

# The Blue Banner

"If dandelions were hard to grow, they would be most welcome on any lawn." -- Andrew V. Mason

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## Former president of Ecuador comes to UNCA

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Ecuador's "President of Peace," Rodrigo Borja, will conduct a series of lectures during an 18-day visit to UNCA and neighboring universities beginning Oct. 1.

Borja served as president of Ecuador during the 1988-92 term and worked to keep peace in his country. "I long to be the president of all Ecuadorians, a president of peace and of national unity," said Borja in an address before the national congress in Quito, capital of Ecuador.

During his visit to North Carolina, Borja will give a series of lectures on contemporary Latin American problems to the Spanish 471 class.

Borja will also give several talks in English, including a Humanities 414 lecture at 11 a.m. on Oct. 8 in Lipinsky Auditorium.

He will speak at Furman University. Key theft prompts lock change in dorm

in a free public address entitled, "Is Latin America Governable," on Oct. 6 at 7:30 p.m.

Other appearances will include talks at the UNCA World Affairs Council, the Hendersonville World Affairs Council, Appalachian State University, Blue Ridge Community College, and other local organizations.

Borja will conduct office hours on the UNCA campus at Karpen Hall, in room 126, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

UNCA representatives will welcome Borja at an all-campus reception in the Karpen Hall lobby from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Oct. 12.

Sponsors of the former dignitary's lecture tour will invite the public to attend all his lectures.

Borja will attend UNCA as recipient of the Aileen and William Highsmith Distinguished Visiting Professorship award.

Other special academic programs share sponsorship of Borja's visit including the humanities program, the

UNCA World Affairs Council, Appalachian State University, Furman University, and Western Carolina University.

Borja taught at the Central University of Ecuador, where he earned a law degree and a master's degree in political science.

He began his political career as a student leader on campus where he criticized the current president's regime.

He campaigned for the presidency as candidate for a political party called, the Democratic Left Party.

"The Democratic Left was the first party to incorporate economic themes with public discussion.

"Until we were born as a party, political life tediously wrapped itself in the daily, synchronous hammering of one party's reproaches against another," said Borja during a convention address.

He initiated various reforms during his presidency.

He instituted a literacy campaign described as the greatest such effort in the history of the country.

The campaign included a massive bilingual educational program, in Spanish and Quechua, for Ecuadorian Indians.

Borja's presidency also established a community network for poor children to receive food, medicine, and education.

His presidency saw the formation of the South American Common Market, a trade agreement between Venezuela, Colombia, Peru, Bolivia, and Ecuador.

He introduced laws to encourage foreign investment in mining and petroleum.

Other legislation during his administration includes laws to encourage international free trade, to facilitate exports of Ecuadorian goods, to regulate part-time work, and to control grain milling standards.

Borja attended school with Marcel Andrade, professor of Spanish.



Dr. Rodrigo Borja, immediate past president of Ecuador, arrived at UNCA on Sept. 30. His schedule during his stay is as follows:

- Monday, Oct. 4: 8-9 a.m. -- Humanities Lecture Hall
- Wednesday, Oct. 6: 8-9 a.m. -- Carmichael Hall 104
- Friday, Oct. 8: 8-9 a.m. -- Humanities Lecture Hall  
11 a.m.-12 -- Humanities Lecture Hall
- Monday, Oct. 11: 8-9 a.m. -- Humanities Lecture Hall
- Tuesday, Oct. 12: 3:30-4:30 p.m. -- All-campus reception in the lobby of Karpen Hall.
- Wednesday, Oct. 13: 8-9 a.m. -- Humanities Lecture Hall
- Thursday, Oct. 14: 8-9 a.m. -- Humanities Lecture Hall
- Monday, Oct. 18: 7:30-9 p.m. -- Owen Conference Center

Borja's lectures on "Contemporary Latin American Problems" are open to all students, faculty, staff, administration, and community.

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One week after a master key to Mills Hall was stolen, locks on the 75 Mills Hall dorm rooms were changed and students learned of the theft.

Amy L. Carpenter, a resident assistant (RA) in Mills Hall, reported to the Security Office at 2 a.m. on Sept. 21 that her wallet and keys had been stolen.

Housing officials said students were not informed of the theft sooner to avoid letting the person who had the key know that it opened the door to Mills Hall.

