

Blood Drive

UNCA and the Red Cross will sponsor a blood drive in Highsmith Center Friday from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Soccer

Bulldog soccer team struggles this weekend and falls to 4-5

Weather

Tuesday and Friday mostly sunny low 60's. Saturday, sunny mid 60's.

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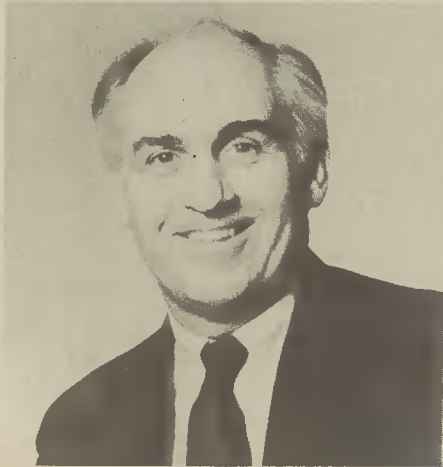
"Where there is an open mind, there will always be a frontier." — Kettering

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CBS sportscaster to kick off fund-raiser



Packer

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At a press conference and booster dinner Tuesday night, UNCA athletic director (AD) Tim Dillon announced that sports personality Billy Packer will be the keynote speaker at this year's basketball season ticket kickoff.

The event will take place on Oct. 23 at 7 p.m. at the Deepark Restaurant. According to Dillon, tickets for the night will be \$50 and can be obtained through the athletic department.

Packer, a Wake Forest graduate, has been in sports broadcasting since 1972 when he was a fill-in analyst for an Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) game. The following year, he became a regular staff member for ACC broadcasting.

Later, Packer joined Al McGuire and Dick Enberg to form the regular season and tournament-coverage team for NBC. For the past nine years, Packer has covered college basketball for CBS, and the 1991 NCAA tournament will mark the 17th consecutive year he has covered the event for television.

Before he began as an analyst, Packer was both a player and a coach for the Wake Forest Demon Deacons. From 1960-62 he was the starting guard for the team and made the All-ACC team all three years. In 1962, he helped lead Wake to a Final Four appearance where they defeated the John Wooden coached UCLA Bruins and finished third. From 1965-1969, Packer served as an assistant coach at Wake Forest.

"We are delighted to have a national personality like Billy Packer

come to Asheville and help kick off our season ticket drive," said Dillon. "It speaks volumes about where our basketball program is headed when we can attract people like Billy to help recognize our basketball program."

UNCA basketball coach Don Doucette agreed with Dillon. "Billy Packer is asked to do hundreds of speaking engagements and he turns down about a third of them. We're ecstatic that he is impressed enough with our program that he is going to speak for us."

Doucette also said that a high-visibility personality like Packer would be a major plus for the future of the basketball program.

On Oct. 23, Packer will arrive at UNCA about noon and then have lunch with several students in the mass communication department. According to Dillon, Packer will share his experience in the business with these students. Dillon said this will give the students a chance to interact with Packer and gain something from his visit.

After lunch, Dillon said Packer will play golf with several contributors to the Bulldog program.

Dillon said two of the men who were instrumental in getting Packer to UNCA were Dick Lowe and Jim Stickney. Lowe, the owner of Appletree Honda, said Packer's visit is a major boost for UNCA.

"Everybody in the ACC knows him. He is well known and in this area he is probably more popular than Vince Scully or Dick Vitale or really anybody."

Lowe said he expected a lot of interest from alumni from Duke, UNC, NC State and, of course, Wake Forest. "This is a real class deal."

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New projects funded

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UNCA currently has two projects near completion and two others in the design phase, all of which are funded by capital improvement funds, said Markus Vess, university facility planner.

"Capital improvement is a generic term for all funds we get periodically for various projects," said Vess.

Vess said UNCA has a number of projects in various stages of funding.

"Obviously, the two that are in the completion stages are the new classroom building and the library addition," said Vess.

"We have two self-liquidating projects that are, in effect, internally funded. That is, the revenue that the building generates pays for itself. These are the additions to the Highsmith Student Center and a new dormitory.

Vess said the Conference Center is another project in design, but on hold.

