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"Many can argue, not many converse." --A. Bronson Alcott

WEATHER: Partly cloudy this weekend. Highs in the 60s. Lows in the 40s.

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NEW COMPUTER SYSTEM OFFERS WORLD-WIDE ACCESS TO INFORMATION

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Ramsey Library recently began offering a new integrated, on-line computer system which gives library users easier access to a variety of databases. The name for the new system, HidenSeek, was submitted by a freshman in a contest.

"It's an integrated computer system which will allow us to have, on a single computer system, most all of the library activities," said Malcolm Blowers, university librarian.

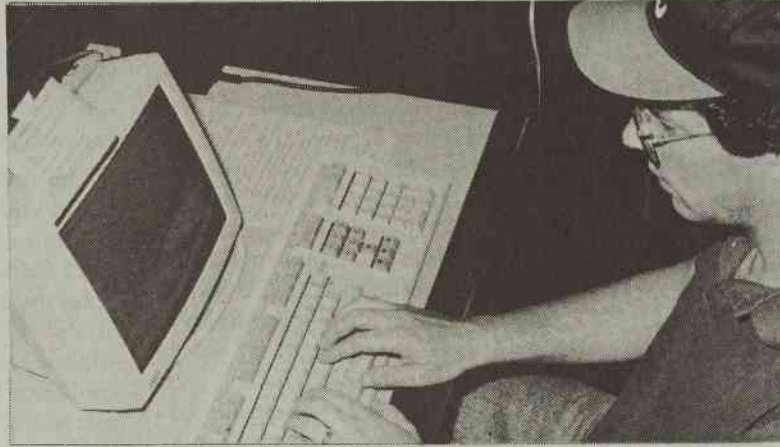
The name for the new system was selected from entries in a campus-wide contest. The winner, Susan Wilson, UNCA freshman, was awarded a designated parking space for the spring semester. Blowers said that the name was chosen because it is novel, and also because it is born of the library's name, D. Hiden Ramsey Library.

"HidenSeek will be the gateway information

service to information world wide," said Blowers. "The value of this [system] is that it is going to provide many students, for the first time, with an opportunity to know what is available."

Blowers said that the library's old catalog system, LS 2000, was in the process of being phased out. He said that the old system had several problems and was difficult to maintain. "You can do things you couldn't do with the older system," said Blowers. "The new system is fast, and it provides for more specificity in searching."

Blowers said that in 1993 the North Carolina General Assembly appropriated funds to all 16 University of North Carolina institution libraries. He said that UNCA, along with nine other institutions, bid for



Kent Thompson, junior, uses the computer system at the Ramsey library.

Photo by Randy Marrs

the same system, Inopac. Appalachian State University (ASU), UNCA, and Western Carolina

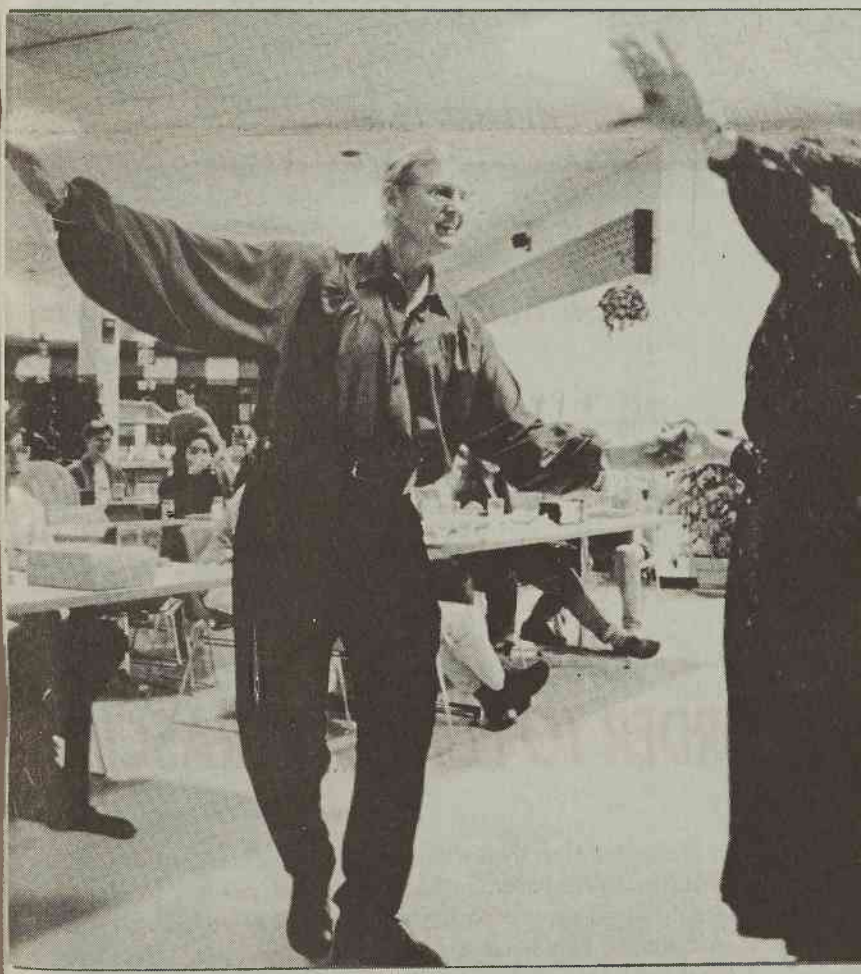
University (WCU), pooled their funds to create a single catalog system, according to Blowers.

