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# The Blue Banner

"We don't know a millionth of one percent about anything." -- Thomas Alva Edison

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Photo courtesy of Sharyn McDonald

## Over 1600 cans!

Last month SGA collected canned food donations from students and organizations on campus. According to SGA Executive for Internal Relations Jennifer King, the food drive fell short of its goal by about 400 cans. Stephen Alexander, SGA's executive to the president, is shown with the collection of cans in the SGA office in Highsmith center. King said donations are still welcomed.

## Chancellor's Get-Together Honors UNCA Student Groups

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Chancellor Samuel Schuman recognized five student groups at the chancellor's community get-together in Lipinsky Auditorium Dec. 10.

Schuman honored new inductees of Phi Eta Sigma, the freshman academic honor society; nominees of "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities;" UNCA Ambassadors, registration assistants, and Robert Straub, 1991 Fulbright Scholar recipient.

Honored guests included Jo Ann Lipinsky Edwinn, daughter of Lewis Lipinsky for whom Lipinsky Auditorium was named; E. Frank Edwinn, professor emeritus of music; and Leah Schuman, the chancellor's daughter, who is a member of the St. Petersburg State Chamber Orchestra in Russia.

The chancellor has had three get-togethers during the semester. "We are trying to promote these events as low-key, informal opportunities for across campus socializing in a friendly, congenial setting," said Schuman.

Schuman hopes to continue these get-togethers next semester. "We plan to move from building to building. I want to use these events occasionally to call our attention to our daily working environment to the campus we call home," said Schuman.

Schuman also spoke of the quality of students UNCA is accepting for next year. "As of the beginning of this week, we had accepted into next year's first year class 335 new students. This time last year the comparable figure was 241. These acceptees have SAT averages 30 points higher than last year's at this time and over 80 percent are in the top fifth of their class," said Schuman.

Schuman said Lipinsky Auditorium opened as a student center in 1964. It was named for Lewis Lipinsky, an Asheville business man and friend of Asheville-Biltmore College and then UNCA.

## For Your Information...

From staff reports

### Ecosystem Researcher To Speak At UNCA

The plight of ancient western forests and the effects of proposed federal legislation will be discussed at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, in Owen Conference Center at UNCA.

The talk, by ecosystem researcher Tracey May, is co-sponsored by UNCA's Environmental Studies Department, WNC Alliance and the Western Ancient Forest Campaign.

May is a seasonal employee of the U.S. Forest Service and the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, conducting research on the spotted owl and endangered salmon stocks in the Siskiyou National Forest in southwest Oregon.

Admission to the talk is free.

### Highsmith Center To Stay Open All Night During Exams

The Highsmith Center will stay open for late-night study breaks during the coming exam week. Complimentary coffee, hot chocolate and snacks will be served in the Highsmith lobby after 11 p.m., Sun., Dec. 15 through Thurs. Dec. 19.

## Student Fees: What \$300 Per Semester Buys

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Required student fees for the 1992 spring semester will remain the same as they were for the fall semester of 1991, according to Trudy Roberts, cashier at UNCA.

Full-time students (those taking 12 hours or more) will be paying \$300 in fees, according to Roberts.

Part-time students' fees are based on the number of semester hours that the students take, according to the 1991-1992 student handbook.

Based on a sixteen-week period, the fees average out to \$18.75 per week or \$2.68 per day for a full-time student.

Over one-third of the total amount for fees will be for athletic and sports-related activities and facilities. Stu-

dents will pay \$84 for the athletic fee, according to the student handbook. This averages out to over \$5 a week.

"Students get free admission to all the games for which we have a gate charge," said Dede Allen, assistant athletics director-internal. "We have 12 intercollegiate sports. We have soccer, volleyball, basketball, baseball, and softball."

According to the student handbook, other intercollegiate sports include golf, cross country, and tennis.

In addition to the athletic fee, students must also pay a \$30 non-varsity athletics fee, according to Eric Iovacchini, vice chancellor for student affairs.

"It pays for the intramurals, the maintenance of the pool, repair and upgrade of the tennis courts, the soccer

field, and the lighted area behind Justice Center," Iovacchini said. "It covers part of the salaries for the intramurals."

According to the student handbook, intramural sports and activities at UNCA include "flag football, volleyball, tennis singles and doubles, basketball, coed water polo, softball, and soccer."

Iovacchini said other activities covered by the non-varsity fee include rock climbing and camping trips.

The non-varsity fee gives students the privilege of using athletic and sports facilities at UNCA during certain hours determined by the director of athletics, according to the student handbook. Students can use the weight room, quarter-mile track, dance studio, basketball court, and tennis courts.

Students can also check out athletic equipment for their personal use.

Besides the athletic and non-varsity fee, students must pay a \$51 student center expansion fee appropriated for the dining hall, according to Iovacchini.

"We have instituted the fee now to help pay for expenses associated with planning," Iovacchini said. "It actually started two years ago for rock boring, architect's fee, and survey cost."

