

# The Banner

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## Web grades replace paper

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Students will no longer receive a paper copy of their end of term grades through the mail. Beginning this semester, they will have to obtain their grades through the Web for Students, UNCA's Internet registration service.

"We wanted the web product because it provides so many services for the students," said Rebecca Sensabaugh, registrar. "Hopefully, students will be able to work with it."

Sensabaugh said students may submit a written request for a mailed paper copy of their grades, but they won't receive their grades until January.

"For the people who can only get a paper copy, it will be a little later for them to get their grades," said Sensabaugh. "We won't be able to get them mailed out until we come back in January. If students go to a local library, or if they have a computer at home with a web browser (such as Netscape or Internet Explorer), they can get their grades as soon as we enter them."

Breandan Dezendorf, a member of the student support staff for the computer center and a sophomore mass communication major, said students will get their grades quicker, but computer availability could be a concern.

The computer labs will be closed during the holiday break beginning Dec. 23, according to Robin Daugherty, manager of administrative computing services.

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## Division I benefits



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Sophomore forward Ben Ezell blocks a shot during the game on Nov. 16 against St. Johns University in New York City during the Chase National Invitational Tournament.

## Suspect facing charges in campus thefts

Arrested for probation violation

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An Asheville man was arrested Sunday night by the Buncombe County Sheriff's Department for a probation violation after a UNCA student reported a stolen credit card to the Public Safety Department.

Following his arrest, the sheriff's department brought James Roy Foyles Jr. to UNCA "for follow-up investigation," according to the arrest report obtained from public safety.

In addition to the violation, UNCA's Public Safety Department filed these charges against Foyles: three counts of breaking and entering, three counts of larceny after breaking and entering, and one count of forgery of instrument from a stolen check, according to investigation reports.

Foyles was denied bail because of the violation of his probation, said Sergeant Steve Lewis, a UNCA public safety officer. All seven charges filed against Foyles by UNCA are felony offenses, according to the reports.

Lewis said that more charges from the university against Foyles are likely.

"I think by Monday or Tuesday of next week we should have completed our charges," said Lewis. The investigation does not involve any other witnesses or subjects, said Lewis, who added that public safety was "awaiting statements of financial transactions" before closing their investigation.

Foyles was arrested at the Shoney's Inn off of Interstate 26 in Arden, where he attempted to use a credit card stolen from a UNCA student

earlier that day, according to the arrest report. He was initially arrested for violating his probation and was transported to UNCA by the sheriff's department.

Shannon Sams, senior math major, said that she received a call from her mother on Sunday regarding "unusual activity" on her credit card. Sams said she discovered the card was missing and called public safety. Sams also said that \$30 was stolen from her room in Governors Village.

"The investigation was initiated by a stolen credit card, and that card was used," said Lewis.

Sams said that public safety then contacted the credit card company and was told where the card had been used that day, including a transaction that came through while the officer was on the phone.

"The credit card was canceled. We canceled it, and that is how they caught him," said Sams. "He tried to use it that night."

Public safety went to the location given to them by the credit card company, said Sams.

Once there, the officers verified the suspect's name and ran a background check. At this time, the Buncombe County Sheriff's Department was called to make the arrest on the charge of probation violation.

A search conducted after Foyles was arrested turned up several checks belonging to another UNCA student, Bryan Farr, a senior atmospheric sciences major. Farr was notified of the theft and came down to file a report with public safety Sunday night.

"The checks were in the top drawer

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# Alumni rate UNCA in survey of campuses

Alumni poorest, yet most satisfied with instruction at UNCA

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A recent survey found that UNCA alumni rank among the lowest paid college graduates in the UNC system. However, in the survey UNCA ranked first of the 16 campuses for the quality of the instruction alumni felt they received.

"We're a little disappointed in the income reportedly earned by our graduates, but at the same time, they felt good about the quality of their education, and those who went to graduate school felt really good," said Archer Gravely, director of institutional research at UNCA.

During May and June of 1997, the alumni survey was administered by telephone to the 1995-96 graduates of the 16 campuses in the UNC system at the request of the UNC General Assembly (GA).

