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## The Blue

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"Want is a growing giant whom the coat of Have was never large enough to cover."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

WEATHER: Cool and rainy through the weekend. Highs in the mid to upper 50s. Lows in the mid to upper 40s.

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## ANOTHER MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR CONSTRUCTION PROJECT BEGINS

### Campus Gains Some Parking Spaces, But Loses More

#### From Staff Reports

The combination of two major construction projects will eliminate about 155 campus parking spaces by the end of next week.

Construction will begin Oct. 17 on UNCA's \$5.5 million health-and-fitness facility, to be built adjacent to Justice Center. The building site and an area adjacent to the baseball field will be fenced off beginning next week. Construction fencing was erected around part of Ramsey Library and an adjacent parking lot last week as UNCA began its \$3.9 million library renovation project.

The 110 spaces near Justice Gym will be lost permanently to the new structure, while the 45 spaces adjacent to the library will be unavailable for the duration of the library construction, which is expected to take ten months, according to Ron Reagan, university architect.

To help with the parking crunch, UNCA recently opened a third tier of paved, lit parking near the old tennis courts. The 83-space lot is located across the street from Zageir Hall. An additional 30 spaces will be added when parallel parking across from Owen and Zageir halls is converted to angle parking, according to Reagan.

"What we are going to do is extend the pavement out probably eight to 10 feet," said Reagan. "Then we are going to turn the parking from parallel to angular parking."

"The grading for those spaces will be done next week, during fall break," he said.

Reagan said that the process of creating the new spaces might be a little difficult to faculty and students. "Of course, it's going to cause a little bit of traffic problems over in that area," said Reagan. "We're going to try to keep both lanes open."

Reagan said he hopes the angular parking will be completed by the end of October, weather permitting.

The 51,000-square foot health-and-fitness facility will double UNCA's space for intramural and community sports and fitness activities. Funds for the new facility were approved as part of the November 1993 state-wide bond referendum. Construction is expected to take about

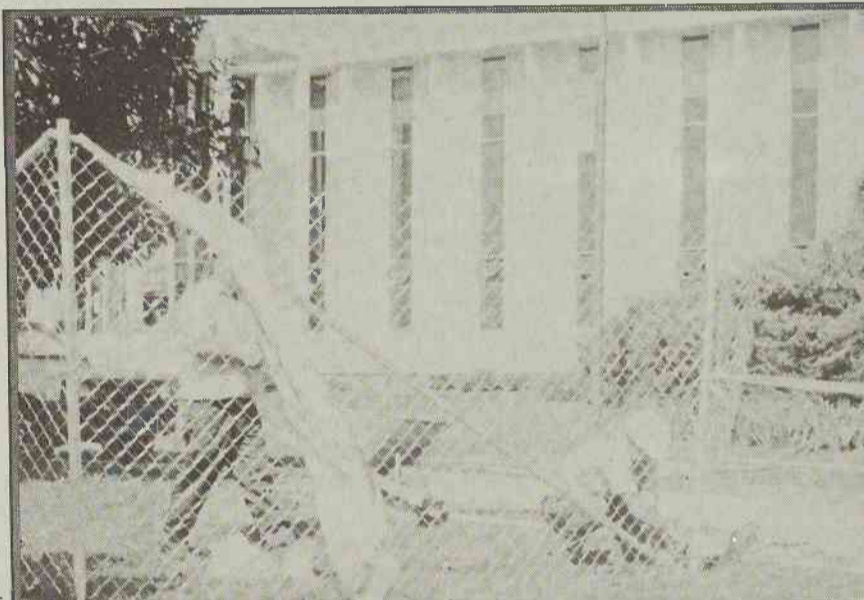
months, with projected completion in spring 1996.

The facility will house three multipurpose activity courts for basketball, volleyball and other sports, an indoor eleted track, racquetball courts, men's

and women's locker rooms, a weight room, a classroom, and offices. The facility will also house a biometric testing laboratory for assessing individuals participating in health promotion programs. Justice Center, UNCA's existing physical education facility, will remain in use.

UNCA has long needed a major expansion of its health-and-fitness activity space, said UNCA Chancellor Patsy Reed. "Athletics, physical education and recreation are an integral part of campus life, and use of our facilities by community groups and individuals is part of the university's outreach to the wider community," Reed said. "It is time we had a health-and-fitness center that meets the demand for these activities."

The new facility will be sited on land that has been used as the Justice Center access road and parking lot. Access to the Karl Straus Track will be through Governor's Village, an area of resi-



Construction workers erected a fence on the Quad last week for the Library construction project.

Photo by Rob Jordan

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## Family Weekend Fun



Young campus visitors flipped for the Moonwalk at the Family Weekend held on campus last week.

