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"The essence of greatness is the perception that virtue is enough." --Ralph Waldo Emerson

WEATHER: Mostly sunny this weekend. Highs in the 70s. Lows in the 40s

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Art As Social Commentary Is On Display In Ramsey Library

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Artwork created by UNCA students in the Art 473 class, "Perception and Vision," is currently displayed on the walls of Ramsey Library. There will be a reception April 14, beginning at 6 p.m. in Ramsey Library to celebrate the opening of the exhibits, according to organizers.

"All of our projects are somewhat social commentaries, said Richard Merritt, a student in the class.

The display is on the first floor of the library and takes up about 80 feet of wall space. The wall will later be torn down to create more space for the new library.

"A lot of students are going through here that wouldn't necessarily go up to Owen," said Nancy Hayes, a librarian and member of the display committee involved with this project.

"We thought it would be fitting to have conceptual art and current themes, and also that the work itself would be going on in the public eye," said Betsy Murray, a librarian also involved in the project.

Ramsey Library gave each of the five students \$100 for expenses such as paint, glass, etc., according to Randy Marrs, a student in the class.

Merritt's artwork is displayed in the center of the wall. It uses paint, and the piece addresses our society's need to look into other peoples' lives, according to Merritt. "Our media is geared towards that [voyeurism], and my project is about our human fascination to look, to peek," said Merritt.

There is a domestic violence scene depicted, and viewers will have a chance to actually be a part of the display, said Merritt. "You are going to be able to actually open and close [the blinds on the



Randy Marrs hangs his photographic exhibition on the display wall in Ramsey Library.

Photo by Kara Merz

painting] to see the painted image," said Merritt.

Jeff Hamilton, another art student, is displaying his work next to Merritt's. His concentration is in ceramics. It shows angels and clouds with quotes from Dante.

Jason Watson said his interest in Renaissance art history led him to want to include in his artwork the idea of the importance of different holy relics in Europe.

"It's based on the premise that ordinary objects generally mean nothing until we give them mean-

ing," said Watson. "In doing more conceptual pieces, [a difficulty is] how to get your meaning across without blatantly stating it. It requires a lot of trust on the viewer."

Terry Ogilvie's display features photographs of cemeteries. Ogilvie is retired, and taking this class for fun.

"Terry journeyed to Mexico. He saw the decline of the cemetery and how people were not maintaining it, and drawing a parallel to peoples' lives

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UNCA Students Travel Abroad For Research Internships

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In order to fulfill a graduation requirement, four UNCA environmental studies students are participating in internships this summer in foreign countries.

Two students will work in a research laboratory in France, one student will assist an ornithologist in Spain, and one student will do research on pollution and hazardous waste in the United Arab Emirates, according to Gary Miller, director of UNCA's environmental studies program.

Tara McMahan, a UNCA senior, said she will be working for the European Biological Control Laboratory in Montpellier, France. McMahan

will do research on the gypsy moth.

"I am going to be working with the gypsy moths," said McMahan. "It [the gypsy moth] is a really big people pest. It totally devastates trees."

Marshall Johnson, a UNCA junior, will also study at the European Biological Control Laboratory in Montpellier, France. Johnson said he will research biological pollutants such as insects and weeds.

"They [the researchers at European Biological Control Laboratory] study biological pollutants like insects and weeds that have come from one country to another," said Johnson.

Blair Musselwhite, a UNCA senior, said she will study in Spain with an ornithologist from Brazil. Ornitholo-

gists are zoologists who specialize in the study of birds.

Musselwhite's research will focus on the population, reproduction, and nesting habits of different song birds.

Saeed Karmustaji, a UNCA junior, will study in his native country of the United Arab Emirates. Karmustaji said his research will focus on water pollution and hazardous waste management.

According to Karmustaji, he will monitor the water of the Persian Gulf to see what pollutants exist in the water. Karmustaji said the ships and boats that travel the Persian Gulf cause the water to become polluted.

"They [the ships and boats] run on diesel, and they create lots of oil and

pollution [in the water]," said Karmustaji.

Karmustaji said there is a demand for environmental researchers in the Middle East, and that he will return to the United Arab Emirates after graduation from UNCA to begin his career. Karmustaji said he inquired about the position over Christmas vacation.

Musselwhite said she became interested in birds after she did research on owls, and that she has a friend who is an ornithologist. Musselwhite said she wants to attend graduate school, and possibly do her thesis on development caused by humans, and how the development affects the habitats of birds.

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Fights Result In One Student's Arrest And An Athlete's Reprimand

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Two fights involving UNCA students broke out on campus last week, including one in the Highsmith Center that resulted in formal charges being filed.

