturday a group of people, including several UNCA students, gathered in downtown Asheville to picket the sale of furs by Enman's Furs and John Carroll, two of Asheville's oldest businesses.

According to student Stacey Higdon, who was dressed in a silver fox costume, the day-long protest on Battery Park Avenue marked the first time a group has picketed Asheville's furriers.

"The animal rights movement has seen picketing grow over the last couple of years," she said.

Higdon said the Asheville protest was one of many demonstrations held around the country this week to promote animal rights.

Higdon, a member of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), helped to organize the march. "We're a group of concerned citizens. We hope to educate people about the tragedy of fur. I think we've accomplished this today. I truly do," she said.

The group, which divided to march in front of both stores, carried signs bearing such slogans as "Furs don't grow on trees," and "Don't buy fur." They also chanted "It's their world, too" and handed out information about PETA.

Two large moving vans were parked in front of Enman's, blocking the view

of the store from the street. Higdon said they were there before she arrived early in the morning: "They were here before I got here. I think they did this to offend us," she said. A smell permeated the air which led Higdon to believe there may have been a decomposing animal in one of the vans. "I think there's something dead inside to offend us," she said.

Higdon said they hadn't been able to stop customers from entering the stores, but felt several were disgraced as they walked into the stores.

"Customers have said, 'keep your opinions to yourselves.' One woman said to help the hurricane victims," said Higdon.

Higdon feels fur is useless in today's world. "Fur is unnecessary in a modern technological society. We take more than we need. Some animals die for no reason except to hang on a rack. One waist-length mink coat takes 29 pelts. That's a little extreme for vanity's sake," she said.

Higdon said she is especially concerned with the treatment of animals which are farmed for fur. "Most people think the animals have room to roam until they are killed, but they don't. Most are gassed or electrocuted," she said.

A salesman for Enman's declined to discuss the picketers. "I have a lot of information about the fur industry I could share with you, but on another day. No comment," he said.

## Weber speaks at local pro-choice rally

by Jerri Henderson  
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Members of the UNCA community participated in a pro-choice rally held Nov. 12 at the All Souls Church in Biltmore.

Ann Weber, associate professor of psychology, was one of the speakers at the rally. She attended the rally, even though she said that

groups and movements aren't really her "style."

"This is one issue that we can't afford to let go. We're dealing with basic human rights," said Weber. "You don't have to be a group person to be a part of this movement."

In her speech, Weber pointed out that pro-choice people are both male and

female, young and old, liberal and conservative.

"We don't have to have anything else in common besides our pro-choice convictions," said Weber. "This isn't a private club!"

One view Weber expressed was that choice is freedom and that freedom should not be taken away. She also said that pro-

choice doesn't mean pro-abortion.

"Choice is the generous option, the fairer direction, the human position. Within choice there is room for personal defection, for individual crisis of

conscience, for disagreement. Freedom to choose includes freedom to choose not to have an

abortion, too! But there is no freedom without choice," said Weber. "If we are not free to choose responsibly for our own bodies, we are not free at all."

According to Weber, the rally was "very upbeat."

"There were a whole lot more people than we expected, and people who

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## \$4 million allotted to begin building conference center

by Pam Guthrie  
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Last summer's state legislative session granted UNCA \$4 million in funding to begin construction on a Intergenerational

Conference Center, according to Ron Manheimer, the director of the Center for Creative Retirement (CCR).

The center will be built near the top of Lookout Mountain, 300 feet above the existing tennis courts.

\$2.9 million had been granted in a previous session to begin planning

and site preparation for the project. The new funds will allow construction on the road to the building site to begin in the spring of 1990, Manheimer said.

This semester the college for seniors had 16 classes and 330 students enrolled. "We could take more people and have more classes, but we simply don't have the space to accommodate new people," Manheimer said.

Construction on the first phase is scheduled to begin in the spring of 1991. Phase

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Photo by Sandra Sigmon

### Sharing the news

Olivia Chiavaras and Daune Valentine share a newspaper outside Mills Hall on a warm afternoon this week.