Photo by Randy Marrs

## Administration Prohibits Event on Campus

#### Janice Sitton Staff Writer

A group of faculty members met with the Black Women's Coalition for Improvement (BWCI) on Sept. 27 to discuss concerns about the male auction BWCI had planned for this year. The group met again on Friday, Sept. 30 to discuss alternatives to the auction.

"A group of faculty approached me and were concerned about an event that we had here last year. We are all aware that that event, the bachelor auction, as it was proposed, had some good potential of being sexually discriminatory and racially discriminatory, as well as possibly having some elements of coercion and harassment," said Eric Iovacchini, vice chancellor for student affairs.

"They were questioning, wondering, urging, that, as an institution, we not provide the space, [or] the support for that kind of event," said Iovacchini.

"We were all pretty much in accord that from what we understood about the event, we had some professional concerns about it."

The BWCI held a male auction last year, and raised \$580 to benefit the Project Headstart in the Hillcrest area. This year the money raised will be used to provide a new playground for the 100 children enrolled in the Headstart program, according to Lisa Williams, president of BWCI.

"There were some strong objections last year [to the auction], but no one really made a big issue out of it," said Williams.

"I disagreed with the event last year, but I did not make my concerns public in this way last year. I am now," said Deborah J. James, associate professor of literature. "I acknowledge, we think that you're absolutely right, that we should have had this meeting last year. We were straight up wrong."

"If you can't have this[event], then you can't raise your money. You are doing this for a good cause. We [members of the faculty] had better come up with some ways to help you figure out where you're going to get the money," said Deborah James. "We've got to find some way to support you more than just telling you what you can't do. I agree with that absolutely. I'm willing to give you my time, I'm willing to give you my energy. You tell me when and where, and I'm there."

"I think that goes for all of us," said Iovacchini.

The main concerns of the faculty were the principles involved, the historical facts, and legislation related to racial and sexual discrimination.

"Our campus mission statement says that we are working actively to create an campus environment with cultural di-

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## SOUTH RIDGE RESIDENTS EXPERIENCE DIFFICULTIES WITH NEW BUILDING

#### Greg Deal Staff Writer

Students have reported a few minor problems with the new South Ridge dorms, which opened to students for the first time this semester.

According to Steve Taylor, a UNCA Freshman, problems with a commode caused sewage to back up into his dorm room on Sept. 29.

"They said that there was a blockage in the sewer line right outside our dorm," said Taylor. "Our room is the last stop on the sewer line."

South Ridge dormitory is a new housing facility that opened to students on August 18. It holds 112 students, and is located behind the Botanical Gardens, near the soccer field.

Taylor said that there were not any damages to his property as a result of the sewer back up. He also said that maintenance persons cleaned up the sewage from his room.

"With a new building, I guess you are going to

have problems," said Taylor. "They've fixed everything so far." Taylor said that, as far as he knows, his room was the only one that had a problem with the sewage back-up.

"It seems like our room, in particular, has had a lot of problems," said Taylor. "I don't know about other people's rooms."

One other problem that Taylor noted was with the air conditioning system. "We've been having some air conditioning problems," said Taylor. "They came and supposedly fixed them."

As of last Thursday, Taylor said that he was not sure if the air conditioning system was actually fixed. He said that it did not come on for two days in a row.

Pete Williams, UNCA head of housing, said that there were problems with the air conditioning units, but contractors have been back on several occasions to rectify the situation.

According to Williams, there was a problem with the computer portion of the air conditioning

units. He said that some of the units would not turn on, and that some of the units would not shut down.

"We think that it is corrected at this point," said Williams. "Hopefully, things will work well."

Williams said that one could expect minor problems and glitches with a new building, and that you never know where the problem might occur.

"I thinks that's fairly typical," said Williams. "You never know what aspects of the building might not be functioning properly."

As for the sewage incident, Williams said that the problem was immediately taken care of. "It was an unfortunate incident," said Williams. "But that had happened several years ago in Mills Hall."

Williams said that maintenance workers were brought in to Taylor's room to remove items and sanitize the carpet. Taylor said that the room was

cleaned to his satisfaction.

The sewer back-up was caused by an unknown blockage approximately 60 feet into the piping, according to Williams.

Williams said that there have been some other minor problems with the South Ridge dorms.

"We had a concern early on with the roof leaking," said Williams. "That, we believe, has been corrected also."

He said that he feels that there may have not been enough lead time to do testing on the building before students moved in

on August 18.

He said that it was a short time from when the building was completed until the time when the building was approved through inspection.

"There are always things that come up in any building," said Williams. "We are not aware of any other problems at this point."

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