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## Memorial held after death of professor

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"Jesus tasted our whys," said Rev. Richard Price at the funeral service for Deryl Howard, the late chair of the philosophy department, on Saturday, Feb. 10. "So we do not face the hour of whys on our own, we are sustained by our fellow pilgrims."

Howard, who had taught at UNCA for 24 years, was the chair of the philosophy department for 18 years. He also coordinated Humanities 224, "The Modern World."

Howard killed himself last week at his home in Asheville. His widow, his brother, and his parents attended the funeral service at St. Mary's Parish Grove Park.

Price's sermon was a celebration of faith in God, and a reminder of God's love for all people in communities of faith. "In the flesh of Jesus, God's love, God's holy, mysterious and wonderful love is given to us," said Price.

The service began with Rev. Price reading the burial service from the Book of Common Prayer, and also quoted T.S. Eliot, who said, "Every new venture is a raid on the inarticulate with inadequate equipment." "We are left with the task of mourning Dr. Howard's death with inadequate equipment," Price said.

Because he committed suicide, we are left with many questions and few ways to answer them, Price said. "Who has the words to match this hour? Who has the answers to those whys?"

Price referred to Howard's field of philosophy, science, and theology, all of which offer some answers to our questions, but none that offer all the answers.

The essence of the gathering was to meet as faith communities and share stories of faith and to celebrate our faith in God, even in the hard hours, Price said.

The congregation sang "Immortal, Invisible," and read the Twenty-third Psalm as part of the service. The closing hymn was "A Mighty Fortress."

Pallbearers were Tom Cochran, Chuck Bennett, Eric Iovacchini, Rudy Moorrees, Michael Ruiz, and David Gaff, Howard's college roommate.

Dr. Cochran said Howard's death would "have a pretty significant impact in terms of what we've lost...Deryl was a very central figure in articulating the philosophy of a liberal arts education."

About a dozen current students attended the funeral. Most of the students who went had Dr. Howard for philosophy classes or for Humanities 224. Stephanie Obergfell, a student of Howard's for more than three years, said the service was wonderful and very touching.

She remembered the last thing they had talked about in Humanities 224 was Paschal's wager.

"It was so strange, because he wouldn't leave it alone," she said.

Paschal's wager states that a person has four choices about religion. If there is a God, and a person believes, then the person will be rewarded. If there is no God, and a person be-

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## Student fees raised again after protest by SGA president

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In UNCA's Board of Trustees' quarterly meeting held Jan. 31, only one trustee spoke out against a proposed increase in student fees. The fee package approved by the board includes a four-dollar raise in the athletic fee, which will bring its total to \$182.50 per student, per semester.

Dhaval "Doc" Patel, president of UNCA's Student Government Association and trustee member, said he thinks other sources must be found to alleviate student's burden to fund

the athletics program. Compared to the cost of tuition and other fees,

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Patel thinks the athletic fee is disproportionately high.

"The main reason why we come to

college is for academics—to study and learn—and then (to) do sports and extracurricular activities, not the other way around," said Patel.

Previously, Patel voiced his opposition to the proposed fee increase in an appeal to the Fee Committee, in an appeal to Chancellor Reed, and most recently to the Board of Trustees. At this point, any further protest by students will probably be futile, said Patel.

The fee package will be forwarded to the University of North Carolina General Administration for consid-

eration by the UNC Board of Governors. A final decision will be made in July.

"If students are really concerned about these fees, and I know they are, what I suggest is to ask every student to write a letter or recommend that SGA do a survey or referendum to find out what percentage of UNCA students (think) this is unfair and disproportionate," said Patel.

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## Drive held on campus to raise awareness about organ donation

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UNCA held a donor awareness drive on Feb. 14 in the Highsmith Center to educate staff, students, and the community about organ donation. A nurse was present to answer questions that anyone had and donor cards were available for people to fill out.

Patricia Johnson came up with the idea of the donor awareness drive. Her husband, Marvin, received a heart transplant on Nov. 3, 1995. Johnson said she was so grateful for her husband's second chance at life that she wanted to give something back. The donor awareness drive was held at UNCA, in part because the Johnson's son, Barry, attends school here.

