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through emergency assistance funds. Counselors with the Affordable Housing Coalition work with low-income families who are in danger of foreclosure or eviction. The counselors work with families to develop action plans, and if a family meets certain criteria, they may be qualified to receive emergency assistance grants and loans.

Donahue said the volunteers acting as the representatives of the agencies are people who have faced poverty before, or are currently in a poverty situation. Donahue said the simulation is a "reversal of roles" because people who are not affected by poverty assume the role of person in a poverty situation. The people affected by poverty in reality assume the role of a person not affected by poverty.

According to a brochure, the task of each simulation family is to secure the basic necessities needed to survive, and to maintain shelter for one month, which will be four, fifteen-minute weeks during the simulation. The simulation families are given a set of circumstances in which they must work to assure that their basic needs are met.

Donahue said members of the Asheville City Council, Buncombe County Commissioners, and local and state politicians have been invited to participate in the poverty simulation.

The purpose of the event, according to a brochure from the Affordable Housing Coalition, is to educate members of the community on the realities of poverty, and to help inspire participants to play an active role in achieving social justice for everyone.

Stargazing On The Quad

The UNCA Chapter of the Society of Physics Students will sponsor a free stargazing session from 8 to 10 p.m., Saturday, April 29, on the UNCA Quad. Telescopes will be available.