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Men's basketball split two conference games

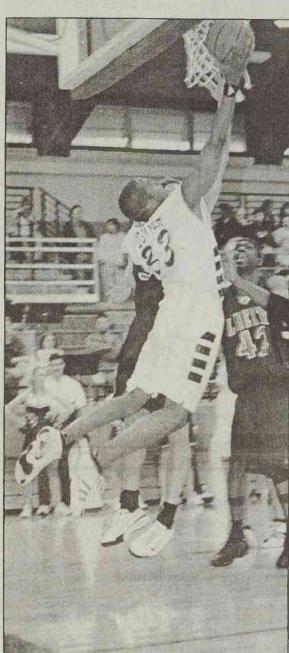
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"Clear-cutting protest at Staples," by **Candice Carr** 

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## Most athletic funds go to basketball



ANTHONY GRECO/PHOTO EDITOR Junior forward Robby Joyner, a member of the basketball team, attempts to score a basket at a recent game.

**Keith Cromwell Staff Writer** 

The athletic department spent \$412,438 on combined salaries and benefits and \$700,000 on student athlete scholarships, according to the athletic budget.

Some students said they disagree with the amount of money spent on scholarships for athletes.

"It seems that we can put that money into better facilities, or something that benefits the entire school, rather than just a few students," said Danny Proctor, a sophomore atmospheric science

In terms of each team, men's basketball received the most funds. They received \$103,000, plus \$26,000 for recruitment. Women's basketball received \$65,000, plus \$17,500 for recruit-

In comparison, the men's and women's tennis teams both received \$11,500, plus \$1,000 for recruitment.

The men's soccer team received \$23,862, plus \$3,000 for recruitment. The men's and women's cross country teams each received \$31,343, plus \$1,000 for recruitment, according to the budget.

"I think teams should get equal amounts," said Crystal Gore, a sophomore art major and member of the women's track team.

The National Collegiate

arships and sports teams to be in Division I. The requirements include maintaining 14 teams, made up of seven men and seven women's teams, and provide 25 scholarships for each gender, according to Gore.

With the exception of the basketball players, most of our athletes are on a partial scholarship," said Joni Comstock, director of the athletic program.

UNCA students pay \$399 in student fees toward the athletic program, the highest out of all 16 UNC-system universities. During the 2001-2002 school year, athletic fees will increase \$22 per student.

'Athletics are a part of every university," said Anne Moukperian, a sophomore political science major. "I do not think athletics are taken seriously on this campus, other than by athletes and those who are involved in athletics.

Last year, athletics received \$1.1 million from student fees. The total athletics department budget was \$1.8 million, according to Comstock.

Most revenue for athletics comes from student fees, private gifts or grants and the

UNCA athletics received \$200,000 from game guarantees. Game guarantees are money the university receives from bigger schools for playing a game at that school.

Both men's and women's Athletic Association requires basketball teams play these

Gore, director of sports information.

This year, we went down and play the University of Texas, and we get a check from them for playing the game," said Gore. "It makes sense for Texas because they need a home game. A home game for a school like that generates a lot of money."

Game guarantees "help our budget, but it also makes our team better in conference play," said Gore. "When you play Texas in front of 10,000 people, it's a little easier to come back and play Liberty."

The games are played in regular season, and count toward UNCA's record. This year, the men's basketball team played five guarantee games, according to Gore.

The teams that schedule us think they are getting an easy win, and a couple of times, we have fooled them," said Gore. "We beat the University of South Carolina and Mexico State University one year, and lost to Tennessee by three points." Some students said the athletic department should find other sources to make

Playing these games "make it seem the athletic department doesn't care about the basketball team's record, but rather all they care about is the money," said Jessica Bulleck, a freshmen com-

puter science major. Athletic fees at other schools include \$261 at Appalachian

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public safety to ticket, and

they cannot hold the dog for

the owner to pick up because

the campus does not have the

facilities, according to Weber.

In order to remove the unat-

tended pet, public safety

would have to call Animal

Control, according to Weber.

[dogs] out for hours and hours

Many students "have seen

## Privatization draws interest

Angela Brock Staff Writer

Several UNCA students were involved with the distribution of flyers to promote awareness of Sodexho Marriott Services' connection to prison privatization.

"A box of burritos was dropped on the middle of the quad with a sign that said 'Free Burritos'," said a student, who wishes to remain anonymous. "Someone took a box to the cafeteria, and handed out burritos with a flyer.'

The persons passing out the burrito flyers stood outside the cafeteria, but no one is sure if anyone actually entered it, according to the student.

