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The conference began Friday afternoon with an opening reception in the Laurel Forum

Tracey Rizzo, assistant professor of history and a conference coordinator, and James Pitts, vice chancellor for academic affairs, made welcoming remarks to the group.

Events on Friday evening were held in the Humanities Lecture Hall, and included performances by the Asheville Women's Ensemble, the all-male ensemble Cantaria, and Hot/Lipz Productions, who performed scenes from Sue Carroll Moore's play "Dyke for Days.

The songs "Ave Pudendum" ("Hail Genitalia"), performed by the women's ensemble, and "My Love is Large," performed by Cantaria, received a number of cheers from the audience.

Frank Browning, a former National Public Radio correspondent who has written several books, essays, and articles about homosexual issues, gave the conference's keynote address on Friday night. His address consisted mostly of a readings from his written works.

"I think of myself primarily as a storyteller," Browning said. In the address, Browning focused on the

theme of identity present in the lives of gay men, and spoke about older gay men "who may remember what gay life was like 20 years ago.'

'Gay men often had to lie to or mislead others to keep their sexual preferences private, whereas gay men today have less need or desire to do so," said Browning.

Browning also said that many young men now consider the term "gay" problematic. He related a short anecdote about one of these men who said that "queer" described him more accurately.

Saturday's events were held in Karpen Hall, and consisted of 21 scholarly paper presentations by students and faculty from universities nationwide. Kathy Rudy, writer and assistant professor of ethics and women's studies at Duke University, spoke to participants during a Saturday lunch session

The conference closed Saturday evening with a roundtable discussion open to all attendees of the conference.

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night the students will have to call up the the hours because it gives the housekeepers physical plant and a lot of times those people cannot be reached."

Baxley said that some housekeepers will continue to work the daytime shift.

"People will still be here during the day for electrical and plumbing reasons," said Baxley. "We will also continue to have housekeeping services during the day, but the bulk of the cleaning you need can be done when people are not around."

According to Baxley, if the change in housekeeping hours is approved, the new hours would most likely be implemented in the upcoming summer. "Summertime is a better time to change folks going on the evening shift."

a chance to get used to their new operation <sup>\*</sup>before classes start in the fall," said Baxley. Although housekeepers are not in favor of working nighttime hours, Baxley said that they do want the UNCA administration to make a decision and resolve the issue so that they can get stability back in their lives. Baxley said that there are no current plans to change the hours of any other housekeeping or maintenance employees, but added that such changes might be made at

a later date. "It's hard to predict the future," said Baxley. "But I do not foresee any other

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UNCA grounds crew workers have turned the ditch running beside Zagier Hall into a rock-strewn mountain stream, complete with small ponds and miniature waterfalls. Prior to the renovation, the ditch consisted of nothing but grass.

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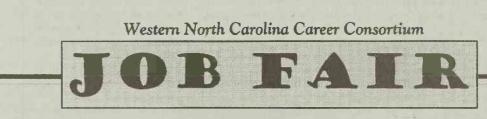
Chancellor Julius Chambers will be the keynote speaker at UNCA's 69th annual graduation ceremony on May 16.

Chambers, a civil rights attorney, helped found the first racially-integrated law firm in North Carolina. He has argued numerous cases in the United States Su-

preme Court, and was part of the legal team who won the landmark civil rights case of Swann v. Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education in 1971. Chambers is a graduate of the University of North Carolina School of Law, and was the first African American to serve as editor-in-chief of the school's Law Review. He has also served as directorcounsel of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund in New York. Chambers has served as the Chancellor of NCCU since 1993

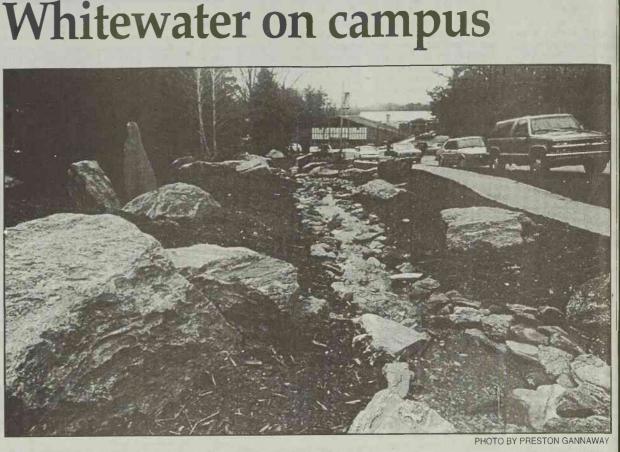
#### Western North Carolina gets new area code

Due to the growing population of Western North Carolina, telephone companies implemented a new area code fo Buncombe and surrounding counties on March 22. The new area code, 828, wil fully replace the old 704 area code on Oct. 4. Until then, callers can use either area code to reach Asheville phone numbers.



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