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Weekend Weather: Partly cloudy with a chance of scattered thundershowers. Highs in the low 70s, lows in the 50s.

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Students fight back with self-defense training

Safety concerns drive students to take extra precautions in dorms

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UNCA students are learning self-defense information and techniques in a half-semester health and fitness class. Students identified five problem areas with campus security and the campus itself.

"They (campus security) should be patrolling the campus on foot, especially at night, instead of cruising around in their cars," said Jen Brame, a creative writing major. "It is hard enough to look for a parking space when you are driving, let alone (look out for) some crazy standing behind a bush."

David Torbett, director of outdoor programming and the class instructor, said the class addresses self-defense in relation to one's "lifestyle." He said it is both an informative and physical class.

"I don't feel like I can beat anyone up, but I feel more aware just walking," said Dennie Belk, a political science major. "It is amazing what is in the parking lot when you pay attention."

Some suggestions from a class assignment were made on improving security, especially in problem areas.

Brame said that some of these areas are the "Sisters of Mercy"

garden, the corner of Carmichael Hall underneath the trees, the bushes on quad, and the back of Karpen Hall.

Other suggestions were to lock room doors, change the outside locks on Governor's Village every semester, or have master keys instead of combinations. Brame said the recent harassment of a Governor's Village resident, "has everyone locking their doors."

Tyra Blanton, a psychology major, said that she would like to see the campus security officers on foot patrol.

"We know they are qualified to drive cars," said Blanton. "I would like to see them put more effort on safety, instead of parking tickets or driving in circles."

Torbett described an incident he had just witnessed on his way to teach the class at Lipinsky Hall. He said he saw three men in a white truck stare at a female that passed in front of them.

"They took time to observe and appreciate her backpack, discuss probably where she bought it, and how much she paid for it," said Torbett. "Chances are she was never aware that she was being looked over."

Torbett asked his students if they are looking at their sur-



Dennie Belk, left, practices a maneuver with instructor David Torbett. Tracy Walker and Jason Minardi, upper right, practice self-defense techniques. Torbett, lower right, demonstrates a "ready stance" to Rob Montgomery.



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Students boycott cosmetic products based on claims of animal cruelty

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An animal rights activist group has displayed posters on campus showing a 10-year-old photograph of a partially shaved rabbit in order to persuade buyers to boycott the Gillette Company until all animal testing is abolished.

"We do not test our blade and razor products on research animals," said Alfred M. Zeien, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of The Gillette Company in a printed statement. "We have not tested our fin-

ished cosmetic products in research animals for several years."

The posters stapled to bulletin boards on campus instruct viewers to tell Gillette their products will not be purchased as long as animals die.

"It is an old picture, but it causes interest," said Nova Stuart, sophomore majoring in mass communication and atmospheric sciences. "It kind of motivates people."

Stuart says she recently attended a meeting on campus of the A to Zebra group, where she was given the posters and received information.

"Animal experimentation is a real issue for most people, and they feel like humans are more valuable," said Rhonda Ross, founder of A to Zebra. "But before you can argue that case, you have to educate yourself about what has really happened. Animal testing has not gotten us anywhere."

"I've been told that they (the companies) don't do it any more, but there was a certain point and time they were using stray animals (cats and dogs) off the street (for experimentation)," said Stuart, "but they don't do it any more."

"That's nonsense," said Danielle

Frizzi, public relations representative for The Gillette Company. Frizzi says Gillette has "never" used stray cats and dogs off the streets. Frizzi says when animal testing is absolutely necessary, healthy animals must be used in compliance with federal Animal Welfare Act regulations to obtain healthy and accurate results.

Stuart said she does not know when the alleged stray cat and dog testing took place, however, she said she is still looking into that information.

According to Gillette, during the 1993-94 period, 97% of the animals

used were rodents. The remaining 3% were rabbits, and in 1993 only 16 rabbits were used in connection with drug products as required by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

"And in 1994, no research animals were used to test cosmetic products or ingredients," said Zeien. "No rats, no mice, no rabbits. None."

"It's been a nine-year campaign for them (animal rights activists)," said Frizzi. "The general public doesn't know both sides of the story."

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1995 UNCA FRESHMEN STATS

Overall Statistics		Geographic Statistics	
Total Freshmen Class	690	From Piedmont, N.C.	119
New Freshmen	395	From WNC	171
Transfer Freshmen	133	From ENC	32
Returning	16	Outside N.C.	69
Continuing	147	International	4
Academic Statistics		Housing Statistics	
Average SAT Score	1044	New Fresh. In Dorms	306
Top 20 H.S. Rank	55%	Freshmen Commuters	89
Racial Statistics		Gender Statistics	
White	349	Freshmen Females	273
African-American	31	Freshmen Males	158
Other minorities	15		

New freshmen have higher test scores, class rank

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UNCA's new freshman class is predominantly female, lives on campus, and has high SAT scores and class rank, according to UNCA's Office of Institutional Research.

"This year's freshman class is very, very similar to last year's freshman class in many respects, at least in terms of academic preparedness," said Caroline Miller, assistant vice chancellor for enrollment management.

The new freshmen scored an average of 1044 on the SAT,

compared to 1046 last year, and 60 percent of the students were in the top 20 of their high school classes, compared to 55 percent last year.

"Rank in class is a far better predictor of college success than SATs," said Miller.

According to the Office of Institutional Research, 349 new freshmen are white, 31 are African-American, and 15 are of other racial minorities. The number of African-American students has risen, but the number of white students and students of other racial minorities has dropped.

"We have been trying over the last several years to take

steps toward the diversification of the student body, and that means enrollment in the University of North Carolina at Asheville should reflect percentages of all kinds of students, and should not be too terribly different than the population of the state in which we live and work," Miller said.

"Asheville and the mountain region of Western North Carolina (has) far less minority (students) than other regions of North Carolina," Miller said. "That has made that recruiting process a little tougher than if we were in a more urban center or a place where the population (is) slightly more diverse."

UNCA has drawn more new freshmen from the piedmont region of North Carolina this year, said Miller. There are 119 new freshmen from the piedmont region of North Carolina, 171 from Western North Carolina, and 32 from Eastern North Carolina.

According to Miller, there are 69 new freshmen from out-of-state and four new international students. Miller said there are more out-of-state students than there are students from Eastern North Carolina.

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