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Catawba downs Bulldogs 3-1. See story page 6.

Weekend Weather: Partly cloudy with a chance of rain. Lows in the 40s, highs in the 60s.

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Residents continue to protest against construction noise



Photo by Marti Parson

Julie Lamberth, left, said she does not feel that the administration has been responsive in addressing the needs of Hoey residents. Michael MacKenzie, above, placed a sign in his dorm window to protest construction noise.

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Frustrated by noise from the adjacent Justice Gym construction site, students in Hoey Hall have placed signs protesting the sounds in windows facing the work area.

"The day that I put that (a sign in her window) up was the day I woke up at

7:30 (a.m.), and there was a horn right outside my window, and there were men standing on that big yellow pipe about six feet outside my window yelling at each other, and that made me a little bit angry. It made me a little bit upset," said Julie Lamberth, a freshman mathematics major. "There were other people who suggested things to

put in their windows. I think we also decided that a lot of things we put up, (such as) 'right to sleep,' (and) 'right to study,' would be more legitimate, (and) would be taken more seriously, but when I put mine up, I was mad. I was mad as hell."

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Dog owner petitions to keep pets on campus

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A UNCA student is writing a petition and will go before the Asheville City Council in an attempt to change the leash law and make our campus a "safe haven" for dogs.

Shannon Bianchi, a sophomore in sociology, thought of the petition after the vice-chancellor of student affairs, Dr. Eric V. Iovacchini, recently published a copy of the leash law in the school newspaper

asking students to comply with the city leash law in order that complaining students might be satisfied.

"My dog will get hauled off," said Bianchi. "They'll call animal control even though she doesn't bother anyone."

Bianchi said his dog, Uma, runs freely on campus and has learned her way around. He said Uma has always roamed freely wherever he has taken her, and he will continue to let her run on campus unleashed.

"She knows where I'm in class,

she meets me outside of my classes, she walks me to my class door, and she walks my friends to their classes. She just knows where she is," said Bianchi. "She's a really good people dog." Bianchi said he thinks the leash laws are very reasonable for the city of Asheville, but feels UNCA's campus is more like a park where dogs should be able to be safe and have fun.

"I'm going to continue to let her (the dog) run free," said

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UNCA student pleads guilty to rape

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UNCA sophomore Lucas Reid pled guilty to one count of second-degree rape and four counts of second-degree sexual offense last week in a case involving a Statesville woman who is described as "retarded."

Reid faced a possible 200-year imprisonment, but was given a 45-day active sentence and 25 consecutive years suspended with probation.

Reid, along with four other

Iredell County men, was charged with raping the woman and penetrating her with a broomstick, plastic pipe, and candle, and videotaping the incidents, according to *The Charlotte Observer*.

Second-degree rape committed "if a person engages in vaginal intercourse with another person by force and against the will of the other person" or a person "who is mentally defective, mentally incapacitated, or physically helpless, and the other person performing the act knows

or should reasonably know that the person is mentally defective, mentally incapacitated, or physically helpless," according to North Carolina state statutes:

Evaluations revealed "the woman has an IQ of 62 and functions at the level of a 10-year-old child," according to *The Charlotte Observer*. The article stated that a psychologist testified that people with IQs of 70 or below are retarded.

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Student participates in Million Man March

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A UNCA student participated in the Million Man March in the nation's capital on Oct. 16. The march was intended to bring together black men in order to unite racially, denounce violence, and to improve the overall structure of their lives, according to an article in the *Asheville Citizen-Times*.

The march was organized by Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan.

Ray Williams, a senior majoring in psychology, took the seven-hour trip with a fraternity brother. He first learned about the march in July, and said he immediately knew he was going. According to Wil-

liams, the crowd was made up of people of all ages. In addition to black men, the audience also consisted of black women, white men and women, some people of the Jewish faith, and several Native Americans. "I saw some Chinese people there, but I think they were more like tourists," said Williams.

In addition, several prostitutes worked their way into the crowd as the speeches were being given. Williams said some men from the Nation of Islam circled the women and tried to make them aware that the devil was trying to use them to keep the men from receiving the message of the march. "That was really amazing to me. I just couldn't believe that they gathered those women

like that and tried to set them straight," said Williams.

Williams said the march was not a chauvinistic gathering. He said he believes the problem in most black families, or any families, begins with the male role model. In some families, he said, the male in the family is in jail, on the streets dealing drugs, or simply just not around. "Maybe the next step is to bring the families out next year," said Williams.

There were mixed opinions on Farrakhan's involvement in the march. At a speech in Austin, Texas, President Clinton praised the rally as an event for black men taking responsibility for their families and communities. However, without actually naming the Nation of Islam leader, he criticized

Farrakhan's speech that gave an impression of anti-semitism, sexism, and bigotry, according to the *Citizen-Times* article.

Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole also voiced his disapproval in the article. "Farrakhan is a racist and anti-semitic, unhinged by hate. He has no place in American public life, and all who would lead must say so," said Dole.

However, Williams said he believes that Farrakhan preaches awareness, rather than hatred of whites or any other race or religion. He said the treatment black people faced in America is what everyone is really so sensitive about. Rather than being angry at Farrakhan's "racist" remarks, people are re-

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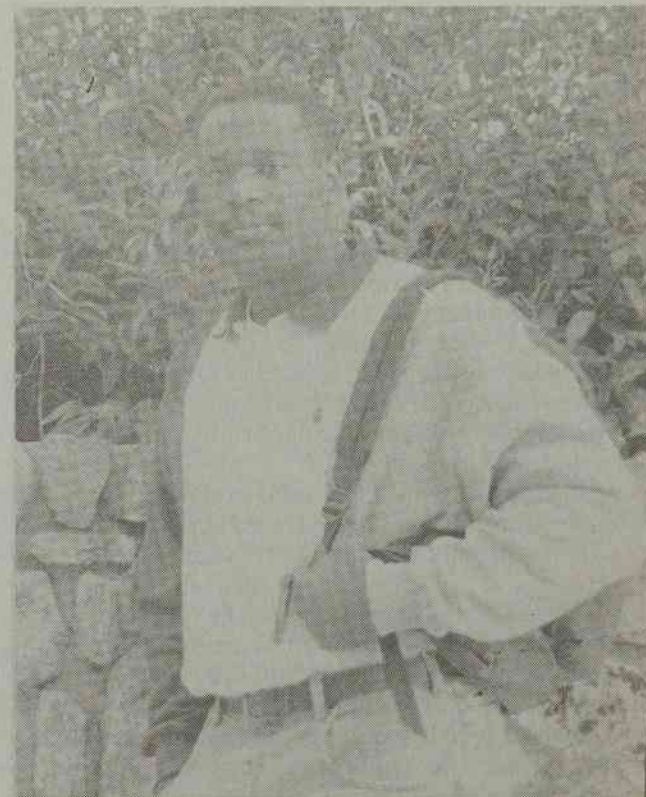


Photo by Robert Klein

Student Ray Williams attended the Million Man March in Washington, D.C.