

Announcements	9
Comics	8
Features	4
Opinions	2
Perspectives	3
Sports	5

Tom Sawyer Review	Page 4
Wendell Thorne On Magic Johnson's "Sellout"	Page 3
Thanksgiving Break: No Blue Banner Next Week	

The Blue Banner

"There is nothing that a good defense cannot beat a better offense." -- Vice President Dan Quayle

Volume 19, Number 9

The University of North Carolina at Asheville

Thursday, November 21, 1991

Acker: New Trees Won't Crowd Quad

Barry Bridges
Staff Writer

UNCA landscaping crews do not plan to cut down any of the trees on the quad area to make room for new ones, according to Melissa Acker, building and grounds supervisor.

"There are no plans at this time to cut any trees down," said Acker. "A lot of the trees on the quad are in decline, and we're just trying to prepare for the future. We'll do some of our normal pruning in the wintertime, but that's as far as our plans go."

According to Acker, the university has purchased new trees and shrubs with the aid of grants from America the Beautiful and the Small Business Administration, totalling \$7,913. Acker said that the crews are installing the new trees now because they will take decades to reach maturity.

"Planning ahead is really important when you're talking about landscaping," said Acker. "In 20 years, you're going to have some nice shade trees to sit under."

"The best time to plant a tree is a long time ago," said Acker. "The second best time is now."



Photo By Eric Connor

Physical plant workers remove grass and top soil before planting new trees in the Phillips Hall courtyard. Physical plant crews have been landscaping and planting on the quad and other areas around campus since October.

UNC Board Of Governors To Review UNCA's Classification

University May Become First Liberal Arts School In System

Barry Bridges
Staff Writer

According to Chancellor Samuel Schuman, a team of consultants has recommended that UNCA be reclassified as a level-one liberal arts college in the North Carolina university system. Schuman reported this recommendation at a Nov. 14 meeting of the UNCA Administrative Assembly.

"In effect, it's official recognition by the state system of what we have proclaimed all along to be our mission," said Schuman. "It recognizes that we are principally an undergraduate institution whose focus is on teaching, not research."

According to Schuman, four consultants from the Carnegie Commission for the Advancement of Teaching were hired by the UNC General Administration and Board of Governors to review the missions of the 16 constituent schools in the state system. Schuman said that the team "enthusiastically endorsed" the reclassification of UNCA from a level-two comprehensive university to a level-one

liberal arts university.

"The state classifies all the constituent campuses, and the classes are comprehensive, doctoral, and research," said Schuman. "Within each of those three classifications, there is a 'one' and a 'two,' two meaning primarily regionally-based, and one meaning more of a national reputation."

"We have been classified as a comprehensive-two institution, which means we are a regional institution. What the consultants are recommending is that the state add the liberal-arts classification. We would be the only one [in the UNC system]," said Schuman.

According to Larry Wilson, UNCA's vice chancellor for academic affairs, the Carnegie Commission is an affiliate of the Carnegie Foundation. Wilson said that the Carnegie Foundation is a private organization that performs various services for university systems.

"It has a pretty broad range of responsibilities, one of which is developing classifications for colleges and universities," said Wilson. "They issued a report called 'A Nation At Risk'

a few years ago, a fairly comprehensive study of colleges and universities in the country. They issue reports on the status of higher education and try to help improve it."

"It was a heavyweight group of consultants," said Schuman. "They included the presidents of the University of Michigan and Penn State. Nine of the 16 constituents asked for changes in state classification."

"One of the requests was partially-granted, and one was wholly-granted. We were the one that was wholly-granted. That is, I think, wonderful news for us."

Schuman said that the Board of Governors will now take the consultants' suggestion under consideration. He also said that former Interim Chancellor Roy Carroll deserves credit for his efforts to make UNCA a liberal arts institution.

"The consultants' report will now be discussed and weighed and probably modified by the Board of Governors," said Schuman. "I think Roy Carroll had a great deal to do with this."

Tentative Site Found For Daycare Facility

Sonya Klepper
Staff Writer

UNCA, in a joint effort with Highland Hospital, MAHEC and the Forestry Service, hopes to lease and renovate the old grammar school on Vivian Street as a daycare facility for students, faculty and staff, according to Don Lisnerski, associate professor of management.

"If we don't have a facility, we will not have a program," Eric Iovacchini, vice chancellor for student affairs, said. "The grammar school is ideal for what we want to do."

Highland Hospital owns the grammar school. UNCA officials are waiting on the hospital's decision as to whether or not it is feasible to lease the building, according to Iovacchini.

"We expect to hear from Highland Hospital sometime after Thanksgiving," Iovacchini said.

