

The Blue Banner

"Life is something to do when you can't get to sleep." -- Fran Lebowitz

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Speaker comes to campus

The World Affairs Council hosted Kazuyuki Hamada as a speaker on Dec. 6

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Diversity workshop to be held in January

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The office of Student Development and Multicultural Affairs will hold a "Diversity Educators Conference" on Jan. 29, 1994 at the Sidedoor in Highsmith Center from 9:30 a.m. until 3 p.m.

"I feel that this program is very healthy," said Jeremy Patton, a senior psychology major and UNCA Office of Student Development assistant. "Diversity means a learning about a variety of cultures, not just black and white."

Students, faculty, and staff are invited to attend the seminar and learn how to educate others in the area of diversity awareness.

The program will consist of one full day of training and several short evening sessions.

Upon completion of the training program, Patton will pool the names of the attendees and set up a database.

Faculty, staff, and leaders of campus organization may contact Patton and request a presentation of the diversity-awareness information for a class, campus organization, or department.

Patton said organizing the program has helped him to better understand other cultures and to change some of his attitudes.

The experience has also helped him to break down many unknown prejudices and cultural barriers. He plans to attend and participate in the diversity training, he said.

"I am really happy to be involved in the program because it has been a time of growth for me," said Patton. "I have never come in contact with anything about cultural diversity, I know there are other cultures out there, but this program really gives you a chance to come in contact with African American, Jewish, Asian, and homosexual issues."

The UNCA community has a great need for this type of training program. Many people feel they are open to other cultures, but are really unaware of how these cultures function.

As a result, far too many people do not possess good interpersonal skills, said Patton.

Cheryl Lawrence of Lawrence Associates, educational and management consultants, will provide the training at the workshop.

The framework of the seminar will show attendees how to create a climate

for diversity, said Patton.

Several of the topics scheduled for discussion are as follows: "The Cultural Awareness Training Process - Awareness, Knowledge, and Skills," "Cultural Self-Awareness and Cultural Assumptions," "White Awareness," "Techniques of Training - Developing Trust, Voices & Mannerisms, Facilitating Discussion, and Becoming a Good Listener," and "What To Do If...?", according to the company's training proposal.

"Multicultural teams become a resource that empowers the institution and its membership to value the resources and benefits that diversity affords the overall educational community," said Forrest Toms, author of the book entitled, "Multicultural Teams: A Tool for Achieving, Retaining, and Nurturing Diversity in the 1990s."

"The teams illuminate the resources of diversity within the institution; thus, preparing (empowering) them for the realities of the 1990's and beyond," said Toms.

The Office of Student Development and Multicultural Affairs hopes the Diversity Educators program will accomplish this goal for the UNCA community, said Patton.

Issues Forum holds discussion on NAFTA

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The Issues Forum (IF) presented a discussion on Nov. 30 in the Laurel Forum room of Karpen Hall. Arguments for and against the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) were presented to a crowd of about 50.

"I think it was informative," said Joseph Sulock, professor of economics at UNCA, and founder of the IF. "What we're trying to do, is promote discussion on issues, among faculty, students, and the community, in what we hope is a friendly and informal setting."

Edwin Dickens, assistant professor of economics at UNCA, served as moderator of the discussion. Dickens began the discussion by giving an assessment of NAFTA. The audience was provided with copies of his assessment, along with a fact sheet, listing cost and percentage statistics surrounding the NAFTA issue.

The panelists for the discussion were Chuck Lilien, managing director, First Boston Corp., who presented arguments in favor of NAFTA, and George Yates, assistant professor of management at UNCA, who argued against NAFTA.

Yates, who generally supports NAFTA, agreed to argue in opposition of NAFTA, said Sulock. Congressman Charles Taylor, and members of his office,

were invited to UNCA to debate the NAFTA issue, but the invitations were declined, he said.

"We tried to get Mr. Charles Taylor, our U.S. Representative, to argue the anti-NAFTA position, and he agreed to do that. Then, his constituents became quite angry with him, and he started getting to many telephone calls. He decided that the best approach to NAFTA is silence," said Dickens. "Dr. Yates has agreed to present Mr. Taylor's position, as best as we can understand it from his public statements."

"I really wish we could have had someone on the agenda that was genuinely against NAFTA," said Sulock. "I think what was missing was an adamant NAFTA opponent."

Lilien discussed several points in favor of NAFTA. He argued that NAFTA has more to do with symbolism, than with substance.

"The details of the treaty go far beyond trade and goods. They talk about establishing a relationship with Mexico, as we have established with Canada, which allows us to live with neighbors who are inter-penetrating each other economically, culturally, and environmentally. It allows us to set up a dialogue and a basis on which to deal with change, and try to adapt change to make this a better world," said Lilien.

Yates addressed the negative aspects of NAFTA, as expressed by Ross Perot,

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Discussing the issues

The board of trustees met on Dec. 2 and 3.

Staff Photo By Karen Brinson

Police arrest three youths for campus break-ins

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Law enforcement officers arrested three 16-year-old boys for breaking the windows out of nine cars parked on campus early Halloween morning.