HidenSeek, the new catalog system, includes several databases, one of which is Inopac. "One of the characteristics of [Inopac] is that when a user keys in to the catalog, they're going to see the holdings of all three schools [WCU, ASU, UNCA], which we call the Western North Carolina Library Network," said Blowers. "It's a much larger database than just ours alone."

Blowers said that the new catalog system provides users with one single outlet for many of the library's electronic research databases. "We have created a unit catalog," he said. "We

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International Week Festivities



A Latin Dance demonstration was held in the dining hall at Highsmith Center during International Week.

Photo by Rob Jordan

Annual Fundraiser Will Help Fund Scholarships

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Two associations on campus are sponsoring a phone-a-thon November 13-22 to raise money for UNCA projects and scholarships.

The Alumni Association and the Parent's Association hope to raise \$33,000 by calling UNCA alumni and parents of current students. Last year \$28,000 was raised, according to Mary Chakales, director of alumni relations.

"The Parent's Association is also calling, and we have alumni, faculty, and students call alumni, but we just have parents and students call the parents, so there are actually two phone-a-thons going on at the same time," said Chakales.

On the first night of the phone-a-thon this year, \$3,609 was pledged, and \$3,300 was pledged the second night, according to Chakales.

Several student groups on campus have volunteered to participate as callers for the duration of the phonathon, although individual students may volunteer as well. The student organizations which will help with this year's phone-a-thon are Pi Lambda Phi, the Civitan Club, the MUD 500 club, the Black Women's Coalition for Improvement, the Afri-

can-American Student Association, Psi Chi, Underdog Productions, the Accountancy Association, Undergraduate Research, and the Society of Physics, according to Chakales.

Other organizations and departments on campus have also volunteered to help during the phone-a-thon, and include the literature and economics departments, Campus Alumni, the UNCA Bookstore, Admissions and the Alumni Association Board, according to Chakales.

"As you can see, we have a bunch of folks calling, and if we did not have their support, it just wouldn't work," said Chakales.

Each volunteer will have dinner provided for them, and will also receive a free three-minute long distance call each night to anyone in the continental United States. A complimentary mug will also be given to each volunteer, according to Chakales.

The volunteer who raises the most money throughout the phone-a-thon will receive two free tickets to any UNCA away game, according to Chakales.

The Alumni Association will be contacting UNCA alumni from a list containing 5,000 names, although they will not be able to contact every alumni during the phone-a-thon. For this rea-

son, each person on the list was sent a letter prior to the phone-a-thon to ask for a donation in the event they could not be reached by telephone, according to Chakales.

Approximately \$4,000 in cash has been received so far from the letters, according to Chakales.

The proceeds from the phonathon will be used in different areas. Part of the proceeds will help provide scholarships for athletes and students whose parents are alumni, while another part of the money raised will be paid toward the new main entrance signs and given to the National Endowment for the Humanities [NEH] grant.

"The Alumni Association has designated a certain amount of money that we wanted to give to the NEH challenge. We've donated money for the main entrance signs, so we are going to continue to pay on that," said Chakales.

The NEH challenge was a federal grant received by UNCA which would provide \$250,000 if the university raised \$750,000.

The proceeds from the phone-a-thon will also be used to help fund graduation receptions, homecoming, and state-wide receptions for admissions and alumni, according to Chakales.

NEW YEAR'S EVE MATCH-UP IS EXPECTED TO GAIN UNCA NATIONAL ATTENTION

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The UNCA men's basketball team will battle it out against the Tar Heels on December 31, at the Dean E. Smith Center in Chapel Hill at 2 p.m.

"We have a one-year agreement with the understanding that UNC-Chapel Hill will be coming to Asheville next year," said Tom Hunnicutt, athletic director at UNCA. "We will be playing the Tar Heels next year, which should be in December at the Asheville Civic Center."

Hunnicutt also said that there is an option between Coach Randy Weil and Coach Dean Smith to expand the agreement for two additional years.

For UNCA Coach Randy Weil, this will be a homecoming of sorts. Weil not only laced up his sneakers for the Tar Heels, but he was also a member of their coaching staff and has had an association with Coach Smith for 20 years. For the

first time though, Weil will be sitting on the visitors bench.

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for UNCA," said Weil. "And going back to Chapel Hill to coach against Coach Smith is a special occasion in my life."

According to Hunnicutt, Dean Smith has never before scheduled an in-state, out-of-conference school for his basketball program. The Tar Heels did play against East Carolina in the eastern regional two years ago in the NCAA Tournament, but it wasn't a regular season game scheduled by Smith.

"We will be part of history," said Weil. "I just hope that we make a good showing and that our players enjoy the experience."

Because of the authenticity of this game, Hunnicutt points out that the game will get national recognition, and will not only help the athletic program, but the entire university.

"People are going to know about UNCA not only locally, but nationally as well," said Hunnicutt.

"Good students from other states will know about UNCA because they'll see us in the sports page. Students might say 'This is a place that I would

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consider going."

"We're thrilled to be playing at the Dean Dome," said Mike Gore, associate athletic director. "It's going to be a great experience for our players. It gives credibility to what we're doing here at UNCA and the program that coach Weil is building."

The UNCA athletic department has purchased

400 tickets for the game, which are now available for sale.

"You can come by the Justice Center and go to the athletic department's main office," said Carlton Adcock, ticket and events manager at UNCA. "They'll direct you to my office, or you can call 251-6919. Tickets are \$18, and each student can purchase up to four tickets."

Corporate sponsors will also receive a specified number of tickets that is based on the level of sponsorship, with the option to purchase additional tickets, according to Adcock.

Bulldog Club members will receive a specified number of tickets based on the level of contribution (minimum contribution of \$500) to the Student Athlete Scholarship Fund at no charge

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