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NEWS IN BRIEF

Masterplanning underway Renee Slaydon

UNCA is preparing to compile a master land use plan that will include input from students, faculty, and staff members. The project, which administrators hope to begin in November, will focus on looking at the entire campus as well as sketching out future building sites.

"We expect to meet with the master planners for the first time sometime in November to kind of start that project," said Ron Reagan, director of facilities planning. Those involved in the planning will look at designated open spaces on campus, utilities, phone lines, and drainage. The plan will also plot out areas for potential building sites, such as new administration buildings and prospective dorms.

The master land use plan will map out any major structural changes that will occur on the campus in the future. The plan will be a guide to give administrators a good idea of where to put new buildings, according to Reagan.

In addition, project planners will study walking time from different parts of the campus, as well as traffic circulation. Planners will mark areas for future parking spaces and examine specific traffic problems around the university.

"It's like a comprehensive plan that will hopefully guide our planning efforts in the future," said Reagan.

The project will offer several opportunities for the student body to include their own input in the planning process.

"I'm not sure if all the committees have been put together. They'll be made up of students, faculty, and staff," said Reagan.

UNCA's last master planning project was drawn up in 1986. "It's really good to do one 10 to 15 years in advance, and upgrade it every five years. We hope to complete it by next summer," said Reagan.

According to Tom Byers, special assistant to the chancellor, UNCA is currently in the process of selecting a contracting firm to work on the project. Funding for the project has to be negotiated by the state of North Carolina. The project will not actually begin until there is a successful negotiation with the firm and the state, Byers said.

Marijuana found in student's dorm room

Amy Cannon

Campus security charged a student with possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia after searching his Highrise room Sept. 11.

Security searched David Jason Davies' room after having reason to believe that he was keeping marijuana there, according to a campus police report. Davies signed a search consent form, and the officers asked him if he had any drugs in his room.

According to the police report, Davies told campus security officers that he had marijuana in his safe, but the key was at his parent's home. Davies agreed to let the officers take the safe to the security office until he could get the key.

After Davies located the key, the officers opened the safe and found "some green leafy substance, brownish-green seeds, plastic tube, cigarette paper roller, and a wooden tube pipe," according to the police report.

Multi-million dollar gym only partially accessible Planning director says swimming pool will not be accessible, blames funding

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In 1991, UNCA agreed to make modifications to the university after the Office of Civil Rights (OCR) found UNCA in violation of a section of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, according to the vice chancellor for student affairs. The violation regarded accessibility of activities and programs to the handicapped.

However, Ron Reagan, director of facilities planning said that some sections of the Justice Center will not be accessible to disabled students, even after completion of a multi-million dollar renovation project.

"I don't know how much we spent, but I would guess that it was in the \$100,000 to \$250,000 range to meet the requirements that the OCR placed on us at that time," said Eric Lovacchini.

UNCA agreed in 1992 to remedy all violations by completing all modifications necessary to make its programs and activities accessible, as required by law, and stated that the Justice Center renovations would make all programs housed in that facility accessible.

The Rehabilitation Act of 1973 states that handicapped persons can not be excluded from, or denied the benefits of any program or activity which receives federal financial assistance. The Rehabilitation Act was replaced in 1992 by the Americans with Disabilities Act, which extends the stipulations of the Rehabilitation Act to include all public and private businesses.

Reagan said the new \$5.2 million renovation to the Justice Center, which

will feature North Carolina's longest indoor track, three new basketball courts, four new racquetball courts, and a large weight room, will not have a pool that is accessible to the mobility-impaired. "It will not make the pool accessible," said Reagan.

Blaming the pool's inaccessibility on lack of funding, Reagan said mobility-impaired students would be able to access the building housing the pool and watch swim meets, but would not be able to use the pool themselves.

"I don't understand that," said Lovacchini. "I didn't know about the pool. You're telling me something I have not heard. Cost is not one of those things you need to look at. What you look at is how can you get it done, and how can you make the facility accessible."

"I swear, these guys (UNCA administrators) get themselves in such trouble," said Ken Franklin, coordinator of the North Carolina office on Americans with Disabilities. "If all other students have access to the pool, then it's a very serious problem. The fact is that the U.S. Justice Department has made it clear that there would be almost no circumstances that they could conceive of where a government entity would be able to justify an undue financial burden. If they can solve the accessibility problem now, they're going to be a whole lot better off than if a complaint is filed."