If the building can be leased, the childcare needs of UNCA and its partners, Highland Hospital, MAHEC and the Forestry Service, will be met, Iovacchini said.

Highland Hospital, MAHEC, the Forestry Service and UNCA are the four largest employers in the immediate area.

Lisnerski, at a recent Faculty Senate meeting, said one option is to lease the old grammar school on a short-term basis, two or three years, as a trial run.

According to Iovacchini, if the program is a success on a short-term basis, the grammar school might be purchased or another site for a childcare facility could be located for continued use.

A management company based in Nashville, Tenn., Corporate Childcare, will provide UNCA and its partners with direction in how to open up and operate the childcare facility, Iovacchini said. Their role is to take care of renovations needed in order to get the facility up to code.

"We've got some start-up costs but no dollars," Iovacchini said. "It is possible that Corporate Childcare is willing to finance start up costs but we are still looking at our options."

Iovacchini added that, like any other student service, the users of the service will pay a fee.

"All of the expenses before and all of the expenses after will have to come from the users," Iovacchini said. "I don't see us, as an institution, asking the state to build this facility. I don't see it in the priorities."

"If we get the facility, we would look at forming a corporation," Iovacchini said. "The corporation would consist of representatives from each of the four partners with a board of directors who would eventually operate the childcare facility."

If this plan works, Iovacchini said the childcare corpora-

Please See "Daycare," Page 10



Staff Photo By Genie Castillo

This former grammar school on Vivian Street could be the future site of a daycare facility for the children of UNCA students, faculty and staff. University officials have proposed a short-term lease of the building from its owner, Highland Hospital. The school is located a few blocks from campus in the Montford historic district.

SGA Plans To Create Campus Smoking Policy

Connie Krochmal
Staff Writer

The Student Government Association (SGA) has formed a committee to establish a smoking policy for the campus, according to Steve Alexander, executive to the SGA president.

"From what I have heard rumor-wise, they are planning on blocking off pretty much every area from smokers except the outside," said Lea Boccia, a sophomore with an undecided major.

Though SGA considered adopting a no-smoking policy last year, the measure did not pass, according to Alexander.

The committee, which will be comprised of students, faculty, and staff, is headed by Jennifer King, executive for internal relations, according to Alexander.

A ban on smoking in buildings at UNCA would bring the campus in line with some other campuses in the state

university system, according to Sharyn G. McDonald, director of Highsmith Center.

"Chapel Hill and North Carolina State University are the only two that still allow smoking that I know of," McDonald said. "UNC-Greensboro and UNC-Charlotte have both banned it. I went to a meeting and was told by other people at the conference that some universities in other states were adopting similar policies. The University of Virginia does not allow smoking."

UNCA does not have a smoking policy that applies uniformly to all buildings on campus, according to McDonald. She said smokers can smoke in areas or buildings that have not been designated as non-smoking. "I don't know how they decided Karpen was non-smoking," McDonald said. "The library also decided they would not allow smoking."

Summer Session Faculty Pay Scale

	1982	1991	% Increase
Full Professor	\$465	\$660	41.94%
Associate Professor	440	583	32.50%
Assistant Professor	420	530	26.19%

Figures Courtesy Of Tom Cochran, Associate Vice Chancellor For Academic Affairs

Summer School Budget Gaps May Upset Faculty Pay Scale

Susanne Roper
Associate Editor

According to Thomas Cochran, associate vice chancellor for academic affairs, UNCA is facing a \$13,000 deficit in the operating budget for this coming summer session. "The money is just not there unless we go outside the system," he said.

Cochran prepared a report on the operation of UNCA's summer school session and submitted it to the Faculty Senate, which met Nov. 14.

According to Cochran, summer session has a separate budget, in terms of instruction, from the regular term budget. Both budgets are funded based on the calculation of a full-time equivalent (FTE) figure determined by the state.

"FTE is a calculation that we use for both students and faculty. We are funded on the basis of what's called full-time student equivalent in the

summer and during the academic year," said Cochran.

Full-time students are those taking 12 or more credit hours. The FTE figure is reached by adding up all the students' semester hours, then dividing that sum by 12 to determine the equivalent of full-time students UNCA has. The state's allocation to the academic budget is then based on this composite number, said Cochran.

The number of faculty members the university needs is also determined by this figure. At this time, Cochran said, the student-teacher ratio is 16 to 1 at UNCA.

The report shows an improvement in summer school faculty salary over the past 10 years. However, when compared to academic year salaries, Cochran said, faculty are receiving only half the compensation for their summer school instruction. In an ideal situation, summer school in-

Please See "Faculty," Page 10