"Part of the Conference Center was out to bid and then, because of the budget situation where they froze funds on projects all across the state, they told us that, basically, we couldn't bid it. So we put that project on hold."

Vess said almost every institution has experienced that.

"The Conference Center is a commitment to the university, not Chancellor Brown," said Vess.

Vess said the university has another project under design, the Kellogg Retreat Center, on a piece of property in Hendersonville that UNCA owns. That new addition is being designed to house conference activities.

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Students educate others on animal rights issues

Vicki McCoy
Editor

Animal rights activists gathered Tuesday in Highsmith Center to educate UNCA students about vegetarianism and animal testing in cosmetics, household products, and biological research.

According to UNCA students Kayla Rosko, Erin McNees, Keirsten Pasoff, and Kathryn Grooms, who are members of the Western North Carolina Animal Rights Coalition (WNCARC), their goal of Tuesday's exhibit was to increase awareness on campus of animal issues.

"People are getting the message about fur. It is no longer a glamorous industry," Rosko said.

Rosko also said animal testing for cosmetics is an area where students can get involved.

"There are over 300 companies that do not test on animals. Avon, Revlon, and Max Factor are companies that do not test on animals," she said. "There are a lot of options for students."

According to a pamphlet sponsored by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), there are several tests



Photo by Joy Edmonds

Keirsten Persoff, left, and Kathryn Grooms promote animal rights issues. A demonstration will be held Tuesday at McDonald's in Biltmore.

that companies can use that do not include animals. "Human skin patch tests, tests using tissue cultures or egg membranes, and computer models

are all cheaper and more reliable tests," the pamphlet reads. "More than 150 companies already produce cruelty-free products."

Persoff, a psychology major, said

her classes discussed a number of animal experiments.

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Dole questions work force

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U.S. Secretary of Labor Elizabeth Dole spoke at the first annual Western North Carolina Jobs Conference Saturday at Blue Ridge Community College.

The WNC Environmental Council sponsored the event.

Dole, a Salisbury native and Duke University graduate, said the national work force is growing at its slowest rate in 40 years, at a rate of nearly one percent a year.

"If we're going to remain competitive in this very complex global market, we must have a quality work force," she said.

Dole said that when she took office at the Department of Labor two years ago, she became aware of the increasing level of skill needed for a good job. At the same time, she said, the high

school drop-out rate was growing at the same rate.

"As a result, 20 percent of our work force is functionally illiterate," she said. "This group is going to need a great deal of retraining. We have a work force crisis right now."

She appointed a committee made up of business, labor, and education leaders to determine specific skills needed for various jobs. The committee will report to her in May with its findings.

"From there, we hope to combine the results into a generic set of skills to be taken into the classroom for curriculum development for promotion of graduation," she said.

Dole said about half of the students graduating from high school don't go on to college. They get dead-end jobs with poor pay and little or no benefits.



Dole

"Many of them are going from low paying job to low paying job with not much hope of a career that will be very productive," she said.

To provide some hope, Dole organized a group conference which looked into developing a school-to-work program.

"We met with educators and laborers to help us focus on how we can set up demonstration projects that will combine the last two years of high school with two years of community college," she said.

Dole said this will benefit young people in that they may gain academic skills and work experience at the same time, making the school-to-work transition easier.

Economical and humanitarian reasons exist for implementing these programs, according to Dole.

"I want to inspire the business community to realize they're going to need these young people. With

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Research journal in jeopardy

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UNCA's Undergraduate Research Program has become the latest victim of the statewide budget cuts which are plaguing campuses statewide.

Due to budget cuts, the future of the UNCA Journal of Undergraduate Research is uncertain.

"We were cut from our funding for last year to this year for probably two reasons," said John Stevens of the Undergraduate Research Program Advisory Council.

"One is we are moving out of being a thrust program and into being a regular university program.

And two, as the state's budgets have been hit throughout the state, including our institution, those budgets that are in a change situation, as ours is, are going to get hit along with library budgets and so on."

"The funding cuts will impact a couple of areas, the Journal being one," said Stevens.

"We are trying to work out an intermediate solution by seeking funding from faculty, alumni and other interested people to be able to put together enough funding to get the Journal published this year."

On Sept. 14, UNCA faculty and administration received a letter from the Undergraduate Research

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