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The University of North Carolina at Asheville

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## **UNCA plans new science building**

Ginger McKnight

News Reporter

UNCA's new science building will house the biology, chemistry and multimedia arts and science

house the biology, chemistry and multimedia arts and science departments starting during the 2006-07 scademic year.

Think there are perceptions out there that maybe the biology and the chemistry department want to have a brawl to serdle this, but that is not the case at all," said Assistant Professor Herb Pomfrey, coordinator for the biology general education program and secondary biology representative in the Building Committee. "Both departments are really committeed to getting the best building in that parking lot hat we can get."

AN.C. board referendum, passed in November 2000, provided the funding for the new science building. UNCA placed the building project on its agenda, and in the fall of 2002, formed the building committee. The 10 members of the committee represent the biology, chemistry, and multimedia departments, along with facilities maragement and UNCA administration.

"This project resulted from the

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"This project resulted from the
bond referendum of November
2000 and is just one of a number of
major projects for UNCA that were
funded by North Carolina voters,"
said Keith
Krumpe, associate professor of
chemistry and primary chemistry
generative on the Building
Committee, in an e-mail.
The Building Committee makes
many different decisions concerning the new science building. The
committee chose an architectural
design company and discussed the
location of the building, the choice
to hire a construction manager and
how many departments to bring



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Leo Klausmann, a sophomore ecology major, dissects an insect in zoology lab. The new science and multimedia building will provide new, up-to-date labs, classrooms and research facilities.

into the new building.

"We spent several months considering many possible sites on the campus," said Bert Holmes, Phillip G, Carson Distinguished Chair G, Carson Distinguished Chair Gscience and secondary chemistry representative on the Building Committee, in an e-mail. "Initially the building was programmed to house only biology and chemistry. But it was determined in the styrips. house only biology and chemistry, but it was determined in the spring and summer of 2002 that a third department should be added to the building to better utilize the money from the bond fund."

The committee chose the multimedia arts and science department

new, up-to-date labs, classrooms and as the third department to shaving enrollment.

There's alot of space in the building because of its growing enrollment.

There's alot of space in the building and its important to have interactions among and between different disciplines," said Professor Gregg Kormanik, primap biology representative on the Building Committee. Multimedia was of the size and of a nature that it would be a good addition to the science and multimedia building. Some students have mixed feelings on which department should be placed in the new building. Originally, the committee thought

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the math department would join the biology and chemistry departments in the new building, but last semseter the committee chose the multimedia arts and science department instead. "It would be great if the building made more sense (and) gave the math department some room," said Lyla Hance, a sophomore who intends on majoring in biochemistry, in an e-mail. "But as long as the thing doesn't fall down, no complaints here."

Many believe the new building will provide much needed space for the presently cramped departments.

"I definitely think that the new building will be beneficial for all three departments," said Renee Hodge, a senior biochemistry ma-jor. "Right now all departments are sort of squished in and spread out and we don't have a lot of space." The committee plans to build the new science building next to the Ramsey Library, between the Rhoades-Robinson building and the Humanities Lecture Hall. The new building is currently referred o as the new science and multime-

new building is currently referred to as the new science and multimedia building, but the name could change in the future.

"The building will be erected in the faculty and staff parking lot located next to Robinson Hall, Tennent Park and the Humanities Lecture Hall," said Krumpe. "The building is currently slated to be four stories tall, so as to be somewhat consistent with the neighboring buildings. Some students feel the faculty and saff will not agree with placing the

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Twouldn't take up all those parking spaces, said Tony Vu Jr., a sophomore who intends on majoring in biochemistry. The faring in biochemistry. The faring in paces in the parking spaces.

and staffare going to need the parking spaces."

The committe most recently discussed the finalization of how much space and rooms each department will receive in the new building at their meeting Feb. 17.

"Basically what we are working on mow, is we just finalized what's called the programming, how many labs we want to have, how many offices we want to have, how many offices we want to have, how many classrooms we want to have, and to have, how does chemistry get, how much does chemistry get, how much does biology get, how much does multimedia and sciences get."

