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"The best cure for insomnia is a Monday morning." -- Sandy Cooley

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UNCA political science students participate in model UN program

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A UNCA model delegation represented Germany in the Southern Regional Model United Nations conference in Atlanta, Ga. on Nov. 12-14.

The delegation was a result of a two-hour special topics class called U.N. Simulation offered this semester through the political science department.

"The ultimate goal of the class was for them to attend the southern regional model of the United Nations," said Bahram Farzanegan, professor of political science and class instructor.

The Southern Regional Model United Nations brings together students from different schools to act as delegates in a simulated United Nations conference every year.

UNCA's class had to choose which country they wanted to represent at the conference and then research that nation's foreign policy.

Class members applied for the conference, and conference officials assigned them to represent Germany during the simulation.

"A lot of students had either been there, or had taken German, or had some understanding of Germany that they thought would help them at the conference," said Cecilia Johnson, a local attorney.

Johnson helped the UNCA delegation prepare for the conference.

To prepare for the conference, students studied Germany's political structure, economic condition, religion, history, and culture.

"In order for the students to make any meaningful presentation they had to be totally familiar with their country," Farzanegan said.

Students either come to the conference as members of a class or as members of a model United Nations club.

"We're going to try to create a model U.N. club on campus," said Farzanegan.

He hopes to prepare students to

participate at the national level in 1995, Farzanegan said.

Johnson worked on the staff of the Southern Regional Model United Nations and the National Model United Nations, while she attended the University of Georgia, at Athens.

"I knew all the politics involved, all the tricks of the trade," Johnson said.

At the National Model United Nations, students participate in a conference held at the United Nations in New York.

The national conference arranges for the students to visit the embassies and talk with their ambassadors, said Johnson.

"I hope that the Asheville team ends up going there sometime," Johnson said.

The special topics course answered a call from UNCA's New Horizons Fund Committee, which received \$2,000 from the UNCA Foundation.

The New Horizons Fund has the purpose of assisting groups of students in working on projects that go beyond normal classroom activities.

Sign up

Students preregistered this week for next semester.

Graduate center begins new doctoral program with NCSU

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Staff Writer

The Asheville Graduate Center (AGC) at UNCA is offering a new doctoral program through North Carolina State University.

Courses are broadcast from NCSU, through the Communications for North Carolina Education, Research, and Technology (CONCERT) interactive television network.

Students who complete the four-year program will receive a doctoral degree in adult and community college education.

"I'm very happy the program is here," said Eugene McDowell, director of the AGC.

"Our needs assessment showed that the community colleges and other adult education agencies in western North Carolina really need more doctoral prepared people on their staff," said McDowell.

Don C. Locke, Ph.D., has been appointed director of the program, which is the first doctoral program in this field to be offered in the western half of the state, said a press release by Merianne Epstein, director of public information at UNCA.

Locke is a licensed psychologist and registered counselor, and is the author of the textbook *Increasing Multicultural Understanding*, said Epstein.

He has been a faculty member at NCSU since 1975, and has served as head of the Department of Counselor Education since 1987.

"This program prepares adult educators who work in settings like community colleges, agriculture and home economic extensions, or in adult education in the health care fields," said McDowell.

"The students will take courses the first three years, and do a dissertation in year four," said Locke. All other courses will be taught on the UNCA campus, and through the CONCERT network.

Students enrolled in this program will be required to travel to the NCSU campus in Raleigh, where they will attend classes during the summer.

"They will go during the summer of 1994, and take two courses, and during the summer of 1995, they will take one course," said Locke. "During the summer of 1996, they will take a two-week institute."

There are 22 students enrolled in the doctoral program. Fourteen of these students are employed in community colleges, and the other eight are involved in adult education programs in Western N.C., Locke said.

This semester, students are taking a course in leadership in higher education. The course is taught by George Baker, a Joseph D. Moore distinguished professor at NCSU.

Baker uses the CONCERT network to simultaneously teach his class at NCSU, and the class in Asheville.

He will travel to Asheville at least three times during the semester, and broadcast the class from UNCA, back to NCSU, said Locke.

"Both Baker and Locke are full professors from NCSU, and have excellent

reputations as teachers and researchers," said McDowell.

The CONCERT network is a private telecommunications network, interconnecting universities, research institutions, and graduate centers in North Carolina.

It is nationally recognized as a model for education and research collaboration. According to the mission statement from the UNCA teleconference center, "CONCERT interconnects Duke, East Carolina University, North Carolina A&T State University, North Carolina State University, MCNC Communications Center, Research Triangle Institute, University of North Carolina Asheville, University of North Carolina Charlotte, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, University of North Carolina Wilmington, Winston-Salem State University, Wake Forest University, The Bowman Gray School of Medicine, and the North Carolina Supercomputing Center."

"The network has been very helpful," said McDowell. "It saves faculty resources as well as travel costs and travel time."

"The people in the graduate center and the people at UNCA have been very cooperative and helpful in making sure that this network functions as it was designed to function," said Locke.

According to McDowell, the first doctoral program offered through the AGC at UNCA was a doctoral program in public school administration.

The program was offered through the University of North Carolina Greensboro, and was designed to prepare public school administrators, he said.

The program ran from 1982 to 1992, but has gradually been phased out, he said. "That need has been substantially met."

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The forecast calls for mild temperatures on Friday with a high of 69 and low of 40. Saturday will be chilly with a high of 52 and low of 27.

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

New dorm expected to be completed by next summer

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Hickory Construction will finish building the new dorm, temporarily named South Ridge, located across from the soccer field next summer, according to Pete Williams, director of housing and residence life.

"The timing of it is if we had required freshmen this year. For example, we would not have been able to do it without forcing somebody who wanted housing to live off campus whether it would be upperclassmen or whatever," said Williams.

UNCA has 10 dorms, eight in the Governor's Village. This year there are 850 resident students.

"The dorms are full. They have been this past year. We had an overflow situation which is one of the reasons we had to rent space over in Montford. Whether they'll be full next year with the new residence hall remains to be seen," Williams said.

Ron Reagan, facilities planner, said South Ridge will cost \$3.8 million.

"Tuition is not at all connected with the building," said Williams. "The money comes from room rents and there was a bond that was approved for the actual construction of the building. But the maintenance of the building comes from room rents."

"We're not allowed to use state funds for housing. We're what's called an auxiliary and we're self-supporting." The dorm will have three stories in

the back and two in the front. It will be air conditioned and carpeted.

"The Highrise was built in 1982 and the Governor's Village was built in the 1960s. From the political standpoint it (South Ridge) will probably be more comparable to Mills Hall in terms of having air conditioning and the carpeting and the individual controls for heating and air conditioning which the other buildings don't have," said Williams.

South Ridge will hold 114 beds, two to a room, with adjoining bathrooms. It will have a kitchen on the lower level.

There will be a laundry, vending, and recreation room.

"There will be a recreation room which is larger than anything we have right now," Williams said. He said students will be able to park in the front of the building.

Fire alarms, smoke detectors, and a sprinkler system will protect the dorm in case of fire.

Resident assistants, night assistants and security will provide protection for students living in the dorms.

Resident assistants work from 8 p.m. until midnight. Night assistants work from midnight until 6 a.m.

They monitor access to the dorm. Security makes rounds at night.

Williams said he thinks South Ridge will be open for all students. It will be co-ed.

"Students can smoke in their rooms but not in any of the public areas, hallways, lounges, or study areas," he said. Students 21 and older can drink alcohol in their rooms.



Construction continues

The new dining hall is expected to be completed by next fall.

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