"I believe the drive was a good idea," said Kellie Gosnell, a freshman majoring in psychology. "It made students aware of the great need for organs." As a result of the awareness drive, Gosnell said she has seriously considered becoming a donor herself.

With the donor awareness drive, Johnson said she hoped to educate people about donating their organs. She said she feels people need to know about the criteria for donating organs and that there is

no expense for the donor's family.

As a result of her husband's second chance at life, Johnson said she has become "a more aware donor." She has been a donor since the age of 16, when she got her driver's license. At that age, she said, she only thought of someone using her corneas or kidneys. Now she said she feels much stronger about donating all of her organs. Their son, Barry, is now an organ donor as well.

She said she encourages people to share their decision to be a donor with their family and friends. She wants people to understand that even if their drivers' licenses say they are donors, their families will make the ultimate decision to donate their organs or not. That is why she also encourages people to carry their donor cards with them at all times. Most of all, she says that she wants people to understand that they are giving a gift of the heart which will give someone else a second chance.

Student reaction to the donor drive was very similar. Adrien Sanders, a sophomore, said, "I think organ donation is a wonderful gift. So many people today need organ transplants, and if a person can help, they



Photo by William Davis

Patricia Johnson (left) discusses becoming an organ donor with Linda Culpepper yesterday in Highsmith Center.

should."

"Organ donation is very important and essential to prolong life," said Julie Kruse, a junior majoring in nursing. She believes more people should be educated about organ donation. She wants to be a donor in hopes of giving someone else a second chance at life.

contracted a virus that affected his heart. He was very athletic, played a variety of sports, and had even coached Barry in Little League.

Kristi Howard, a freshman said, "The awareness drive was a great idea." She said she is an organ donor because she likes the idea of saving someone's life after her own has ended.

Johnson said that her 46-year-old husband was in "generally wonderful health" before he

contracted a virus that affected his heart. He was very athletic, played a variety of sports, and had even coached Barry in Little League.

In January 1995, Johnson's husband was diagnosed as having a virus in his heart.

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## Behind bars Political science students to get arrested for an inside look at judicial system

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The words, "you are under arrest," will sound in the ears of approximately 22 UNCA students and staff on February 20, as they participate in an exercise to learn more about the justice system.

"We aren't sure of the crime that we will be charged with," said Ken Betsale, assistant professor of political science.

Students will be arrested and taken through the process of being booked, according to Henderson. The staff and students do not know what will actually happen to them, what they will be required to endure, or what they will be asked.

Dan Henderson, adjunct instructor in political science, is organizing the arrest of his Tuesday evening class. Other staff and students in the political science depart-

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ment will also be arrested.

Henderson said his students are puzzled and excited about the idea. The group will arrive at the new detention center at 6:00 p.m. and declare themselves under arrest. There are no prisoners at the facility yet.

"At first we were shocked," said Jennifer Ball, a student

in Henderson's judicial process class. "We were not expecting it. Most classes don't have these kinds of field trips." If you don't want to participate you, don't have to, but everyone is excited and some want to bring friends, she said.

Donna Holland, another of Henderson's students, works in a law office and has been in the old jail, but not the new one. "I don't know what to expect," she said.

"It is experiential learning," Betsale said. His politics and law class will join Henderson's class as they 'booked in,' too.

Carol Roberts, classifications officer at the Buncombe County Detention Center in Asheville, said these procedures will not go

on anyone's record. "We won't actually input the information into the computer. We can't start a record on them and we won't be taking mug shots either. Our photo imaging set-up is not fully operational."

She explained that 'booked in' involves being handcuffed, searched for weapons, paying bond, being checked for blood alcohol content, and if anyone causes problems, going into a holding cell.

They will enter the detention center through the sally port doors, which are two sets of doors that do not open at the same time. "Only one door will open at a time," Roberts said, "one shuts before the other one opens. That's to help keep the building secure."

This group will obviously not

be able to bond, she said, and if no one has to be put in one of the holding cells, a small, windowless room, the next step will be to go to the booking desk.

"Here they are asked basically a medical questionnaire and that would be added to the information that the arresting officer and the magistrate had already put into the computer."

Males and females will be separated and taken to group holding cells. "We have to keep them out of sight and sound of each other," she said.

The students and staff will stay in this environment for only a short while and will leave when the booking pro-

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