Last week, David Bornman, a mobility-impaired UNCA student, met with campus officials to discuss accessibility.

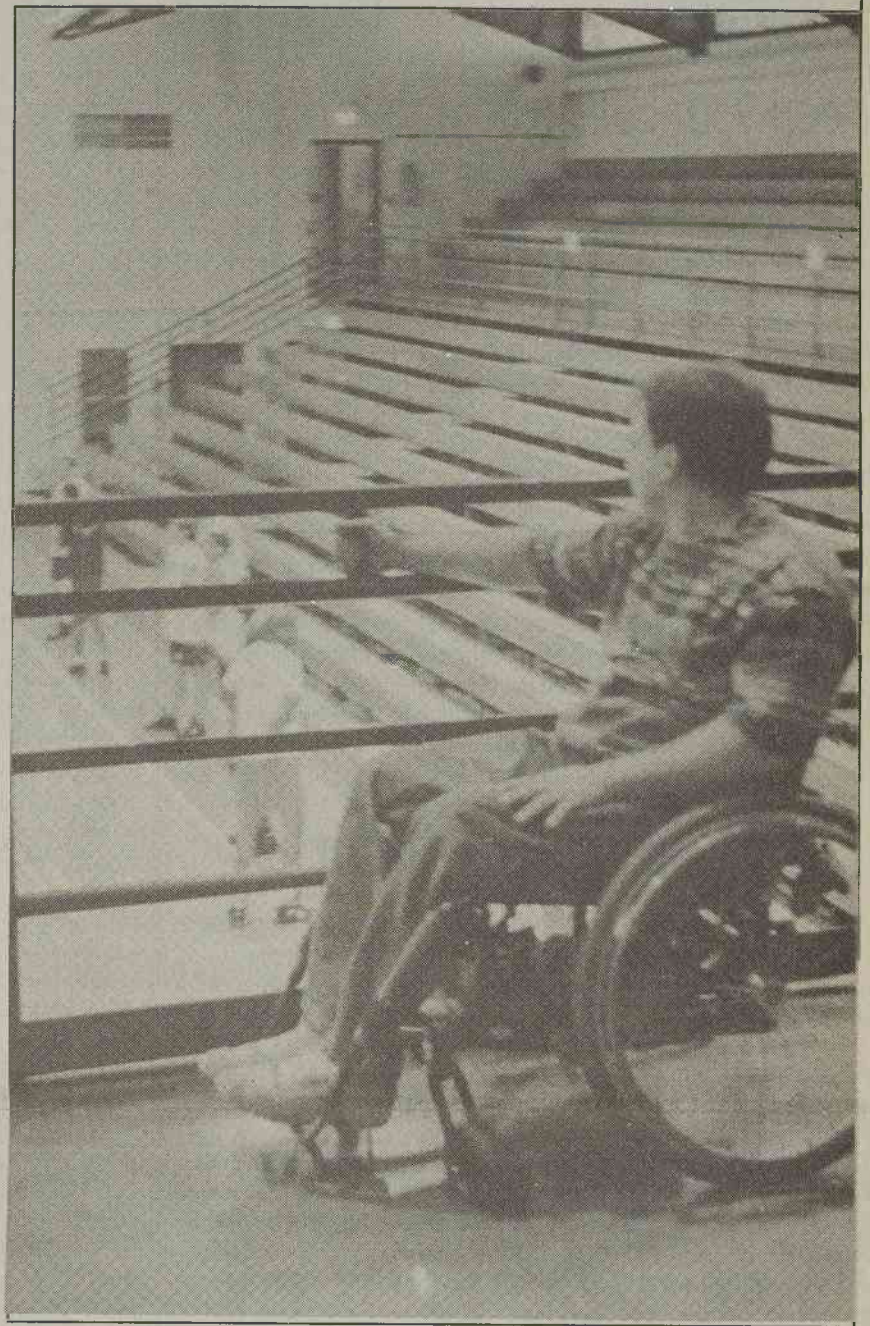


Photo by Marti Parson

Mobility-impaired student David Bornman cannot access the basketball court in his wheelchair. Although Bornman will be able to get to the court after the renovations, the swimming pool will still be inaccessible to him.