"The GA and the Board of Governors want to have a mandate to assess the quality of the education that they're supporting," said Gravely. "They want to know how our students are doing with their careers, with their jobs, and their incomes."

The survey found that UNCA alumni evaluate their off-campus work lowest in terms of offering valuable training, career potential, salary, and in-job satisfaction.

"We have a much higher percentage of graduates in the traditional liberal arts,"

said Gravely. "It is a well-known fact that liberal arts majors struggle in that first job. They're not prepared directly for the marketplace."

The survey determined that the highest paying fields included engineering, computer science, and health care. Only UNCA's computer science majors have salaries that are competitive with the other schools.

"We have a high percentage of students who stay in the area, and that can cause some problems" in finding a high-paying job immediately after graduation with something like a literature major, said Gravely.

In the survey, UNCA ranked second of the 16 universities for preparing students for an advanced degree. Approximately 30 percent of the UNCA graduates surveyed took a graduate school admissions test.

Although UNCA ranked well in terms of preparing students for graduate school, the alumni reported relatively low satisfaction with the job-placement services on campus. Only about 15 percent considered the

job services very helpful, giving it the lowest rating of the 16 schools.

UNCA alumni also rated their current jobs lowest in offering valuable training, allowing for career potential, and in utilizing the skills and knowledge learned in college.

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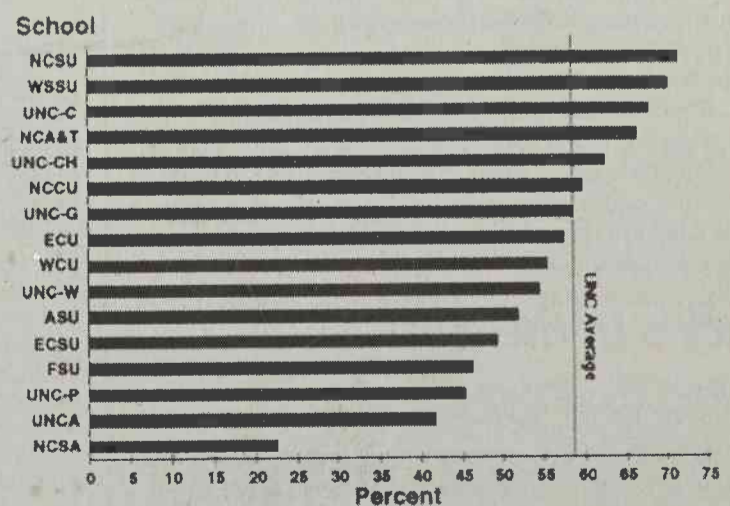
"We need to look at career advising, and we need to look at internships," said Gravely. Some schools require almost every student to go through at least one internship for most majors. "We need to better connect career advising through active programs," said Gravely.

Alumni surveys have been conducted once every four years since the early 1970s. However, the GA will soon require the survey to be administered every two years.

"The survey is unique in that it is the first time they did a telephone survey," said Gravely. "All previous survey projects like this by the GA have been flawed by non-response bias."

Non-response bias means that the amount of response was relatively low compared to the needed number of surveys for an accu-

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rate count. Therefore, the reliability of the results comes into question.

Before, "UNCA particularly did pretty well. We would get a response as low as 50 percent to as high as 75 percent, but the other schools would have about a 20 percent response, so you didn't know how to interpret the results," said Gravely.

In the most recent survey, 36 percent of the graduates from each of the 16 UNC system schools were surveyed, including 325 UNCA graduates.

"This is the best response we've had so far," said Gravely.

Although UNCA ranked low for job quality, 95.1 percent of UNCA alumni rated the overall quality of their instruction as excellent or good. This was the highest rating of the UNC system. According to the survey, 89 percent said they would attend UNCA again if they had to do it over again, and 75 percent would choose the same major.

"It would be interesting to see where our graduates are five to 10 years from now," said Gravely.

The current survey only looks at the average salary for the first 12 months after graduation.