According to a UNCA Public Safety incident report, UNCA student Faye Latrail Mapp accused Kisha Reynolds, a student working the information desk in the Highsmith Center, of striking her twice in the face.

The report also said as Mapp

ran from the building, Reynolds said to her, "I know where you live; I'm going to kick your ass."

According to Jeffrey VanSlyke, UNCA director of public safety, Mapp filed assault charges against Reynolds, and, while a warrant for her arrest was being processed, authorities learned there were already three outstanding warrants against Reynolds — two for assault with a deadly weapon and one for failure to appear.

VanSlyke said Reynolds was arrested, placed under \$4,800 bond and was scheduled to be

arraigned April 4.

UNCA students also squared off at the Rock-a-Thon April 7, according to a UNCA public safety report. The Rock-a-Thon is a charity event sponsored by Gamma Phi Beta. Sorority members rocked in rocking chairs for 24 hours to raise money for Helpmate, a shelter for battered women in Asheville.

According to the report, UNCA junior, Chad Lanford, was sitting at the Rock-a-Thon, in front of Highsmith Center, when "several members of the UNCA baseball team walked up."

The report said one of the women rocking asked the group to donate money, which it did. After an unnamed member of the group put some money in the pot, another player said "What we really should do is piss in it (the pot)," according to the public safety report.

Lanford and some of the players then exchanged words before Rob Esgro, a UNCA baseball player, and another student "each took a swing at Chad (Lanford) and hit him in the face," according to the report. *The Blue Banner* cannot name the other student at

this time because of conflicting reports about his identity.

"From our end, it's over," said Coach Bill Hillier. Rob Esgro was the only baseball player involved and he has been reprimanded." Hillier said Esgro was suspended for two games and his parents were contacted, all within 24 hours of the occurrence.

Hillier also said he met "face-to-face" with Lanford and Esgro to resolve the problem.

Wilson Takes Marietta Job

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Larry Wilson, UNCA vice chancellor for academic affairs, announced to the campus Tuesday afternoon he has accepted an appointment as president of Marietta College in Marietta, Ohio, effective July 1.

"This afternoon, officials at Marietta College will announce my appointment as the 16th president of that historic independent, liberal arts college," Wilson said in a written statement.

Wilson joined UNCA as a vice chancellor eight years ago, and also served as interim chancellor from January to June 1994.

Wilson said leaving will be difficult.

"The decision to leave UNCA has been traumatic, for few colleges in the country have such an extraordinary group of faculty, staff, and students who share so completely our institutional vision and mission," Wilson said. "In only a decade UNCA has emerged from a 'best-kept secret' to a college with increasing influence in higher education."

C. David Ferguson, chairman of Marietta's board of trustees, announced Wilson's appointment at a press conference Tuesday.

"On behalf of Marietta College, I'm delighted to welcome Dr. Wilson as our new president," Ferguson said. "His experience and leadership in a liberal arts environment will translate well as our college prepares for the next century."

Wilson has ties to Ohio, serving at Ohio Wesleyan University for 24 years before coming to UNCA in 1987. While at Ohio Wesleyan, Wilson served as executive assistant to the president, acting provost, dean of academic affairs, and chemistry professor and department chair.

Wilson was one of three finalists for the Marietta job. The other two finalists were women, and one had served as a provost at the school in the 80s, said Melissa Kenreigh, editor-in-chief of *The Marconian*, Marietta's school newspaper.

"I personally met with all three finalists," Kenreigh said. "I think Dr. Wilson has a good understanding of what's going on at Marietta. I feel like the campus will stand behind him and try to make it a good start."

"I also felt like the faculty was split on Gwendolyn Jensen (another finalist), who served as a provost here in the 80s. A lot either really liked her or they did not. I really liked her (Jensen) because she has been here before and she knows what Marietta is all about."

"I think Dr. Wilson has done his research and has talked to a lot of people, but he's never been here before. That could be a positive or a negative."

Kenreigh said the staff of *The Marconian* will run an editorial supporting Wilson's appointment in its next issue.

"Larry Wilson has been pivotal in the development of UNCA as a public, liberal-arts university, and has consistently demonstrated his strong commitment to teaching, to learning, and to our students," UNCA chancellor Patsy Reed said. "His understanding of the value of the liberal arts to students and the communities they serve has been of unparalleled benefit."

An interim vice chancellor for academic affairs will be appointed prior to Wilson's departure, and a committee will be formed to search for his permanent replacement, Reed said.

Marietta College is a private, liberal arts college with an enrollment of 1,300.

"I have always had great respect for the high quality of education available at Marietta College, and after visiting the campus and learning first-hand of its potential, Janie and I are eager to join the community and continue the pursuit (of Marietta's dreams)," Wilson said.