



# The Blue Banner

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

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## U.S. action in war divides campus opinions

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The outbreak of war in the Persian Gulf prompted UNCA administration to cancel classes for two hours Friday to allow a forum on the steps of Ramsey Library on U.S. involvement in the conflict. The Student Government Association (SGA) organized the forum, with John Schoultz, SGA president, moderating.

An estimated 400 people braved a chill breeze to hear short presentations by several panelists. Questions and comments from the audience followed.

Panelist Anthony Coyne, associate professor of philosophy, said now that war has actually broken out in the Gulf, the United States must take care to avoid an attitude of revenge.

"It's easy, when you get into a war, to get motivated by desires for revenge, because we are all going to be justifiably angry about a great many things that are going to happen," said Coyne.

"But when we have to begin reconstructing some kind of new order in the Middle East, if we act in a way to make people more angry than they have to be, then we're not fighting the war to guarantee peace, we're actually conducting the war in such a way as to guarantee that at some future date there will just be more hostility in the Middle East, instead of less," Coyne said.

The forum drew a diverse audience, ranging from those who oppose U.S. military intervention, to those who support President Bush's decision to engage Iraq in battle. Scott Sharpe attended with a large U.S. flag in tow, and questioned the patriotism of dissenters.

Sharpe said it is time for the "85 percent of Americans who support our troops" to make their position known. "If you're against the government, you're against what we stand for. If you're against what we stand for, you're against freedom," he said.

Panelist John Fobes, who formerly served at the United Nations as deputy director-general of UNESCO, warned listeners to resist the "hypnotic influences" of political leaders, who, Fobes said, oversimplify complex situations. He said those leaders sometimes suspect the American people's ability to understand complicated issues.

"It shows a certain amount of doubt about the public. They don't think we can handle the context in which things are happening," Fobes said failing to address those complex issues -- what he called "the big picture" -- results in repeating the same mistakes that lead to war. "It's a bitter irony, in fact, that we're told about all those new technological devices, those weapons," he said. "Unfortunately, I'm afraid they're being used with old ideas and old objectives -- for old wars instead of new visions."

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Photo by Miranda Wyatt

Campus war forum lures large group to quad for presentations by panel.



Photo courtesy of Mel Blowers

Myles Murray (c) displays part of the book donation as Mel Blowers (l) and Bill Buchanan (r) look on.

## Ramsey Library receives rare book collection

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Editor

A major donation of rare books and other materials related to the westward expansion of Colonial America will add "substantial research resources" to UNCA's D. Hiden Ramsey Library, according to Mel Blowers, university librarian.

"The collection consists of approximately 4,000 items which include maps, diaries and newspapers from the period," Blowers said. "We estimate the value of the collection to be over a quarter of a million dollars."

According to Blowers, Myles Murray, a Florida resident, donated the items to Ramsey Library.

Murray gave the collection as a memorial to his granddaughter,

Kelly Lynn Harrison, who died in an accident at Lake Lure, NC, on July 4, 1987. The collection will be designated the "Kelly Harrison Collection in Colonial and Revolutionary War History." Her parents, Tim and Carol Harrison, are both graduates of UNC-Chapel Hill and now live in Asheville.

Murray began his collection in the early 1960s, Blowers said, and currently owns and operates the Sagebrush Galleries, which are devoted to Native American art.

The collection includes a variety of items, from newspapers to rare books, Blowers said.

"About 15 percent of the collection focuses on the Scotch-Irish migration, which influenced

the settlement of Western North Carolina," he said.

The collection contains several rare books which date back to the late 1700s, including a 1793 text titled *A Topographical Description of the Western Territories of North America*. The book recalls one of the first descriptions of Daniel Boone and his explorations.

The collection also contains original 18th-century newspapers, such as *The Independent Gazetteer* and *Freeman's Journal*, both published in Philadelphia, PA.

Ramsey Library also features other collections for research

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## Campus and community observe King holiday

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UNCA students and Asheville residents took time this week to remember the late peace-activist Martin Luther King Jr.

UNCA's week-long Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration has featured several events open to students and the Asheville community.

According to Ken Betsalel, associate professor of political science, the theme for this year's King Celebration echoes King's ideals for the peaceful fight for civil rights for all people.

"The theme of the week is non-violence as a way to live and a way to act," Betsalel told students attending a student empowerment workshop Wednesday.

Ron Davis of the Highlander Center in New Market, TN, led students attending the workshop in a group dynamics game which aimed to portray situations in which oppressed groups learn to

deal non-violently with groups in power.

"People who are in power are able to make the rules and are able to keep advantage for themselves. People who are not in power will begin to feel very bad and will be subjected to other people's rules," he said.

In this type of situation, Davis said, oppressed groups often turn to violence against the dominating group. Davis said the objective of the game is to explore both groups' roles and to learn how to deal non-violently in situations.

"In order to behave in a non-violent way, we need to search a little deeper within ourselves and ask ourselves where the violence comes from," Davis said.

"We need to try to further the process that Dr. King and others before him started in terms of dealing with our problems non-violently," he said.

According to Roy Carroll, interim chancellor at UNCA, King

set an example for generations to come.

outstanding moral leaders of the 20th century," said Carroll. "He exerted enormous influence on the lives and consciousness of people everywhere. It is fitting that we honor him. The ideals and goals which he pursued are important for all of us."

Other campus events planned in the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration include a Unity Dinner Jan. 24 at 5:30 p.m. in the private dining room of the Highsmith Center. Following the dinner, the Rev. O.T. Tomes of the New Mount Olive Baptist Church will speak at 7 p.m. in Lipinsky Auditorium.

Several UNCA choirs will sing at the event, including the UNCA Ebony Choir, the UNCA Unity Choir, and the Living The Dream Choir.

In addition to on-campus observances, the Asheville community held several events

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Photo by Miranda Wyatt

Let it snow

A touch of winter dusts campus with snow.

## State cuts UNCA budget

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Editor

Current state budget shortfalls have forced UNCA to slash an additional 35 percent of its remaining operating budget, according to Art Foley, vice chancellor of financial affairs. In a meeting held early in January, state officials said the revenue shortfall totaled \$360 million as of Dec. 31.

According to Foley, Gov. Jim Martin issued a freeze on travel, hiring for vacant positions and equipment purchases. "Gov. Martin also gave a directive to maintain a minimum inventory of office supplies," Foley said.

Foley also said UNCA would be voluntarily making additional cuts in the budget.

"In our best estimate, our cut should be about \$100,000, and we

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