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Emily Olinger leads the women's cross country team to victory. See page 6.

Weekend Weather: Partly cloudy with temperatures dropping over the weekend. Highs in the 50s, lows in the 30s.

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Clarification



Student Ray Williams, senior psychology major, was pictured in the Oct. 26 issue of *The Blue Banner* because he participated in the Million Man March in Washington, D.C. on Oct. 16. Williams was in no way connected to any other story on the front page. We hope this will eradicate any misconceptions students may have had concerning his identity.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Committee advertises for new VCAA

Amy Cannon

The Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Search Committee is looking for a candidate to fill the position at UNCA.

Dr. Shirley Browning, professor of economics and chair of the committee, presented a status report to the UNCA campus community reporting on the standing of the search. The committee has advertised the position to other colleges and universities, several professional organizations, and plans to place the announcement on the World Wide Web, according to Browning's status report.

The committee will start reviewing applications in November, according to the report, and some candidates will be invited to UNCA's campus in late March or early April.

The vice chancellor for academic affairs is responsible for internal administration of the university, such as the development and enhancement of academic programs and the curriculum. The vice chancellor will report to Chancellor Reed, and is responsible for UNCA during her absence.

Mark Dann, a senior senator in SGA, says he hopes students become involved this year and attend meetings with candidates. He believes the students need to get to know the candidates and voice their opinions in the meetings.

Flu hits campus

Renee Slaydon

UNCA Student Health Service clinicians have already identified five students with influenza-like symptoms this semester. The health service staff had not expected the flu virus to affect UNCA's campus so soon, and are trying to inform students, faculty, and staff to be aware of the symptoms.

According to Karen Weinberg, family nurse practitioner for Student Health Services, the state of North Carolina does not allow the center to technically identify students with the influenza virus. There is a throat culture test available that can correctly identify influenza, but the test takes a couple of months to get the results back, said Weinberg.

August, December graduates required to pay fees regardless of participation

Renee Slaydon
Staff Writer

UNCA's graduation fees are the same amount for all students, regardless of whether or not August and December graduates participate in the May ceremony, according to university officials.

The \$50 fee covers the cost of diplomas, commencement awards, and the preparation site on the quad. In addition,

the fee usually includes the rental of the Asheville Civic Center, which serves as a back-up facility in case of inclement weather.

However, this year the Civic Center will not be available to UNCA. The total cost of the graduation ceremony in May averages approximately \$15,000 per year, according to Tom Cochran, associate vice chancellor for academic affairs. Cochran said 1992 figures showed the total cost of graduation,

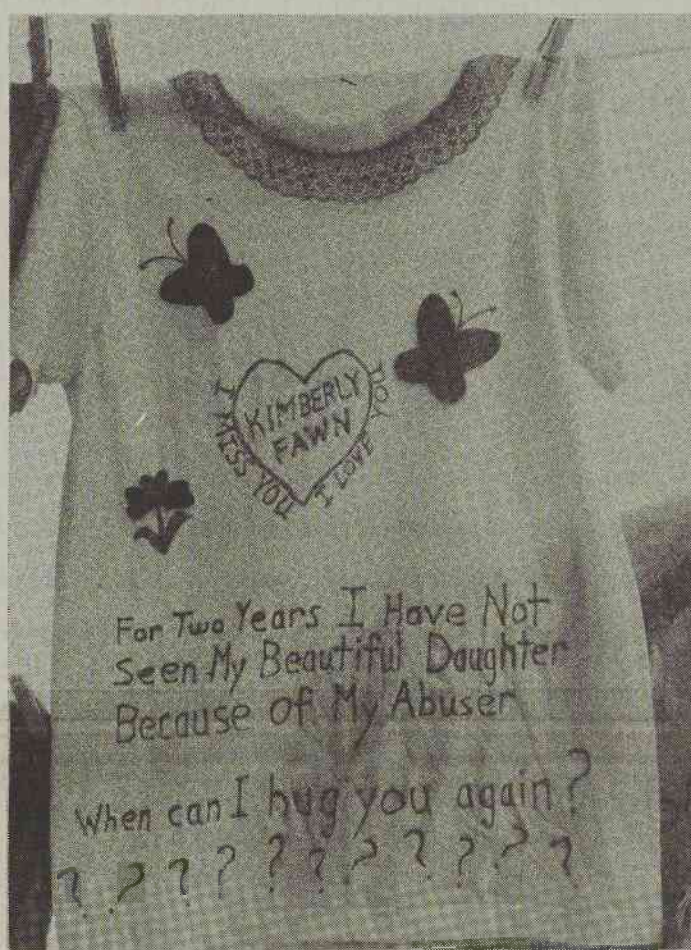
to add up to \$14,820, which included the rental of the Civic Center.

UNCA does not offer a ceremony to students graduating in August and December, but strongly encourage the graduates to come back and participate in the May ceremony. "We'll probably have 50 percent of the August and December graduates coming back as well," said Cochran.

