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## The Blue

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"Spring, with her golden suns and silver rain, Is with us once again." --Henry Timrod

WEATHER: Partly cloudy this week with a chance of showers Saturday night. Highs 60s-70s. Lows 40s.

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## UNCA Pays \$126,000 For Property In Residential Area Adjacent To Campus

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UNCA recently acquired a 2,530-square foot house, and the .42-acre parcel is located at 24 Hyannis Drive, just one block from campus off Edgewood Road.

According to the deed filed with the Buncombe County Register of Deeds, the residential property was purchased for \$126,000 from Robert Earl Bryenton and his wife, Debra Ann Motz-Bryenton. The deed was entered Feb. 27 and filed with the county office March 3.

The Hyannis purchase comes just two months after school officials announced the \$450,000 purchase of a nearby 1.36-acre plot of land, formerly owned by North Asheville Baptist Church.

James Banks, chairman of UNCA's

board of trustees, said Wednesday the Hyannis purchase, because of its proximity to campus, made sense for the university.

"I think most universities are always looking at their immediate surroundings to be sure that for the long-term, they don't close out any opportunities for the university," Banks said. "It doesn't mean that they are out buying land willy-nilly. It does mean that if it makes sense you have to take advantage of it."

"I understand that in the last master-planning process, that the campus and people helping with the plan identified the principle that if the university is going to expand, then it would be beneficial for the university to acquire adjacent land as it became available," UNCA Chancellor Patsy Reed said.

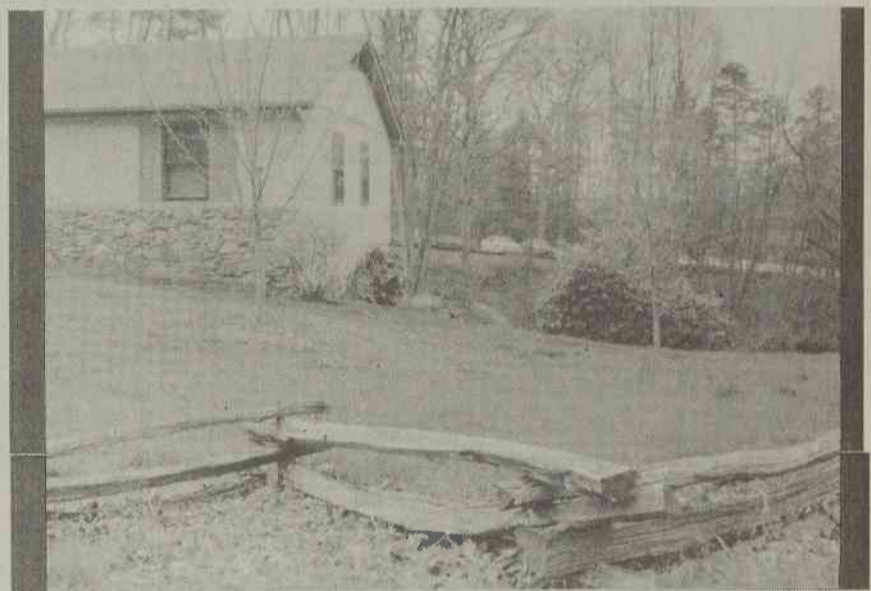
Arthur P. Foley, UNCA vice chancel-

lor for financial affairs, said the trustees has been interested in potentially acquiring Hyannis Drive property for some time.

"From what I understand, Hyannis Drive has been in the Board of Trustees' long-range plans for awhile," Foley said. "It is a piece of land on the university's boundaries, and that is why it has been of interest."

Reed said this purchase does not necessarily indicate a desire on UNCA's part for immediate expansion.

"I think that what we're doing is looking to the future," Reed said. "We do have some capital improvement requests that we sent to the state for the construction of some new buildings, but we realize that is not going to happen this year. Just because we've acquired land



UNCA recently purchased the property located at 24 Hyannis Drive. The purchase price for the house and .42 acres was \$126,000.

Photo by Lat Ray

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## Wilson Is One Of Three Finalists For Top Job In Ohio

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Larry Wilson, UNCA vice chancellor for academic affairs, is one of three finalists for the position of president at Marietta College, located in southern Ohio.

Wilson and the two other finalists, who are both women, have been selected from a field of more than 100 applicants, according to Jennifer Pesci, editor-in-chief of *The Marcolian*, Marietta College's student newspaper.

"He [Wilson] is a fine administrator who has served this institution well for a long time," said UNCA Chancellor Patsy B. Reed. "I think this move is a natural professional progression and it's my understanding that he has been interested in making this sort of step for a good while."

"I think it is a sign of their good judgement that they have identified him as a finalist," said Reed. "I think it would be a major loss for this campus."

Marietta College has an enrollment of about 1200 students and is also a liberal arts college, according to Pesci.

The other finalists for the position are Gwendolyn Jensen, who is currently president of Wilson College in Pennsylvania and Elizabeth Ivey, a professor of physics at Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Wilson has been with UNCA since July 1987. He served as interim chancellor in 1994 until Reed was named as chancellor.

Marietta College President Patrick D. McDonough is leaving in June. Marietta's board of trustees plan to select his successor in April.

## Recent Cases Of Violence Heighten Fears Among Women

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A member of Wild Mountain Thyme, the Asheville Women's Chorus, is circulating a letter on campus to gain support in creating lasting change, to make the community safe from crime.

Karyn DeHart, a sophomore psychology major, is currently gathering names of people on campus who would be willing to work with others to brainstorm ways to make change. She encourages men and women to sign up.

