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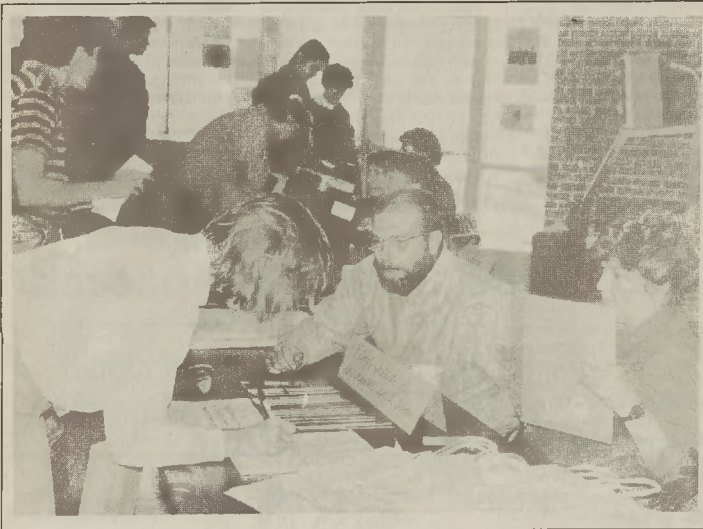
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"Poets have been mysteriously silent on the subject of cheese." -- G.K. Chesterton

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Staff Photo By Loren Stephens

Representatives from the National Institute of Environmental Health Services participated in UNCA's annual fall semester Career Day '91, held Nov. 1. Students had the opportunity to speak with potential employers and graduate schools about career options after graduation. The UNCA Career Center sponsored Career Day '91.

Career Day '91: Employment Market Flat; Prospects Slim

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Representatives from over 30 companies, government agencies, and graduate schools took part in Career Day '91 on Nov. 1 in the Highsmith Center lobby.

According to UNCA's Career Center, the annual event is held in the fall semester to give students a chance to talk with prospective employers and to get information about what qualifications jobs may require.

In addition to giving out literature, some representatives said they have job vacancies they are accepting applications. Government representatives from Buncombe County, National Institute of Environmental

Health Services, and the U.S. Navy's Office of the Comptroller said they have jobs available.

According to Susan Byrd, the Black Mountain Center, a state facility for the mentally retarded, has positions it wants to fill.

The National Park Service said there are summer jobs open for park rangers and maintenance workers, but the application deadline is Jan. 15, 1992.

Robert Thornberry, Jr., personnel director for Buncombe County, said the county is the second largest employer in the area, with the school systems being the first. He said his office updates the list of jobs available every week and sends it out to the Employment Security Commission and 52 other offices in the area, includ-

ing UNCA.

He said the lists of job vacancies are usually posted on bulletin boards by the offices that receive them. According to Thornberry, he cannot predict what vacancies might occur, so he said students should check the list on the bulletin board each week to see if Buncombe County has a job open in their field of specialty.

In addition to the government agencies that have job openings, several company representatives said they also have vacancies. Representatives for Harris Teeter, Wendy's, and Norwest Financial, Inc., said they have management trainee positions available.

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Committee Examines UNCA Foreign Language Courses

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The UNCA Academic Policies Committee (APC) met Oct. 31 to discuss a possible revision of the foreign language general education requirement.

William Sabo, chairman of the committee and associate professor of political science, said the purpose of the committee is not to change the goals of the general education requirements but to "determine if the courses are achieving their ends."

The committee will examine every general education requirement within the next four to five years. When reviewing the courses, APC will ask, "Are the guiding principles being translated into reality," said Sabo.

Sabo said he did not foresee any major reforms in the general education requirements, but there will be some changes.

"General education means more to the faculty than the number of hours." Through the general education courses,

the faculty wants to help their students understand other cultures, said Sabo.

This foreign language hearing was the second of the general education requirement reviews. During the previous meeting, APC made changes in the bibliography requirement.

The purpose of the bibliography requirement is to teach students how to use the library. Sabo said there are too many juniors and seniors who do not know how to use the library efficiently. As a result, the bibliography requirement will be stricter in the future.

The committee did not make any definite changes in the foreign language requirement. However, the members questioned the professors' objectives in their classes and asked if the students were fulfilling these objectives.

Lauren Wilson, vice-chancellor for academic affairs, said there are disadvantages for the students when the faculty doesn't agree and each professor has a different objective.

William Thurman of the classics department said the professors must "look

in vain to find a common denominator in the course," because the students come into the classes with different levels of learning and knowledge.

Thurman said learning a foreign language requires the student to learn self-discipline.

Guy Cooper, chairman of the classics department, said the objective of the course was "to teach a language system not discipline."

Larry Dorr, professor of philosophy and a member of the committee, noted it was important to remember APC was not evaluating a particular professor's course. "The committee is looking at the degree to which the actual teaching of the courses meets the general education requirement," said Dorr.