Some December graduates said they

are angry that they have to pay the same fees as the May graduates, and only receive a small reception in return. Some students may plan to come back for the May ceremony, but job opportunities or other circumstances could get in the way of that. "You don't really know where you're going to be," said Karen Slough, a senior majoring in computer science.

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Shirts such as this one were displayed in the lobby of the library to heighten awareness about domestic violence.

Local shelter exhibits work of abused women and children in library display

Amy Cannon
Staff Writer

Helpmate, a local shelter for battered women and children, displayed a clothesline in Ramsey Library last week hoping to bring awareness to students about domestic violence.

Helpmate was responsible for the clothesline, which held shirts made by abused women and children in Buncombe County. The abuse victims were allowed to write their feelings about their abusers on the shirts that were hanging on the line, according to Brenda Tuckey, a Helpmate volunteer.

"We call it domestic violence, but I really hate that," said Tuckey. "I mean, it's wife battering. It's beating someone up."

Tuckey said the clothesline was a part of the healing process for the women and children, and she hopes it will bring more awareness about abuse to the people who view it.

"People act like this is a feminist idea and a radical thing," said Tuckey. "Like it is radical to not abuse people."

Tuckey said the clothesline was used to symbolize "people airing their dirty laundry." She said the exhibit is difficult for some people to observe, but she believes it is a very powerful experience.

"One hundred seventeen women were killed last year by domestic violence," said Jim Coughlin, a Helpmate volunteer.

Coughlin is one of the few men working with Helpmate and counseling victims on the Helpmate 24-hour crisis line.

He said nights seldom pass that the agency does not receive at least one phone call, and some nights they have received as many as six calls.

Helpmate is also a shelter where women and children can stay up to two months while they become independent from their abusers, according to Tuckey.

She said the group needs more volunteers for the crisis line and anyone interested should call Helpmate.

According to Helpmate, it is estimated that 52 percent of all female homicide victims are killed by their partners. A woman is physically abused every nine seconds in the U.S.

UNCA students to compete in local pageant

Todd Hagans
Guest Writer

Four UNCA students will compete this year in the 1996 Miss Asheville Scholarship Pageant.

While pageants have created controversy in the nation recently, the students said they view pageants as a steppingstone because they can obtain much-needed scholarship money. However, other students feel that pageants are a stumbling block for women, especially the swimsuit competition.

"It takes confidence and inner strength to compete in the swimsuit competition," said Nicole Bost, a freshman majoring in psychology and elementary education, and a pageant contestant.

Molly Zink, a sophomore majoring in sociology and a pageant contestant, said she does not believe there should be a swimsuit competition. "I really don't see the point in it." Jennifer Harrell, a freshman majoring in atmospheric sciences, said she entered the pageant because she always wanted to compete, and she described the issue of swimsuits being part of the pageant as "a touchy subject."

"It doesn't bother me," said Staci Postel, a pageant contestant and a sophomore majoring in psychology. Postel said the swimsuit competition is an important part of the pageant.

"Pageants give girls a chance to make a name for themselves," said Keith Dills, a senior majoring in business management and administration. "If

a contestant wins a title, it gives her the opportunity to make a difference and be a role model. They may not have that chance otherwise. I also enjoy watching pageants."

"I think pageants are okay because they are fun to watch," said Erin Landers, a sophomore majoring in psychology. "The pageants done now are much more realistic to how women really are as opposed to the air-head idea most of the old pageants showed." However, other UNCA students have different views of pageants and the swimsuit competition.

Cristina Alonso, a junior majoring in sociology, said pageants are a tradition in this country, and pageants give young women a chance to become leaders. However, Alonso does not agree that the swimsuit competition should be part of the pageant.

"The swimsuit competition has no place in a pageant, because I don't see how a woman's physique affects her leadership potential, her presentation, her ability to speak competently, and to be an asset to this country," said Alonso.

"Pageants teach young girls that beauty is everything," said Elizabeth Randles, a freshman majoring in creative writing. "I don't think we should teach our children that outward appearance matters more than their personality and mind."

Amy Cunningham, a senior majoring in history and education, said she believes pageants are a great opportunity for women, but there needs to be



Pageant contestant Molly Zink confers with Miss Asheville, Heidi Holloway.

an alternative to the swimsuit competition. "I don't see any need for them to run around in swimsuits," she said.

Harrell said an alternative to the swimsuit competition could be to incorporate a physical fitness or aerobic routine into the competition in place of the swimsuit competition.

The four UNCA students, along with six other young women from Western North Carolina, will compete for the title of Miss Asheville 1996 on Nov. 11. The 8 p.m. pageant will be held in the Diana Wortham Theatre at Pack Place.

The contestants will be evaluated in four areas which include an interview with the five judges, talent, evening wear, and swimsuit. During the talent competition, Harrell will perform a flute solo of "Tambourin", Zink will sing "How Could I Ever Know" from "The Secret Garden", Postel will sing "On My Own" from *Les Miserables*, and Bost will perform a lyrical dance to "Natural Woman."

She will represent Asheville in the 1996 Miss North Carolina Scholarship

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