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"Certainly there are lots of things in life that money won't buy, but it's very funny--Have you ever tried to buy them without money?"--Ogden Nash

WEATHER: Mostly sunny weekend. Highs in the 50s Lows in the 30s.

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Appraiser: UNCA Made Mistake With Recent \$450,000 Land Purchase

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While UNCA officials were pleased to announce last month the purchase of 1.36 acres of land earmarked for future university annexation, at least one Asheville real estate appraiser says the school might have gotten ripped off.

"I would not have thought that land would have brought that (price)," Mickey Foster, an Asheville-based North Carolina state certified general appraiser, said Monday.

The state bought the 1.36 acres for UNCA for \$450,000, university trustees announced in January.

"That comes out to \$7.16 a square foot and that is equal to some commercial property out on Hendersonville Road, which is very high," Foster said. "Maybe that land is just something they (UNCA) really needed. I haven't seen it [the property], but I would say that \$7.16 a square foot is very high."

The new university land is bounded by Division Street, Broadway and U.S. 19/23, and is contiguous with the campus.

North Asheville Baptist Church owned the land, and still has a building on the site, which it will continue to use for a year, after which the church may move it or lease it for another year from the state.

Foster also said nearby real estate has sold for much less recently and said UNCA has made real

and (U.S.) 19/23 with highway frontage was bought for \$175,000 an acre recently, so that's why I'm surprised at what that piece of land brought," Foster said.

Those three acres, across the street from UNCA's recent purchase, were bought for the construction of a new state employees credit union and cost a total of \$425,000, compared to the \$450,000 the state paid for UNCA's 1.36-acre addition, according to Foster.

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Foster said the Highland Hospital property, which sold for \$2.5 million, would have paid for itself because of the facility's existing dormitory and cafeteria, thus negating some future construction projects. UNCA has opened a new residence hall and cafeteria in the last year, and plans for another residence hall are already underway.

Tom Byers, special assistant to the chancellor, disagreed with Foster, saying the state did not pay too much for the church property.

"I can assure you that the state of North Carolina is quite cautious about land purchases," Byers said. "There is a skilled team of officers who specify in this field for the state. When they undertake something like this, they make an appraisal of comparable tracts of land to arrive at a price. The state will only acquire land at a fair-market value and not any more."

"I do agree that may seem like a large sum

"The whole university messed up when they didn't buy the Highland Hospital. There were dorms already there and a cafeteria. They just screwed up when they didn't buy that...I've never seen a mess-up worse in my whole life."--Mickey Foster, North Carolina state certified general appraiser.

estate mistakes before.

"A three-acre tract on the corner of Broadway

buy the Highland Hospital," Foster said. "There were dorms already there and a cafeteria. They just

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Race Is On For SGA Offices

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A preliminary list of candidates for the Student Government Association (SGA) elections was released Sunday. This list includes only one commuter student and no non-traditionally-aged students.

"[The campaign] is open for anyone and everyone to run, as far as non-traditional or traditional students are concerned," said Gerard Moses, president of SGA. "It's not discriminatory against non-traditional students. We try to get them involved as much as possible."

Applications for student government positions were turned in on Sunday, and will be cleared through the registrar concerning class standing and grade point average this week, according to Ryan DeSear, vice president of SGA.

"None [of the non-traditionally aged students] have really been interested in the past," DeSear said.

Election events will begin Thursday evening, when the candidates are officially announced at a 9 p.m. meeting in the old cafeteria.

"They can't officially announce their candidacy until [Thursday] according to our by-laws," said DeSear. "It might be construed as illegal campaigning. It's just to make sure that people are prop-

erly registered for classes."

According to DeSear, the candidates have one week to campaign and may spend \$50 of their own money for campaign purposes. This money can come from the student or from donations. After the week is up, candidates are asked to turn in an expense sheet, which is reviewed by the elections commissioner and staff. Then, the elections take place.

DeSear said that 18 senate positions are open for election, as well as the offices of president and vice president. The senate positions include three spaces for each of the four class rankings, three residential senate positions, and three commuter senator positions. All other government positions will be appointed by the president.

Nine students are running for election this year, according to Lesa Trey, elections commissioner. The records of these students will be cleared through the registrar and announced at Thursday's meeting. Denise Tomlinson and Matthew Guinn will be running for president. Vice presidential candidates are Dhaval [Doc] Patel and Beth Daniels. Roger Keever, Mark Dann, and Robbie Combs will be running for senior senator. Adrian Tatum will be running for

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UNCA Blood Drive Misses Its Mark