The one issue the committee and the majority of the foreign language and classics departments agreed on was the effectiveness of the fast-track programs. These classes allow the stu-



Photo By Eric Connor

Sprucing Up

Two grants totaling \$7,916 are financing the addition of more than 90 trees to the UNCA grounds. More than 20 flowering trees are being planted on the quad this fall, including those at the entrance to Karpen Hall (above).

Campus Food Drive Aims For 2,000 Cans

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The Student Government Association, along with organizations and departments on campus, is sponsoring a food drive to assist community service organizations in the Asheville area, scheduled to end Nov. 22.

The SGA will give the food to some of the organizations here in Asheville, including the Asheville-Buncombe Community Christian Ministry (ABCCM).

According to Stephen Alexander, executive to the president, the SGA has set a campus goal of 2,000 cans. The deadline for turning in cans is Nov. 22.

The best way to go about reaching this goal is to involve everyone on campus. "This cause needs the help of each individual, organization and department to be successful," said Alexander.

SGA is providing drop-off boxes in the resident assistant's rooms and in the SGA office in the Highsmith Center.

In order to be able to reach the campus-wide goal of 2,000 cans, SGA

assigned each group an individual goal. According to Alexander, the lowest goal set was five cans, which was for Chancellor Samuel Schuman. The highest goal set was 50 cans and that goal was set for a couple of the sororities and fraternities and for SGA.

Each resident hall also has a goal to meet. The hallway collecting the most cans will win free pizza.

Alexander suggested some ways to promote the collecting of cans. One way is to collect a can from each person on the hall in each of the dorms. Another way is to go the grocery store and buy a few cans of food, or by bringing a few cans from home when returning from the weekend.

"People think of 2,000 cans as being a lot of cans. But when you break that down, you can go to the store and buy about three cans of food for around a dollar. If everyone spent a dollar, then our goal could easily be reached," said Alexander.

Alexander said the SGA is trying to stick to canned food only, rather than collecting money. The canned food is non-perishable and has a long storage time.

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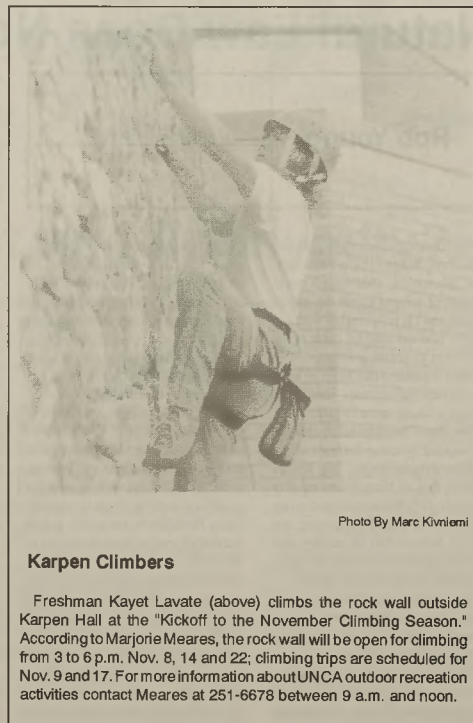


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Karpen Climbers

Freshman Kayet Lavate (above) climbs the rock wall outside Karpen Hall at the "Kickoff to the November Climbing Season." According to Marjorie Meares, the rock wall will be open for climbing from 3 to 6 p.m. Nov. 8, 14 and 22; climbing trips are scheduled for Nov. 9 and 17. For more information about UNCA outdoor recreation activities contact Meares at 251-6678 between 9 a.m. and noon.

Visitation Day Focuses On Minority Student Enrollment

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The African-American Student Visitation Day, held Nov. 2 in Karpen Hall, interested only four prospective students but was still viewed as a success, according to Richard White, minority recruiting coordinator.

"I don't think students are very aware of what Asheville is like," White said. "When you mention mountains, students have connotations of cow pastures and hillbillies. UNCA is also fairly new across the state and not that well-known yet."

The number of African-American students who participated in the open house on Oct. 26 was also low, according to White. "Many African-American students are looking for much more populated areas like Greensboro and Charlotte," White said.

Lauren Wilson, vice chancellor for academic affairs, said the number of African-American students was larger during the Oct. 26 open house than the open house specifically for African-Americans. Out of 172 students, he estimated that six were African-Americans. However, according to both White and Wilson, the African-American Student Visitation day was a suc-

cess.

The Office of Institutional Research reported that out of UNCA's total student enrollment, 3,085 students are white, 101 students are Black and 75 students are classified as "other." The breakdown of faculty members, according to the Office of Institutional Research, including full and part-time employees, is: 218 white, seven Black, one Native American, two Asian and three Hispanic.

"We recruit all across the state of North Carolina," White said. "I specifically go to the cities that have large numbers of African-American students." UNCA also recruits from Georgia, Florida, Virginia, Tennessee and South Carolina, and according to White, hopes to set up programs farther north in the spring.

The responsibility of recruiting minority students lies on the admissions office as a whole, White said. "Just like I recruit white students, the other officers are equally charged to recruit Black students," he added.

UNCA is operating under a program handed down by the General Administration of the UNC-system to further increase minority enroll-

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