"The flyer was anti-prison propaganda," said the stu-

Sodexho Alliance owns almost half of SMS. In Europe, Sodexho Alliance operates a high percentage of private prisons in many countries, according to the SA Web site. Prison privatization involves the use of prison labor without monetary compensation

for the labor. SA invested in the Corrections Corporation of America, a corrections service to government associations, according to the CCA Web site.

Some students said they are concerned about the use of prison labor to produce goods that UNCA's cafeteria may use, according to the stu-

The purpose of the flyers was to inform UNCA students about the use of prison labor, according to the stu-

"The flyers were just to let students know about the corporations they support," said another student, who wished to remian anonymous. "The student activists are not into property destruction at all, regardless of what has been said about students who oppose Sodexho's involvement with privatization.'

There has not been any student vandalism take place in the cafeteria by students who oppose Sodexho Marriott's involvement with prison labor, according to Sodexho Marriott employees.

Profit is made off of the prisoners, thus some prisoners may get longer sentences, according to students.

"I do not want my money to go towards private prisons, and I would like to support more local food sources," said another student, who wishes to remain anonymous. "We want an alternative place on campus to buy food that can be ran by the students.'

## Program attains exemplary status

Thad Eckard Staff Writer

UNCA's teaching program received a high rating from the North Carolina State Board of Education, but did they not receive the scholar-

ship money due to them, according to Mar Sidelnick, chairman and associate professor of education.

"Schools that receive exemplary status were supposed receive scholarship money for students becom-

ing teachers," said Sidelnick. children at a school. Although the

programs qualify for rewards, they have not yet received anything.

The program was never told how much they would receive for scholarships.

tion department are not only my instructors," said Tanner Gamble, a senior environmental science major. "They are also my colleagues now who I can come to when I need their help. I am extremely grate-

All the Board promised were "sanctions and rewards," said Sidelnick.

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Sidelnick.



PHOTO COURTESY OF **EDUCATION PROGRAM** Nick Phillips, a senior history major, helps

had no money, "there was nothing to determine," said Sidelnick.

The ranking places UNCA's education department in a position shared by only three other schools in the state.

The Board based this year's

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## Drivers may be a risk for animals

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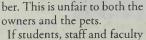
Both domestic and wild animals are possibly in danger of being killed by drivers speeding around the campus area. The most dangerous areas for animals are on the side roads leading to campus, especially on Edgewood Road and Barnard Avenue, according to Ann Weber, professor of psy-

chology. "You cannot turn around without seeing little dead squirrels everywhere," said Tonie Carlton, a senior po-

itical science major. Squirrels tend to dart out in front of cars. If drivers obey the speed limit, they can stop in time, according to Weber.

Edgewood and Barnard roads are popular shortcuts to campus, but are also residential areas with a large number of those residents pet owners, according to Weber.

If the residents have a pet, make it an indoor (animal), or kiss it goodbye," said We-



If students, staff and faculty would obey the 20 mph speed limit, these deaths could be avoided, according to Weber. In December, one of Weber's neighbors lost their shepherdmix dog, Lucy, to a hit-andrun-driver.

The driver sped away after hitting Lucy, as the dog lay dying in the road, according

By the time neighbors reached Lucy it was too late. The dog died in the vet's of-

Just a few months before Lucy's death, the same couple lost their cat to a speeding driver, according to Weber.

In the woods on campus, there is a small grave where a cat named Ike is buried, also the victim of speeding driver. Ike was hit on the road near the Physical Plant building. A frequent visitor to the campus, Ike's favorite place to hang out was around Zageir and Owen Halls, according to We-

Ike belonged to an Idarly couple living on 1 yannis St.



KAIHRYN KROUSE/FEATURES EDITOR An unleashed dog, owned by a UNCA student, could be at risk for injury or death by automobiles.

Around class times, people follow the car in front of them too closely, pressuring the other driver to speed. Even if a person is going to be late to a class or meeting, there is no excuse for speeding, according to Weber.

'Just speeding in general, I have never seen anyone get pulled," said Cyrus

Tashakkori, an undeclared sophomore.

Unattended dogs running loose on campus "should be on a leash," said Geneva Stork, an undeclared sophomore.

There is a leash law that prohibits students from leaving pets unattended on campus, according to Weber.

However, there is no one for

in the hot sun," and some of these dogs are left without shade or water, said Weber. The owner often wraps the dog's leash around a tree, essentially binding the dogs, with no give in their leash, according to Weber.

The campus needs to find a solution that is "safe for animals first and convenient for owners second," said Weber. One faculty member sug-

gested having a "Pet Day," said Weber. It would be held on cam-

pus and students could bring their pets to an informal meeting to learn pet-care tips, said Weber. 'Unless it is a bad (animal)

and gets in people's way, it adds character to the campus," said Tashakkori.

Professors in the educa-