Dennis Gregory, investigator for the UNCA public safety department, swore out warrants for the arrest of Samuel Fox, Christopher Houston, and John Reid on Nov. 10.

The three, along with another unnamed 15-year-old, allegedly broke the windows out of about 40 cars around the Asheville area in the early morning hours of Oct. 31.

"They just did it for the thrill of it," Gregory said.

The boys allegedly used CO2 pellet guns to shoot holes in the car windows. After shooting the windows with the pellet guns, they hit them with rocks, sticks, or whatever was around, according to Gregory.

Gregory found a piece of the broken handle of a pellet gun in a campus parking lot and worked with the Asheville city police to find its owner.

City police were also looking for suspects in the other vandalism crimes around town.

Asheville police received information from someone who had seen a boy with a pellet pistol that night, and along with the broken handle that Gregory found, the gun was traced to one of the suspects.

After the owner of the pistol was picked up, he confessed to the crimes and named around seven other boys who were involved, said Gregory.

The group of vandals had about five pellet pistols among them, Gregory said. "Kids can buy the guns themselves," said Gregory. "They're not against the law."

That type of gun shoots a small metal pellet, a little larger than a B.B. The pellet has spiraled grooves along its side to make it spin as it comes out of the barrel of the gun.

"It will kill a small animal," Gregory said.

The boys confessed to vandalizing cars around town since June of this year, according to Gregory.

When the boys go to trial, Gregory will ask the judge to order them to pay for the damage done to the cars on campus.

Car windows cost between \$500 and \$1,000 a piece. With the nine cars damaged on campus, and the others around town, the amount of damages asked for will be high, he said.

"Getting restitution in that amount is going to be awfully hard," Gregory said.

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Weather Report

The forecast calls for nice but chilly weekend. Friday's high will be 58, the low will be 34. Saturday's high will be 50 with a low of 28.

Weather Report courtesy of the National Weather Service

UNCA Atmospheric Science Department offers updated forecasts through the 24 hour Weatherline... 251-6435

Chemistry professor earns award

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S. Dexter Squibb, UNCA chemistry department chairman, was recently presented the Western Carolinas Distinguished Chemist Award in honor of his 37 years of teaching and 30 years of service to UNCA. The award was presented by the American Chemical Society's Western Carolinas Section (ACS) to Squibb, who is retiring at the end of this academic year.

Additionally, UNCA has established a special endowment fund, named in honor of Squibb, to support a lecture series which will bring speakers to UNCA who have established themselves in the scientific community, specifically in chemistry, according to John G. Stevens, professor of chemistry.

Stevens said the speakers will interact with faculty and students, perhaps teach a class, and give a public presentation in the evening. He said he hopes the series will begin during next academic year.

"This seemed the most appropriate way to recognize Squibb for his dedication to this institution and his

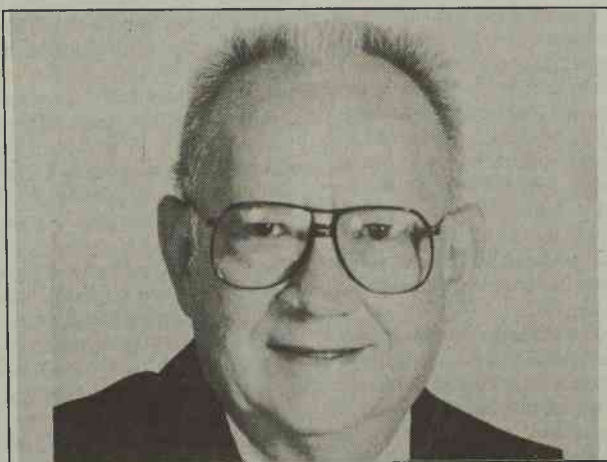


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S. Dexter Squibb

contributions to the chemistry department, specifically to his students," said Stevens. "We believed this was a way to recognize him both as a chemist and an educator."

Squibb said it was "very satisfying" to be recognized by his peers in this manner.

Squibb said he first became interested in chemistry in high school. He majored in both math and chemistry in college, but chose chemistry for his graduate work.

"I could get money to study chemistry, but at that time they wouldn't pay you to do graduate studies in math," said Squibb. "It was a way for a poor boy off the farm to go to school."

"All of my good teachers were an influence," said Squibb. "You try not to be like the bad teachers. I've had a lot of heroes for teachers, people I try to emulate."

"Professor Dexter Squibb's career at UNCA has been one filled with achievements and distinctions," said UNCA Chancellor Samuel Schuman. "His students, past, present and future, are the beneficiaries of his caring perspective, his commitment to his discipline, his wit and his intelligence."

"I will miss my students. There's no doubt about it," said Squibb. "I will miss the interaction and contributing to their success. I won't miss the bureaucratic drudgery, like paperwork."

Squibb says he hopes the chemistry department and the school will continue to develop academic excellence. "Academic excellence is the cornerstone of everything we do," said Squibb. "Nothing else matters."

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