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Drug

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situation is unique."
Two of the students were found alone in their rooms, according to Adams.
In the female student's case, she was visiting a friend who lives on campus when public safety knocked on the door, according to the student.
The officer did not identify himself as a public safety officer when asked who was at the door, according to the student.
She then declared ownership of the marijuana, and was charged by public safety.
"Everybody does things that are illegal," said the student. "It's just whether you get caught or not."
Penalties imposed by the court for

these types of offenses are usually fines.
"For simple possession it's \$80 to \$100, plus court costs, which are \$86. If you have possession of drug paraphernalia, which just about everybody does, that's another \$80 to \$100," said Adams.
Paraphernalia includes devices used to ingest marijuana into the body, according to Adams.
The two students were charged with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia, which are misdemeanors.
"They either had a pipe to smoke it in or rolling papers," Adams said.
Zero tolerance has been in effect since August of 1999, according to Adams.

Major

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The concentration is also attractive to students interested in pre-medical studies at a liberal arts school, according to Holmes.
"I intend to go to medical school, and there are some biology classes that I am interested in incorporating into my studies. Just being a chemistry major does not allow me to do that," said Dawn Sanford, a junior chemistry major.

"The Medical College Admissions Test that I will take in April for medical school requires me to know a lot about cellular biology and chemistry. I think these classes will prepare me for it," said Sanford.
The curriculum will also be competitive with other programs at peer private institutions, according to Holmes.

A three-part money-management workshop is offered by the Consumer Credit Counseling Service in Asheville. The classes are free and the first workshop begins April 6 from 6 to 8 p.m. For more information call

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"Who bombed Judi Bari," a presentation on the struggle to save ancient redwood forests in northern California, will be held in the Laurel Forum on April 7.

Phones

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school campuses," said Tasker.
The phones are available to anyone on campus who fears domestic abuse. This includes students, faculty and staff. The phones have been programmed to dial 911 by touching one button.
"The fast dial feature will make it much easier to reach help quickly," said Tasker. "It is not a fool proof plan, but (it) can be helpful in certain situations."
BAM is a corporate leader in the fight against domestic violence. The company teamed up with the NCCADV during the October Domestic Violence Awareness Month to commit 150 Motorola

wireless phones to universities across the state.
In 1995, BAM started a program called "Wireless at Work," which has provided phones to more than 60 domestic violence assistance organizations in the Southeast.
The phones have been made available to hundreds of domestic violence victims.
"We feel the program is successful if it can help just one victim of domestic abuse," said Tasker. "That is why we are involved."
Students at UNCA may speak with public safety about using the phones when in a situation that may involve domestic violence.

Meeting

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cluded a tour of UNCA labs in Rhoades Hall. They were able to get a first-hand look at what the working conditions are so they could better evaluate the improvements needs.
UNCA Chancellor James Mullen, WCU Chancellor John Bardo and ASU Chancellor Frank Borkowski gave presentations representing the conditions of their respective campuses, stressing the needs each campus is faced with.
"Our vision (for UNCA) can take us to the forefront of liberal arts education," said Mullen. "Our challenge is that we are not offering our students and faculty the facilities for a learning environment to take place."
WCU's renovations proposal, a 10-year capital needs total of \$295.2 million, includes renovation of the Stillwell science building, the McKee building, adding a new 300 bed residence hall and constructing a fine arts center, according to a UNCA press release.
"N.C. has projected WCU's need will grow by nearly 50 percent over the next eight years," said Bardo.

ASU's renovations proposal, a 10-year capital needs total of \$252.5 million, includes renovation of the Rankin science building and construction of a library information commons, as well as other improvements to infrastructure and technology, according to the release.
"What I am hearing from members of the select committee is that the time has come to work with us to modernize the facilities," said Broad.
Student and faculty teams were assembled to give presentations, which included what they believed was wrong with the facilities.
"The Rankin building is literally falling down," said Vicki Martin, ASU biology professor and department chair. "There are numerous deteriorating features and a lack of ventilation."
Rhoades Hall has inadequate safety features, ventilation, gas and electric utilities, according to Gregg Kormanik, a UNCA biology chair.
"We're working for this campus being the best," said Mullen.

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