The stolen keys included a master key to Mills Hall, a key to 205 Mills Hall, and keys to other university buildings and offices.

Carpenter's wallet was later recovered, but she reported that \$100 and her driver's license were missing.

The theft of both the master key and a RA's identification prompted a decision to change the locks, according to housing officials.

"If the keys had just been lost, we probably would not have been going through to change the locks because there's no way anybody would know that it's a particular key," said Pete Williams, director of housing.

"The keys are coded, so there's no way anyone would know. The fact that her purse was stolen, that adds to it," said Williams.

According to the crime report, Carpenter left her wallet and keys on the bench outside the main doors while she went inside Highrise.

Carpenter told security officers that when she returned about 15 minutes later she discovered the wallet and keys missing.

On Sept. 23, Eric Iovacchini, vice chancellor for student affairs, said that the university was taking steps to ensure the safety of students and their property.

"That's what we're using the staff for," said Iovacchini. "Our night staff is being a lot more careful about who's around."

Later that morning, Williams said that the security office and people in the

housing department were aware of the incident, but that people in the dorm had not been told.

"Some of the people in the dorm know, the RA knows obviously," said Williams. "How many other people, I don't know."

"What we don't know is if the person knows that they have a master key," said Williams. "That's the thing we prefer them not to know."

"Try to understand our point of view on this, if it gets out too far, we're in trouble because then obviously everybody's going to get very hyper about it," he said. "We're going to change the locks and we're trying to minimize the damage."

"It's certainly not that we're trying to hide anything," said Williams. "We take it from the security point of view that if people don't know that it's gone right now that we'll be in better shape," he said.

"The first line of defense in this situation, or any other, is the RAs and night assistants," said Jeff VanSlyke, chief of campus security.

According to VanSlyke, the housing office "needs to alert all the RAs and night assistants in Mills Hall and have them be more cautious of the flow of traffic in and out of the dorm."

"My concern is getting those locks changed," said VanSlyke. "The person who stole those keys is going to know that those keys belong to the university. To say that someone might be alerted by running a story [in *The Blue Banner*] is, I think, a bit presumptuous," said VanSlyke.

"The university keys are these corbin-shaped keys and people know what those are. You don't have to be Einstein to figure that out."

"As far as security of the dorm, I would assert that the first line of defense is for housing to tighten-up," said VanSlyke.

Confidential sources said an emergency meeting was called for all RAs on the

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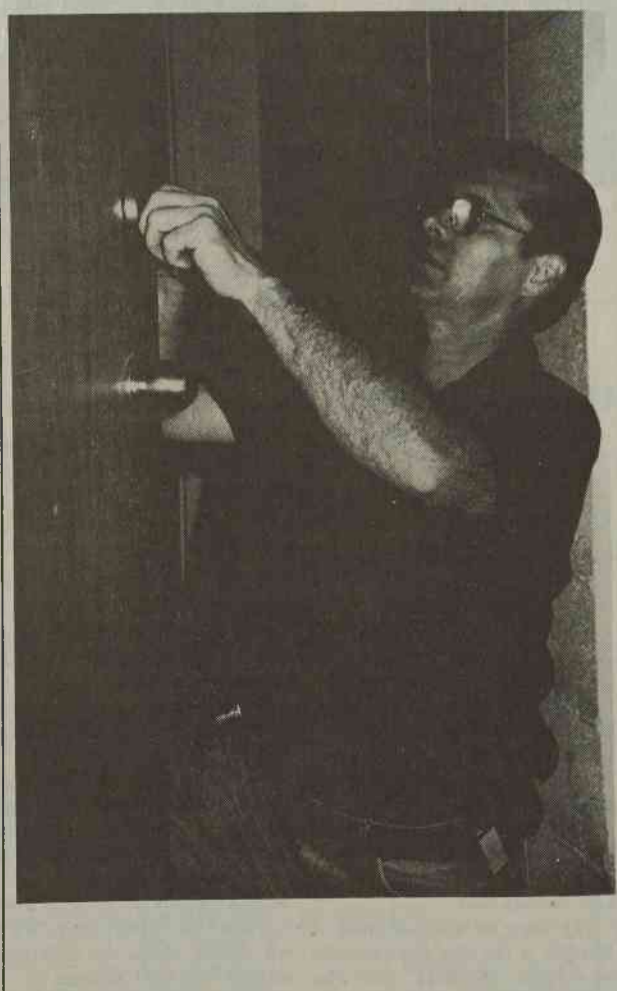
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## Weather Report

The weekend forecast calls for mostly clear and sunny skies. Temperatures will be in the 70s.

