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were impressed." Event organizers marveled at the turn out, as did most participants. "It more or less means to me, that there's a huge segment of society nxieties of de icandarefron vant to be a nostile place.

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Asheville residents protest war in Iraq

The University of North Carolina at Asheville

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Approximately 2,000 Asheville residents attended a peace rally in Pritchard Park Feb. 15. The event coincided with protests around the world to voice opposition to possible war with Iraq.

that's really just moved intellectu-ally forward to the point where they can really see what's just in the world," said Rob Close, a senior philosophy major. "I wanted to see how big and strong this could be. I'm pretty blown away." However, some protesters still However, some protesters still hoped for an even stronger turn-

said Chris Wiener, an undeclared sophomore. "But it's always really good tosse peoples upporting peace. It's a positive whe and you can when the peace rally ent read off the energy." For orbers, the peace rally proved "reinforcing," according to Boyd. "I chink the most exciting the pople have been saying is just how much has been happening all over the word today," said Boyd. "What we really need is huge num-"I'm pleased with the turnout, but I expected more to be houest,"

crotesters demonstrated in other countries such as Iraq, South Africa and Greece, where several scuffles broke out between protesters and police, according to the CNN Web site

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police, according to the CNN web site. Raily attendees cheered as speak-ers periodically announced the lat-est numbers of protesters through-out the United States and the world. The global grassroots connection impacted those in Asheville. "This movement is even greater in other country," said Brown, "People all over the world, I think they just want peace and I think other coun-ries look at the United States as a bully. And it troubles me that the U.S. is viewed like ware." Many in attendance felt the anti-war movement in Asheville has strong root.

war movement in Asheville has strong roots. "It official support in this area anyway," said Caroline Grady, an undeclared freshmas." It hink the fact that there are so many people out here from obviously so many different wilks of life is really great. It's just good to hear that echoed (peace), the fact that there are a lot of other people out the are is to of other people out the that is' worldwide too." However, the Bush administra-tion remains undeterred by the weekend protests, according to *The New Nork Times*, a realistic feat

echoed by many peace rally attend

ets. "I think its (protesting) the only thing we can do," said Connie Schrader, a lecturer and health and fitness instructor at UNCA. "But sadly, I don't think that our admin-istration cares at all. Bush doesn't care. It's a sad time. Our represen-tative government is obviously un-responsive."

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## War with Iraq?

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"The lack of support alone is reason not to go to war. This past weekend there were staged global protests against the war. That should let the President know that it's not something the U.S. or other allied countries want."

Brunilda Rodriguez, junior marketing major



"I believe that we should go to war with Iraq, but be careful and look at all possibilities."

Christina Robinson, freshman history major

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Three members of the UNCA Student Government Association (SGA), along with two other UNCA students, attended Students' Day at the Capital in Raleigh to talk to local state representatives about is-sues facing N.C. universities Feb. 5. rves as a too gregation o Mullen.

Mullen. about deseg-consider the top and bot-rying togetour Mullen. "That's anged us from ying to do with d of that." JNCA's past ng were unand a thing it cell minimize the students from all 16 institutions of the UNC system to come together at the capital for a day and talk to our different legislators, said Anne Chesky, SGA sophomore senator. "(We came) to talk to them about budget cuts and tuition hikes that have been going on in the last sevent students addressed legislators regarding the recent ruts in the state budget cuts and get comerning education and tuition increases.

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and tuition increases. "I would say [the purpose was] to



Benjamin S. Ruffin, of the UNC system Board of Govenors, speaks to SGA members in Raleigh Feb. 5.

raise awareness in the legislature and also in the general public," said Cady Etheredge, SGA sophomore senator. "Just to get things out in the public about the state of educa-tion right now as far as the budget sees."

goes." The state senate recently froze raises on tuition, but that could still create problems, according to Serving UNCA Since 1982

Chesky. "Everyone on campus has to pay tuition and student fees to go here, and they've frozen tuition but they haven't frozen student fees," said Chesky, "One of the things I was concerned about was that, well we're nor getting any money from utition, so let's charge them a little more for this or that in student

fees.'And that's sort of an individual university problem, but tuition is frozen and student fees can still go

students talked with N.C. Sena-or Stephen Metcalf and N.C. Leg-islator Martin Nesbitt about the current budget crisis for approxi-mately 45 minutes each, according to Etheredge.

"We only got to talk to two of them because we talked to them for so long," said Etheredge."It seems like they knew what we were going to say before we said it, and they had their answers ready. I thought Metcalf was honestly very con-cerned about it to begin with, that's just the impression that I got." The students heard about the rep-resentatives' stances on education, limiting time for questions, accord-

In extudents heard about the representative's stances on education, limiting time for questions, accord-ing to Chesky. "We got to find Mercalf's and Nesbrit's stances on education, so if anything we know who to vote for the next election," aid Chesky. Because every student may note sware of the budget cuts and tu-tion increases, it's important to go latk to state semators as opposed to letting them do whatever hey want, said Chesky. "[Neshing] wants to encourage UNCA to grow because we're in bottom category, so we don't get a lot of money from the state", said Chesky. "Our mission statement, says that we want to stay small, as a university."

university." However, Nesbitt claims that when he supports budget cuts for educa-

-tion, he wants to direct it towards the larger universities in the UNC system, according to Etheredge. "He was talking about (North Carolina) State and (UNC) Chapel Hill, and about how they had all this extra money running around," said Etheredge. "He said that those institutions were started for educa-tional purposes, not for research purposes.

tional purposes, not for research purposes. "He said that people here see him as anti-education when he talks about budget cuts, but he's talking about cuts that would, in theory, affect Chapel Hill, "said Etheredge. Metcalf appeared sympathetic about budget cuts and tuition in-creases, having gone through the UNC system himself, according to Cheeky.

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Checky. " "He really seemed to understand the value of education, given his background," said Etheredge. Only five students from UNCA attended the event, mostly due to a lack of notification and prepar-tion time, according to Etheredge. Checky sestimated 200-300 students were at the rally, with the majority See SGA Page 8

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