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"Today I saw a red-and-yellow sunset and thought, How insignificant I am. Of course, I thought that yesterday, too, and it rained." - Woody Allen

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N.C. Legislature Allots \$500,000 For Project

Funding Extended For Library Construction

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An allocation of \$500,000 to UNCA from the state legislature for renovations and repairs of Ramsey Library will cover the cost of asbestos removal and possibly result in less available library space, according to University Librarian Malcolm Blowers.

The asbestos, discovered by architects commissioned to renovate and refurbish the library in 1988, was blown onto the steel frame of the old building

as a fire retardant. "We don't know whether our funds will permit us to go back and put on a non-asbestos substance or not," said Blowers. "If not, we certainly can not make use of the old building until it has been done."

The video viewing room, microfiche, and microfilm rooms currently open to students and faculty are part of the old library. According to Blowers, if asbestos removal has to be done all at once, then these rooms will be closed off for an indefinite period. "We have requested about \$3.8 million or \$3.9

million dollars for the renovation of the old part of the library, about 50,000 square feet," said Blowers. "This is the first stage of that project. The first thing we want to do is get the asbestos out of the old building."

In a memorandum to vice chancellors, Chancellor Samuel Schuman said, "Let's move forward as rapidly as discretion permits on this important project."

However, Blowers said that asbestos removal probably would not begin until sometime next year, due to the length

of time it takes to receive and review contract bids for the project. "If we had the other \$3.5 million, probably, once the asbestos was out, the project would be finished in about 12 months."

Blowers added that he was hopeful the asbestos removal would affect only the spring semester.

The 1990-91 UNCA catalog description of the library renovation plan states, "A library addition, more than doubling the size of the present (old library) facility, will be ready in 1990."

Other factors could hold up renovation plans once the total amount requested by UNCA is funded. The old library was not equipped with a sprinkler system and the added cost of installing one was not included in the proposal for the \$3.9 million, he said.

Also, according to Blowers, the library needs a new heating and air conditioning system and there is speculation that the old library needs a new roof. Neither of these factors was figured into the original cost of the project.

"I believe no money has been approved for new building construction in the UNC-system since 1988," said Blowers. The \$500,000 comes from \$12,300,000 appropriated by the North Carolina Legislature for the repairs and renovations of buildings in the UNC-system.

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Black Student Enrollment At UNCA 1988-1991	'91 - '92	'90 - '91	'89 - '90	'88 - '89	4-Year Avg.
Black Freshmen	13	24	21	10	17
Black Graduates	N/A	11	10	10	* 10.3
Percentage Of Black Students In Total Student Body	3.13%	4.0%	3.6%	3.5%	3.55%

* Does Not Include 1991-1992 Graduating Class

Source: UNCA Office Of Statistical Research

'91 UNCA Graduate Receives Fulbright Award

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The J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board recently awarded Robert Straub, a May 1991 UNCA graduate, a grant to study in Ecuador.

The board chose Straub, a Spanish and history major, as an alternate last March, and told him they would notify him by August if he was chosen to receive the grant. Last week, Straub received word the board had awarded him the grant. Phillip Cranston, associate professor of French, and Straub both said the selection is in its final stages of paperwork and they are expecting to get official documentation from New York soon.

UNCA has had 18 Fulbright winners and one alternate over the past 19 years. Most of the winners have been classics, chemistry and foreign language department majors. Straub is the first student from the Spanish department

to receive a Fulbright Grant.

Cranston said Straub is also the first student from UNCA to receive a grant to travel to South America. Most of UNCA's Fulbright winners travel to Germany, France and England.

Straub expects to arrive in Ecuador in January and will be there for 11 months. While in Ecuador, Straub will work with Claudio Malo Gonzalez, who taught at UNCA last year. Straub and Malo will be working on a book about the legends and myths of the Columbian Indians. Straub plans to study the language of the Ecuador people and examine any changes in the local Indian language. Straub will also concentrate on the history and culture of Ecuador.

Straub is currently working for Marriott Dining Services, who has guaranteed him a position when he returns

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Admissions Office Hopes To Increase Black Student Enrollment At University

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Admission officials at UNCA said they have plans to increase recruiting efforts for enrolling African-Americans.

According to the UNCA Office of Institutional Research, the fall 1991 freshman class of 673 students included 24 African-Americans.

"We are aware of the problem," said John White, director of admissions. "So we acknowledge that it is something we need to work on. We have got plans in place for that."

"We also hired a new staff member this year... who is coordinating our minority recruiting," White said. "He

came into our recruiting season late in the fall, so he's new.