Weather Report courtesy of the National Weather Service  
UNCA Atmospheric Science Department offers updated forecasts through the 24 hour Weatherline...251-6435



Staff Photo By Amy Lynn Eddins

One week after a resident assistant in Mills Hall reported her keys stolen, the Housing Office had 75 locks in Mills Hall changed.

## Classes on how to quit smoking to be offered

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The UNCA Student Health Services will offer students a program from the American Lung Association on how to quit smoking.

Classes are scheduled for Friday, Oct. 8, from 12:30 p.m. until 1:30 p.m.

"What we are doing is called 'Freedom From Smoking,'" said Karen Weinberg, a nurse practitioner at Weizenblatt Health Center.

"We've had lots of students quit smoking by using the patches. But the ones who have come back, that haven't done so well, realize that they didn't know what else to do besides smoke. This is a behavioral modification program that helps them decide when they smoke and what need it's fulfilling so that they can plan for how to deal with it," said Weinberg.

"That's the main reason for offering it, plus we're a smoke-free campus now and Dr. [Samuel] Schuman would sure like us to offer something to just give them an alternative if they can't smoke here," said Weinberg.

"Students who would like to use nicotine patches in order to quit smoking are urged to attend classes also," said Weinberg.

"We will be able to prescribe nicotine patches or gum to those class members desiring them," she said.

"I think maybe one of the more important things is that a lot of people have been using the transdermal nicotine patches. But they found that it's been most successful when used in combination with a behavioral modification program such as the American Lung Association program,"

said Weinberg.

"If 50 percent of the people in the class quit smoking, that's an accepted rate," said Weinberg.

"If we get any more than 50 percent quitting, that's really neat," said Weinberg.

"I find that most of the people who want to quit smoking have already quit smoking now that they know that there's easy ways to do it, like using the patch," said Weinberg.

"So, the people we're getting now are people who aren't real sure that they want to quit smoking, and they're going through a program. That's the thing to do," she said.

"If 50 percent of the people in the class quit smoking, that's an accepted rate," said Weinberg.

"So it makes it a little bit harder to help them quit, because there's quite a lack of motivation," said Weinberg.

"I think students who come to this, the younger ones...they haven't been smoking long enough to have even tried [quitting smoking], but the older students and the faculty and staff who want to, who are considering taking the class, are not real motivated, because they've had a couple of years already that the patch has been available and they haven't had success with them and they've tried several times already," said Weinberg.

"The most success stories I've heard, since before the patch...are people who just one day just threw them (cigarettes) away and just never really thought about them again, had no desire for it, had no discomfort," said

Weinberg.

"Lots of times, smoking is the only time that a hyper person breathes at a regular rate," said Weinberg.

"But what generally happens is the deep breath that you take with a drag, what it does is, it relaxes you," said Weinberg.

"So the first thought that your body has is, this cigarette is relaxing me," said Weinberg.

"Of course then, as the nicotine goes in, it wires you up even more but, your brain has been told that this is relaxing," said Weinberg.

"Linda Roper is going to be helping with the classes. Linda Roper is an RN. She'll be helping with the classes too," said Weinberg.

"She's taught it before here," said Weinberg.

When asked about the current smoking policy at UNCA and the lack of an indoor smoking area for commuter students, Weinberg said, "Asheville's a real big city. They have a lot of places to go and sit down and smoke, including their car."

"I understand how frustrating it is," said Weinberg.

"I've had a lot of people talk to me. It's really a difference of the rights of smokers versus the rights of nonsmokers," said Weinberg.

"There's really very few smokers and the amount of people that they can damage with their smoke, it far outnumbers them hurting themselves," said Weinberg.

"So, you have to think of a large majority in that case giving them cancer versus giving themselves cancer," said Weinberg, who is a nonsmoker.

"It is significant and it sounds rough, but we've got to protect those who aren't smoking," said Weinberg.