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### Athletics receives one third of student fee raise

Laura Logeman News Reporter

Of the recent \$33.25 per student raise in student fees, the athletics department received the most amount of money.

The increase was used for safe transportation recommended by the National Highway Traffic Saferniums and a required piece of equipment in the training from, "said Joni Comstock, director of athletics."

The athletics department will re-ceive \$11 of the \$33.25 raise per student this upcoming year. The athletics department had the high-est fee before the raise, according to the UNCA Web site.

Mike Gore, associate director of athletics, declined to comment when asked about the budget situa-tion. Several coaches and student athletes declined to comment as well, saying that they did not have permission from the department to discuss the budget.

Athletic Department Over Budget in 2001 Volleyball Recruiting \$ 1905 over

Seven areas within the athletics department overspent their budgets for a combined total of \$37,456.

The athletics department receives most of their funding from student fees. This year the athletics department expects to get \$1,195,725 from student fees alone, according to their 2002-03 budget.

Despite the large amount of money the athletics department receives from student fees, they have

run on a deficit budget in years past. Although the current budget does not project an overdarft of their account, the athletics department has had trouble in the past. In 1998, the athletics department overdrafted their account by \$172,674 and had an overall deficit balance of \$220,887. They received

an audir for the balance deficit, according to Steve Honeycutt, university budget officer. The athletics department had five years to correct the deficit balance. They corrected the balance before the end of the five year period, according to Honeycutt.

The athletics department paid

their deficit by the summer of 2001 by using its own savings and auxil-iary accounts from the Chancellor's iary accounts from the Chancettor's office. The department did not use any money from student fees or from the state, according to

from the state, according to Comstock. Despite the budget not having an overall deficit currently, some areas of the athletics department spend more than their allotted amount,

nore than their allotted amount, while others spend a fraction of their original budget, according to transactions made as of June 2001: In 2001, the volleybull cam spen 192 percent of their allotted budget for recruiting, or \$1,905 more than they budgeted. "Combined salaries and benefits" overspent by \$15,682. The training room followed with \$8,815 over budget and aports information with \$4,608 over budget, according to the 2001-02 budget.

budget.
Various athletics department areas spent a total of \$37,456 over their allotted funds as of June 2001.
Areas such as men's and women's

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### Enrollment rises, state funding falls

Becky Reese News Reporter

While enrollment and tuition have steadily increased at UNCA over the past 10 years, state funding for the school has steadily declined as a percentage of total revenues.

"As the economy gets worse there are more pressures on all state services, not just education," said Steve Honeycutt, university budget officer

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"You've got more people out of work, more people on unemployment. It's just a fact of life. There is more people on the pressure on the state, but the revenue coming in starts going down." In actual dollars, state appropriations have increased in the last 10 years. However, the percentage of state appropriations in the university's total revenues has decreased dramatically since the 1991-92 budget year, according to Honeycutt.

92 budget year, according to honeycutt. In 1991-92, state appropriations totaled 58 percent of UNCA's total revenue. However, in the 2001-02 fiscal year, that total dropped to 49.9 percent, less than half of UNCA's total revenues, said

UNCA's total revenues, said Honeycutt.

"The tuition and fees have gone up as far as a percent and as far as actual dollars are concerned," said Honeycutt. "So basically the students are paying more for their education.

The downturn in the economy has created the shift in revenues and funding in recent years, which began just before the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and decreased dramatically after that, according to Honeycutt.

"An economistiw-aid say that the pressure on a university is inversely proportional to the economy," said Honeycutt, "In other words, because of the downshift in the economy, the state cannot give as much money to universitiey every more people enroll due to the lack of available jobs. During bad economic times people have a tendency to stay in school because there are no jobs."

The economy were to shift into an upswing, enrollment will likely decrease, according to Honeycutt.

"It his what you will see is that fewer non-traditional students will get fewer transfers from the community college system," said Honeycutt.

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