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Cross your fingers

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Dixie Sommerville helps Teri Thomas with schedule changes during Drop/Add earlier this week.

King's memory sparks civil rights celebration

By Benny Smith
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UNCA celebrated the memory of slain civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King with speeches, musical selections and a dramatic reading Jan. 18 in Lipinsky Auditorium.

Sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Affairs and the UNCA Minority Commission Committee, this evening of celebration attracted not only UNCA students, faculty and staff but community members also, according to Valeria Sinclair, president of the African American Student Association (AASA).

The celebration's theme, entitled "To struggle together," focused on Americans living Martin Luther King's dream in the 1990s, said Delacy Bradsher, vice-president of AASA.

Student speakers Darrin Germany, Rosalee Hart and Sinclair gave their own opinions of what America can do to help keep the dream alive in the 1990s.

One main focus coming from the celebration called for awareness of other cultural achievements.

To keep the dream alive in the 1990s, "people have to make it a point to recognize that we live in a multi-cultural society and must respect the diversity that this brings," said Sinclair.

"Dr. King would ask us to put the shoe on the other foot and open the locked doors in our minds."

Looking into the decade of the 90s, "I think people need to open their minds and ask the question 'Am I willing to learn about and appreciate culture's achievements and behaviors that are outside of my own accepted culture?'" said Sinclair.

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Bradsher said, "The dramatic interpretation, 'Weep for the Living Dead' by Eric Lincoln, is a very powerful piece and therefore was appropriate for this type of celebration."

"Basically, this dramatic piece was divided up into six parts so that there would be more student involvement in the program," said Sinclair.

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"Overall, some other important issues that we face in the 1990s are overwhelming drug abuse problems, homelessness, poverty, and the increasing crisis in education."

In the future, "America needs to educate people about the importance or even the existence of cultural diversity," said Sinclair.

Musical selections were given by the UNCA Ebony Choir, directed by Kym White, and the Living the Dream Choir, directed by Leonard

Carolyn Briggs, director of multicultural student affairs.

During the opening of the program, Tucker Cooke, chairman of the art department, dedicated a life-size drawing of the Rev. Dr. King to UNCA.

"Jill Stowe, who is a UNCA student artist, drew the life-size portrait, which is just one of several to be dedicated to the snack bar in the Highsmith Center," said Cooke.

UNCA physician saves heart attack victim

Pyeritz says everyone should learn CPR

By Jerri Henderson
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Everyone should know the basics of cardiopulmonary resuscitation because no one knows when the need for it will arise, according to Rick Pyeritz, director and physician of Student Health Services.

Pyeritz recently helped save the life of a woman who had gone into cardiac arrest at Kenilworth Drug Store on Biltmore Ave.

Pyeritz said he was standing in the MAHEC (Mountain Area Health Education Center) Family Practice Residency talking to another physician when the pharmacist from the drug store ran in to tell them there was a problem.

"When we got there, we found a woman in full cardiac arrest lying in the floor of the pharmacy," said Pyeritz.

Along with Dr. Melissa Hicks, Pyeritz performed two-person CPR on the woman until the ambulance arrived, which took

day, said Pyeritz. Pyeritz, however, never found out her name.

"A name in that instance isn't important. It's just something you do," Pyeritz said.

This was the first time Pyeritz performed CPR outside of a hospital setting, but he said it didn't feel any different, except that there was less equipment around.

Even though Pyeritz is a doctor, he stressed the fact that anyone can do CPR, and that everyone should learn the technique.

"There is a lesson to learn here," said Pyeritz. "There might not have been a family practice residency next door. It can happen any place, any time."

If any students, faculty or staff are interested in learning CPR, Pyeritz said they can call the Student Health Center for information on CPR courses. They can also contact the MAHEC

Family Practice Residency, which handles UNCA services when the Student Health Center is closed.

As Pyeritz has proven, knowing the basics of CPR could mean saving somebody's life.



Eric Pyeritz

about 10 minutes, according to Pyeritz.

The woman had just been released from the Cardiac Care Unit at St. Joseph's Hospital that



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Try Out

Carowinds is recruiting college students for summer employment. Garvin Anton concentrates on his music as he tries to land a job.

\$4800 Stolen

By Kim Cooley
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The Asheville Police Department is investigating two suspects in a Nov. 14 larceny in which \$4,800 was stolen from Marriott Corporation, UNCA's food service.

However, a UNCA food service official and the investigating officer in the case disagree on facts surrounding the incident.

According to a police report filed Nov. 15 by officer B.R. Martin, Aubrey Wooten, director of UNCA's food service, said "the money was inside a First Union deposit bag which had been placed inside a safe in the office sometime after 1 p.m. on Nov. 14."

There was \$2,600 worth of checks and \$2,200 in cash stolen from the safe. Wooten said that normally the safe would be locked, but on this occasion the safe door was just pushed shut.

According to Martin's police report, the only people with access to the safe besides Wooten are Teresa Holcombe and Kenny

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Weekend Weather

Partly cloudy during the weekend with a chance of rain Friday and Sunday. High in the 50's. Low in the 40's Friday cooling to the 30's Saturday and Sunday.

The year 2000

Technology brings changes in education

(CPS) -- The year is 2000, and you've just returned to campus. You'll start your school year by picking up your class schedule, buying books and checking on your loan. Chances are you won't even leave your dorm room to do it, however. You'll be able to do all of those things by using various electronic gadgets at your fingertips.

And once classes start, you'll probably be able to view some of your lectures on your room monitor. Need to do some research? With your computer, you'll be able to scan the card catalogue at your library, or for that matter, almost any library in the world.

American campuses in general will be populated by more minority and older students who, in turn, will find most of the mundane tasks of attending school

taken care of by technology, various observers predicted when asked to envision what college life will be like at the start of the new millennium, now 10 short years away.

"Technology is going to be serving students in ways we can't even conceive of now," said Martha Church, president of Hood College in Maryland.

Some of the conceivable innovations include satellite technology for interactive lectures and seminars, and fiber optic cable wiring that lets schools relay video, audio and data into dorm rooms, said Paul Bowers, a mass communication professor at Buena Vista College in Iowa.

"A student in a dorm ought to be able to access databases anywhere in the world," Church prophesied. "We won't have to keep expanding libraries."

Just how such changes will affect students is open to question.

At already-wired Mansfield University in Pennsylvania, for example, vice president for student affairs Joseph Maresco, found that the lure of in-room technology has turned more students into "room rats" who have forsaken normal campus social life.

Most college observers nevertheless see the wiring of campus continuing unabated, regardless of the effect on students' personal development. Soon students even will be able to get their financial aid processed electronically.

"What we're going to see is more done through automated procedures" with push-button telephones and computer terminals, predicted Dallas Martin, head of the National Association of Student Financial Aid

Administrators, headquartered in Washington, D.C. "We're going to get rid of the paperwork."

The other big change in higher education will be the makeup of its students, both in terms of cultural backgrounds and of age.

One reason the average age on campus will rise is that today's students will have to return to classes in the future just to keep abreast of scientific knowledge, which is growing at an exponential rate, Church said.

Added Robert Atwell, head of the American Council on Education (ACE), the college presidents' group in Washington, D.C., the student body of the next century "will be much more international in character and less ethnocentric."

"The tradition of the elite, white
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