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Record number of students run for SGA freshman senate

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A record number of students are running for student senate positions in this semester's October freshman senator elections, according to election organizers.

Eleven freshmen have applied to run for the vacant seats, said Robbie Combs, SGA vice president.

"This is the most people we've had running for senator that I can remember in a long time," said Wes Morrison, a junior senator.

According to Combs, the freshmen running for senator are Joshua Littlejohn, Kevin Briggs, William Matthews, Alisha Jackson, Hillary Leon, Derek Edwards, Tiffany Drummond, Alphonso Donaldson, James Bunn, Manzo Tiya, and John Hodges.

"They seem like they really want to make a difference, because none of them knew they were going to get paid (a scholarship) for the job," Combs said. "I think it shows just how interested the freshman class is in SGA."

Currently, the post of elections commissioner is vacant, but Combs is in charge of running the freshman elections. Jonathan Byers, a sophomore chemistry major, was former

president Denise Tomlinson's appointee, but declined the post, according to Dhaval "Doc" Patel, student body president.

Patel appointed Combs to run the freshman senatorial election, citing Combs' previous experience as elections commissioner two years ago.

"He (Combs) has experience in running an election, and I have given that job to him as of right now," said Patel. "People

within SGA will help during the polling on Oct. 3 and 4, and sit at the polling sites."

Byers said because he is trying to obtain an open sophomore senator position in the student senate, SGA rules do not permit him to hold the position of elections commissioner.

Patel said other vacancies in SGA include commuter and senior senator positions in the sen-

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UNCA acquires archival property, prepares to renovate

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UNCA could soon begin renovations on the Kellogg Center, a 48-acre piece of property in Horse Shoe, N.C., which will be used for a multi-purpose meeting space.

According to Tom Byers, special assistant to the chancellor, UNCA will use 1995 appropriation funds to renovate the facility.

Currently, UNCA is in the process of having negotiations signed with contractors. Construction should begin around November, according to Ron Reagan, director of facilities planning, and will be about an eight-to-ten-month project, depending on weather conditions. UNCA plans to add about 2500 square feet to the existing 2000 square feet of the Kellogg home.

The house on the Kellogg property is

a one story wood frame house with a living room, dining room, kitchen, two bedrooms, two bathrooms, and laundry facilities. The existing two bedrooms will become meeting rooms, and the living room area will be turned into a large meeting room.

"The addition will have an even larger meeting space for up to about 80 people for small retreats and small conferences," said Reagan.

According to a recent article in the *Asheville Citizen-Times*, Michigan native Kathryn Kellogg left her vacation home for public use after her death 26 years ago. Kellogg at first left her home and grounds to Wake Forest University.

However, university officials thought that the property was too far from its Winston-Salem campus to be of any use. North Carolina State University later gained control of the land, giving it up in the mid-1980s.

"The property was given to N.C. State for use as a 4-H club installation and a center for related activities," said Reagan.

When the land came under control of the UNC Board of Governors, chairman Sam Neill began planning for UNCA to take over in September of 1986.

"I know that Mr. Neill was a leader in saying 'This is state property. We ought to make effective use of it. We ought to do something for the public with this great public resource,'" said Byers.

Plans for the Kellogg Center include a separate area for UNCA's College for Seniors, as well as meeting spaces for various community projects. "The idea is that we could use it for some university programs to be offered in that area," said Byers.

The proposed Kellogg Center will include a large meeting room, a small food preparation area, and dining and

office areas for conferences, meetings, and retreats. The state approved funds for the center in 1991, but took them back because of a budget deficit, according to Byers.

In addition to conference facilities, UNCA hopes to open up a separate area displaying regional crafts on the Kellogg property. According to the article in the *Citizen-Times*, the craft museum could display talents of local artists in the Asheville area.

UNCA will not be directly responsible for the facility, but the university's name will be associated with it.

"The archival facility is intended to have an affiliate status with the university," said Byers.

The property's location should benefit members of the communities surrounding Hendersonville. "This is located on the west side of

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