"This particular year, we are going to have two new programs on campus for Black students. A fall program will be geared toward applicants and one in the spring geared towards students who apply to us in an effort to get them to come to the campus to see what we have to offer," White said. "Also, we are going to be doing some outreach programs in the local community." Chancellor Schuman will also be directly involved in the recruiting efforts, he said.

According to the Office of Institutional Research, 2,551 out of the total student body, which includes 3,256, are from the Western part of the state.

Most recruitment has focused in the Western part, according to Caroline Miller, assistant vice chancellor for enrollment management.

"The Black population in the state of North Carolina is not predominantly in the Western part of the state," Miller said. "It is in the Eastern part of the state, like in Raleigh and Durham, and in urban parts of the state."

"We are targeting key areas where there are large Black populations," White said.

"In North Carolina, they (the high schools) have programs that are sponsored by the Carolina Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers," White said.

Security Completes "Summit" Investigation

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Jeff Van Slyke, chief of campus police, announced plans this week to go to the district attorney to seek felony fraud charges against a former student on the staff of Summit, the UNCA yearbook.

Van Slyke refused to release the name of the suspect because the case has not gone to the district attorney yet. Van Slyke has not sworn out any warrants, but will do so Thursday or Friday when the case goes to the district attorney.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Eric Iovacchini informed The Blue Banner of this case about three weeks ago.

According to Iovacchini, the suspect opened an account at First Union National Bank under the yearbook's

name, "UNCA Summit," and credited himself as the only eligible signer.

"This account was not the university account designed for Summit," said Iovacchini. "UNCA's Business Office began receiving insufficient funds notices from First Union National Bank that had the student's name on the account."

According to Iovacchini, the student sold 37 subscriptions amounting to \$925 and over \$100 in advertising.

Iovacchini said earlier he was worried about compensating the students for their losses, but he has made a decision to reimburse students for their subscription deposits.

Van Slyke said they have not been able to locate the suspect, but he feels once he issues the warrants state-wide and nation-wide they will have no trouble locating the suspect.

Van Slyke also said, "The further we

investigate the case, the more and more complicated it has become. Many more businesses are becoming involved in the case."

Van Slyke said he feels they have a strong case against the suspect. He also said the felony fraud charges will be very serious. "We are not playing around," he said.

Iovacchini said, "We found that the student had purchased a camera and signed a contract he was not supposed to sign with a yearbook publisher."

Iovacchini said he called the publishing company the student had signed the contract with. They told him the student had signed on behalf of the university and the publishing company sent him a camera which he

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Funding Grows For Campus Landscape

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UNCA has received two grants to plant trees and shrubs on the quad, at the entryway in front of Mills Hall and beside the street in front of the Highsmith Center, according to Melissa Acker, building and grounds supervisor.

The Small Business Administration and America the Beautiful awarded the tree planting grants. "We have already received notification that we received \$1,597 for the America the Beautiful grant. And I have received unofficial information on the second grant. I don't know how much it's for," said Acker.

Plans for the quad include planting some large canopy-type and flowering trees such as sugar maples, crab apple, dogwood and red bud, said

Acker.

"Right now, there's nothing in front of Mills and the Highsmith entryway at street level. The roofline of Mills is pretty much dominate there and the trees will screen that and make it a much nicer walk," said Acker.

Planting will begin in October. The area in front of Mills will be landscaped at the fall Greenfest on Oct. 14 and the campus physical plant crew will work on the quad later in the month, said Acker.

The grant money will pay for the purchasing of the trees and shrubs and UNCA will provide the mulch, soil amendments and labor, said Acker.

"For years there's been so much construction that the landscape had to take a back burner. Now it's our opportunity to really plant a lot of trees. We

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Campus Collision

A two-car collision involving UNCA professor of history Bruce Greenawalt and students Neda Afakhuri and Ruba Farouy occurred Sept. 24 on University Heights. Greenawalt was charged with a "safe movement" violation, according to campus security. Farouy (above) was treated for head injuries at an Asheville hospital and released later that evening.

Staff Photo By Loren Stephens

Symposium Questions DOE's Actions

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The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has proposed a transfer of a nuclear weapons production facility from Rocky Flats, Colo. to Oakridge, Tenn. according to Ralph Hutchinson, a member of the Oakridge Environmental Peace Alliance.

If this becomes a reality, then the entire region, including Western North Carolina, will be at risk should a nuclear catastrophe occur. Hutchinson said at a symposium hosted by the UNCA Ecology Club Sept. 24.

"Asheville is just downwind of

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