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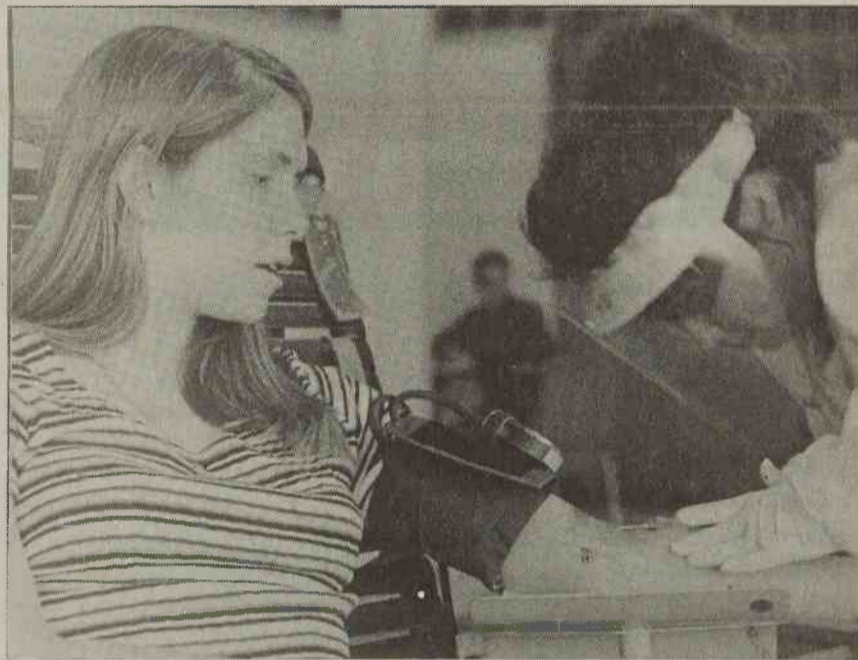
Despite collecting 49 units of usable blood, the Red Cross blood drive fell short of its goal of collecting 80 pints last Wednesday on the UNCA campus. Organizers believe the decrease was caused by people not being aware of the bloodmobile in Highsmith Center.

"Normally, it hasn't been a problem to get people to sign up, and we [had] a problem getting people just to sign up this time," said Tomlinson. "People don't travel through the Highsmith Center as frequently now from other parts of the campus."

Jo Peterson, an SGA residential senator and a senior majoring in history, said that she believes that the decline in participants was because people were sick, and that the dining hall is no longer located in the Highsmith Center.

"It seems like it's [the number of donors] a little down compared to usual, which I think might be partly due to the fact that the cafeteria is no longer in the building," said Peterson. "We have always gotten [donors] as people come out of Humanities, or going to lunch, or leaving lunch."

Tomlinson said that 69 people registered to give blood, and that 10 people



Karen Engelke, a UNCA sophomore biology major, donated blood last week.

By Tanya Melton

were not allowed to give blood due to illness or immunization requirements.

Dianne Herrick, head nurse during the bloodmobile, said that the number of donors increased as the day progressed, and that there have been several first-time donors.

"It picked up a few hours into the draw," said Herrick. "We have had a lot of people who are first-time donors,

which is wonderful."

The Red Cross issues a list of which blood types are in greatest demand on a daily basis, and there is currently a shortage of blood, according to Herrick.

"We are low in everything right now, so we appreciate everybody that comes," said Herrick.

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Visiting Speaker Says Black Americans Face Impending Crisis

Chris Small Staff Writer

David G. DuBois, son of NAACP Founder W.E.B. DuBois, told an audience gathered in Lipinski Auditorium last week that separatism is rampant, and he accused the media for perpetrating racism. DuBois was appearing on campus as part of African-American Heritage Month.

"There is an impending crisis facing Black Americans in America today," said DuBois. "Tempers flare and rationality fades at the very mention of white racism."

The struggle against white racism was at the very core of the long life, scholarship, and activism of W.E.B. DuBois, said DuBois. DuBois likened his father's struggle to those of Martin Luther King, Jr. and Malcome X.

"His life was totally devoted to research and study, writing and teaching, organizing and propagandizing the truth about Africa and its peoples," said DuBois. "What it did, rather, was bring down

on his head the wrath of those he exposed as liars, hypocrites, and thieves among the politicians, the academicians, and the giants of industry and commerce."

DuBois related a story featured in the *New York Times* on Feb. 13, about a former police officer serving a prison term for the beating of Rodney King. As much as \$4.7 million has been raised in his support, said DuBois.

"To me, this suggests that there is an enormous force in this country who are determined to keep the 'Negro' in his place," said DuBois. "How is it that so soon after the National Civil Rights upheavals of the 1960s we are today witnessing a steady increase in the incidents of violent racist attacks against peoples of color?"



David G. DuBois

DuBois pointed to the mass media as a perpetrator of racism, and said that endlessly a finger is being pointed at the black community, the black family, black crime, and black immorality. This reinforces the belief that "there is something inherent in black people that is responsible for our status in society," said DuBois.

The nation continues to move towards an unequal separatism of two societies; one black, one white, according to a four-year Washington, D.C. National Research Council Study.

DuBois described his father as relentless in the task of documenting the truth of Africa, and the superiority of European control over Africans and "colored people". W.E.B. DuBois' books include titles such as: *The Gift of Black Folk*, *Dark Princess*,

*Africa: Its Place in Modern History*, and *The Souls of Black Folk*.

"Africa, Africans, and peoples of African decent have been historically, and are today, the most ravaged victims of white racism," said DuBois. "The lack of information, the misinformation, and the distortions about Africa, Africans, and peoples of African decent are legend. It is this that makes possible the continuing cancer of white racism."

"Today, white supremacy is viewed as an inherent right that whites possess, and we witness the limited rights gained through the struggles of the Civil Rights Movement," said DuBois.

"[It is] the unchallenged beliefs, attitudes, and convictions of white superiority at home, and globally, that are pushing our two peoples apart into two nations, more separate, more hostile, more unequal," said DuBois.

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