"Women have been working for years and years and years to make change, and not much has changed," said DeHart.

"Until men put pressure on each other, they (men) are going to continue to be violent and competitive."

Lasting change cannot happen, DeHart says, until both men and

women work together on the issues of crime.

"We (women) need to learn self-defense skills, street smarts, we need to support each other when we are assaulted, but we are not the ones who are perpetuating the violence, therefore we cannot make the primary lasting change," said DeHart.

DeHart said that Wild Mountain Thyme was especially affected by the violence against women taking place so close to home.

"We had talked about Karen Styles and Kelli Froemke, but when we heard about Kathy Allen, we were hurt, and we were outraged," said DeHart.

"Her ex-husband was in jail for six days (for shooting her six times). She was in the hospital longer recovering from her wounds than he was in jail. There was a restraining order, but he just went back and shot her, and

killed her."

It was after this incident that the Asheville Women's Chorus had a community concert to speak out against the violence. It was held last Valentine's Day to call attention to the fact that domestic violence occurs every day, said DeHart.

Part of the letter being circulated says:

"Violence acts against women are everyday, yet unpublicized occurrences. We are not satisfied with the status quo and we demand change. We want our homes, neighborhoods, and communities to be safe for our daughters, mothers, wives, friends, and ourselves."

Dr. Melissa Himelein, an assistant professor of psychology at UNCA, was especially affected by the murder of Karen Styles in the Bent Creek area, where she runs.

"It's definitely changed my running life considerably. I think this incident just heightens my awareness that anything could happen anytime, anywhere, and it's not something that I've accepted easily," said Himelein.

Himelein said that there is a committee planning to have a road, bike, and walk-a-thon in the Bent Creek area in May or June, with profits going to the Rape Crisis Center in town, in commemoration of Karen Styles. Himelein does still run in Bent Creek, but would encourage people to take precautions.

"There were people up and down the main path to the lake (in the afternoon), so I felt for the first time safe running. I wouldn't ever run in the more obscure or isolated spots," said Himelein.

Some students on campus had strong opinions about safety.

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## SGA Election Is Clouded By Controversy; Some Students Call For New Election

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Students and candidates are petitioning for a new SGA election, to replace the results of the one held Mar. 7-8. Among the reasons cited is the alleged unfair behavior of the elections commission in dealing with write-in candidates.

"I can't stop them from petitioning. That's their right to do so," said Lesa Trey, elections commissioner.

The petition followed the disqualification of several presidential candidates and one senatorial candidate. Ben Leonard, a student running as a write-in candidate for president, was disqualified from the race because he broke rules established by Trey and the elections commission, stating that a write-in candidate cannot campaign except by word-of-mouth when the campaign slate is full. Leonard said that he was not aware that he was breaking rules, and did not feel that the student body as a whole was properly notified concerning election procedures.

"The rules were not posted when the campaign began," Leonard said. "It's not really a law [the rule that a write-in candidate cannot have a print campaign] because the Senate never passed it. I was never officially notified [of the disqualification]. The rule was so arbitrary."

According to Denise Tomlinson, president-elect

of SGA, Leonard was notified that he was breaking the rules by posting campaign flyers and would be disqualified if he continued to put up the flyers.

"He [Ben] was told, 'You can't put it [the flyers] up or you will be disqualified,'" said Tomlinson. "They gave him the chance to take them down. Then, he told Lesa [Trey] that he wasn't following these rules, and he could put up flyers if he wanted to. Members of the election committee took down his flyers, and they were put back up by someone. Then, the elections commission voted to disqualify Ben for not following election rules. He was given the chance, and he turned it down."

According to Tomlinson, the rule concerning write-in candidates was established by the elections commission and was not required to be voted on by the Senate. However, Leonard said that some members of the elections commission were not in favor of the rule.

"I've talked to at least four individuals on the elections commission who said they were dead set against this rule, and they were very vocal about it, and she [Trey] ignored it," said Leonard. "That's also the general consensus of all the senators I've talked to as well."

Leonard said that he started the petition in order to bring a referendum before the Senate to ask the



Chris Blake and Sharmell Miller manned the voting station located in Highsmith Center during recent SGA elections.

Photo by Kara Merz

student body for a new election. In order to accomplish this, 10 percent of the student population (306 students) must sign the petition, which calls for a new election and a new elections commissioner.

"I started this petition five minutes after I found out the election results," said Leonard. "We started circulating it at around two o'clock, and by five o'clock, we had close to 306 signatures. According to my information, if we get 20 percent of the students to sign, which is 612 signatures, we can order a completely new election without hav-

ing to go through the senate."

Other presidential and senatorial write-in candidates were also disqualified. Charles Yeganian was disqualified from the presidential race because he is an associate justice in student court, and according to judicial code of ethics, justices are not allowed to campaign. Yeganian said that he resigned from his position, but was still disqualified because the Senate did not consider his resignation until after the elections had taken place.

"As a write-in candidate, I wasn't allowed to actively campaign," said Yeganian. "Therefore, I didn't think it was a violation of the judicial code of ethics for me to have to resign my spot [in court] if I wasn't actively campaigning."

Yeganian said that on the day of elections he was informed that he needed to resign.

"I immediately did so," said Yeganian. "However, the next Senate session was after the election results had been tallied, and they determined that it would be wrong to accept my resignation, and I was disqualified. If you want to resign from something, that should be your prerogative. They shouldn't be able to tell you that you can't resign,

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