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UNCA seniors prepare for graduation

UNCA honors victims of the Holocaust

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Approximately 590 UNCA students will graduate May 17. Commencement activities begin with a reception on the Quad at 11:55 a.m. The commencement ceremony will begin at 9:30 a.m. Frank Rhodes, professor of geological sciences and president emeritus of Cornell University, will deliver the keynote address.

UNCA will award the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters to keynote speaker, Rhodes; former N.C. Supreme Court Chief Justice Judge Henry Frye; Yolanda Moses, a cultural anthropologist and president of the American Association for Higher Education and Hugh Morton, regional conservator and owner of Grandfather Mountain, according to the UNCA Web site.

UNCA will also hold a reunion luncheon for the Classes of 1953 and 1978 in the Dining Hall following the ceremony.

Graduating seniors have begun making plans for the upcoming summer, job hunting and graduate school.

Some students, like Mary Ray, an atmospheric science major, will continue to look for jobs after graduation and through the summer. "I have no idea what I'm doing this summer, probably looking for a job," said Ray. "It's hard to get a job. We're not really in demand right now, especially in broadcast. However, my dream job is to work for WBTV in Charlotte as the weather chick."

Some graduating seniors plan to work this summer.

Holly Gillespie, a psychology major, will work at Eagle's Nest, a camp located near Brevard that provides "an alternative environment for kids," according to Gillespie.



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Sarah Grano, features editor for *The Blue Banner* in cap and gown, is flanked by *The Blue Banner* Editorial staff. Beginning clockwise from Grano: Sara Miller, Dearborn McCorkle, Matthew McCorkle, Stuart Gaines, Jason McGill, Ed Fickle and Whitney Setser.

"They're not allowed to bring TVs." They're not allowed to bring camp," said Gillespie. "They are encouraged to find a space in nature. There's a lot of camping and a lot of talk about respecting the environment and animals."

Gillespie worked at the camp last year as a cook and this year will perform the duties of head counselor of the oldest girls cabin. She will supervise 14 to 15 year olds and will

teach art classes. After the summer, Gillespie plans on spending a year with AmeriCorps.

"It's a local program that doesn't travel," said Gillespie. "I'll be tutoring and doing an after school program for the YMCA and stuff like that."

Gillespie will also spend the year applying to graduate schools and taking Graduate Record Examinations. "Trying to prepare for graduate school while finishing her senior year

"seemed like too much," according to Gillespie.

Gillespie plans on getting her doctorate in social psychology. "It's different than the whole lay-out-the-couch-and-tell-me-about-your-mother stuff."

Gillespie wants to eventually go into the teaching profession.

"My dream job? Is it cheesy if I say a professor at UNCA?" asked Gillespie. "I want to focus my efforts on teaching what we've already learned from research so that

"My education at UNCA has helped me in many ways, and I just don't mean the classroom education, but a lot of extracurricular activities. It has helped me decide what to do."

Jennifer Craddock, graduating senior psychology major

people can use it in their lives."

Jennifer Craddock, another psychology major, plans to find a summer job to help pay for graduate school this upcoming fall. Craddock interned with the Department of Student Life and participated in the Student Government Association and the Baptist Student Union.

"I'm probably going to go to graduate school next year at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville."

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Kristen Ruggeri
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In honor of Holocaust Education Week, UNCA presented numerous cultural events providing the Asheville and UNCA community with an opportunity to reflect on the Holocaust.

"It's important to remember the Holocaust and the events that led up to it so we can do our best to ensure nothing like it happens again, not to anyone," said Rick Chess, associate director of the literature and language department and director of the center for Jewish Studies.

Holocaust Education week is important to people will count their blessings and realize how lucky they are, according to Emily Atkins, a senior literature major.

Events for Holocaust Education Week began Apr. 22 and ended Apr. 29. The events were open to the Asheville community as well as students, faculty and staff members of UNCA, according to the UNCA Web site.

"This year, events include a talk by Elizabeth Snyder (professor of foreign language) on two Jewish women poets, a talk by Robert Melson on his experiences in Poland during the Holocaust and a screening of 'The Quare!' followed by a discussion led by Ken Betsalel (professor of political science)," said Chess.

The events during Holocaust Education Week attract a lot of people. The talk given by Melson, a Jewish studies expert, had an expected attendance of 125 people for his lecture on his personal experiences in Poland. Other events were expected to draw at least 20 to 50 people, according to Chess. "Speakers covered a wide range of topics including history, literature, personal experience, politics, law, theology and many more, according to Chess.

Readers announced the names of Holocaust victims in front of the library for eight hours each day from Apr. 22 to Apr. 24, according to Kim Garfield, a senior Spanish and environmental studies major.

Although many victims of the Holocaust were not Jewish, the Jewish population was, by far, the most affected by it, according to Sam Kaplan, assistant mathematics professor.

"We try not to limit the speakers to only Jewish topics," said Kaplan. "However, 12 million people died and half of them were Jewish. This has a significant effect within Judaism because that was two-thirds of the Jewish population in Europe at the time."

"This is the fourth year UNCA has conducted Holocaust Education Week, according to Kaplan.

"It seems like every year we are able to come up with ways Holocaust Education Week applies to that year," said Jacob Komisar, a senior political science major and co-president of Western North Carolina Hill, the Jewish Student Organization.

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Recording industry sues college students

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The Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) recently launched three lawsuits against college students, whose Web sites on school servers violated copyright infringement laws. The lawsuits request that the Web sites be shut down, whose seeking maximum damages of \$150,000 per song. "I feel like the amount they're suing these students for is way out of proportion," said Joshua Hollingsworth, an undeclared sophomore. "I don't really think anybody should be sued unless they're storing a lot of songs or are bringing over board."

The RIAA lawsuit targets three unidentified students from three different schools: Princeton University in New Jersey, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y., and Michigan Technological University in Houghton, Michigan, ac-

ording to *The Washington Post*. The RIAA intentionally opted to file suit rather than file a copyright complaint through the school, due to the high levels of active file swapping.

The RIAA claims that allegedly between 27,000 to 1 million songs were stolen. The RIAA discovered the sites through the school newspapers, according to *The Washington Post*.

"I think when you start archiving your media files into albums and artists as well as getting into thousands of songs, then you're definitely going overboard," said Hollingsworth. "But I don't necessarily think it's wrong to download."

Yet, United States law and members of the recording industry disagree.

"We want this infringement stopped for good," said Matthew J. Oppenheim, the RIAA's senior vice president for business and legal affairs in a *Washington Post* article. "Frankly, we are hopeful that this round of lawsuits will send a mes-



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Katie Guertin, a junior literature major, listens to samples from a CD at a local music store before making her purchase.

sage to others that they should immediately cease and desist."

The RIAA lawsuits mark the first major legal battle specifically launched at college network users, according to a CNN Web site article. File sharing remains problematic

for many college campuses, including UNCA.

"Violations are everywhere on this campus," said Kern Parker, director of the UNCA computer center. "We're not naive. File sharing is absolutely rife, just totally pervasive in RESNET (the UNCA residential internet network)."

While file sharing permeates RESNET, UNCA policies, which adhere to the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA) of 1998, prevent UNCA from taking a proactive role in seeking out copyright offenders.

Since campus residents pay for their internet services through student fees, the DMCA views UNCA as a standard internet service provider, explained Parker. As such, the recording industry cannot hold the university liable for copyright infringements committed by resident students.

However, under the DMCA "we have the obligation to be responsive to complaints by copyright owners."

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