In addition to the student center expansion fee, students will pay \$37 for student center operations. "It covers salaries, electricity, utilities, furnishings, repair, and for everything that happens in this building," said Sharyn McDonald, director of Highsmith Center.



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## Hitting The Books

As fall semester comes to a close, Wendy Bowker, elementary education post-graduate, begins studying for final exams. Finals week starts Dec. 16 and ends Dec. 21.

## Resident Students, RAs Express Security Concerns

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Dennis Gregory, chief of campus police, said security officials plan to keep a 24-hour security watch on the dorms during the holiday break, but he said students should take everything they can home with them rather than leaving it in their dorm rooms.

Jennifer King, a resident assistant for Gardner Hall, said one of the concerns she has is that Governors Village has 24-hour security, while Mills Hall and Highrise Residence Hall do not. "There seems to be an unfair segregation by Housing of the two (Mills and Highrise), since Housing is not supporting the security rule for both," said King.

However, King did mention segregation exists because one dorm is for singles and the other is not.

Students in Gardner and other dorms said they were worried about the recent break-ins of dorm rooms. According to King, a male was coming into the dorms asking to see the RA, and then would proceed to enter rooms which were unlocked. King warns students about leaving rooms unlocked, even for a short time.

King also said the students in The Village are concerned about so many people knowing the combination to

the locks on the doors. Resident students and their RAs voiced their opinions about resident life and their concerns with housing and security. According to Danny Cloninger, RA, "The students don't come to housing when they have problems or concerns with an RA."

"They need to take these concerns to Pete or Nancy Williams in Housing. They want to know the concerns of the students," he said.

According to N. Williams, the biggest concerns students bring to the RAs include facility and maintenance problems, birth control advice and issues with rape, especially date rape.

N. Williams said living on campus is expensive. Two people sharing an apartment can probably live off campus cheaper than living on campus.

Peter Williams, director of housing and residence life, said room and board costs have increased four percent from last spring to this fall. Governors Village is \$990, Highrise Residence Hall is \$750, and Mills Hall is \$790. However, the Highrise and Mills are both newer facilities which have air-conditioning.

Resident students have the services of resident assistants. The RAs provide support for the students that are on the floor in terms of building community relations and through social, cultural and educational programs, said N. Williams.

## Ramsey Library Upgrades Online Catalog System

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Ramsey Library replaced the LS2000 catalog system with the faster, more modern GvB system, Nov. 1, according to Robert Bland, associate university librarian for technical services.

"The GvB is a very fine catalog and probably one of the best in the UNC system," said Bland, who designed and programmed the system.

The LS2000 system was slow and frustrating to use, said Bland. The new GvB system searches the holdings of Ramsey Library 10 times faster than the LS2000 system.

The GvB also allows students to scan Ramsey's journal collection. The most current issue of a particular journal will appear on the system as soon as the library receives it, said Bland.

"UNCA has the only library in the UNC system that has a catalog that allows students to determine, on a single terminal, both what books and current journals are available," said Bland.

One of the disadvantages of the GvB is that there is not a link to the circulation desk. Because the circulation desk

still uses the LS2000 system, the GvB cannot tell the user if a certain book is checked out, said Bland.

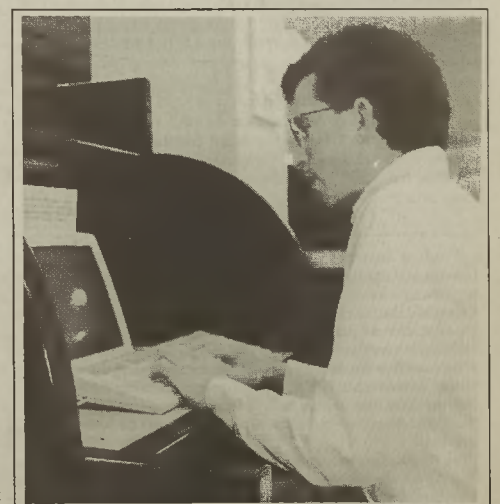
Bland is currently working on this problem, and hopes to have it solved by next fall.

The other disadvantage of the system is that it only scans UNCA holdings. The LS2000 allowed the user to search the catalogs at UNCA, Appalachian State University and Western Carolina University. However, LS2000 terminals are still available in the library.

The GvB system is only a temporary solution, but it is "certainly an improvement over what we had." The system has worked very well and the students and faculty seem pleased with it, said Bland.

Bland said he fully expected bugs to appear in the complex program, but to his "utter astonishment, the program has run over a month without any problems."

The library was able to install the GvB system after contributing \$50,000 to the computer center to aid in buying the new Vax 4000. The Vax gave the library the computer power to maintain the database needed for the online catalog, said Bland.



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Michael Owen, a freshman engineering major, uses the library's new GvB online catalog. Library staffer Robert Bland designed the program to provide an easy transition from the old system.