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Adam Pollock

News Reporter

UNCA

UNCA students and faculty attended the lecture Abuse and Violence in Dating Relationships Oct. 15 in observance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The university's Women's Resource Center and the women's studies department co-sponsored the event. Author and local psychotherapist DeWeese spoke on the issues of rape on and off college campuses, warning signs of abusive relationships and the legal difficulty of sexual assault often face. DeWeese said that she speaks on college campuses "to tell people they need to speak out" on the issues of sexual assault and abusive relationships. Date rape now ranks second to petty larceny as the most committed crime in the United States, according to DeWeese. Date rape accounts for 78 percent of all rape offenses committed in the U.S.

CAMPUS CRIME

Police have arrested three people on separate occasions at the UNCA Dining Hall since the middle of October. The three individuals illegally obtained food from the university's cafeteria, according to campus police. A UNCA Campus Police officer warned that students and their guests should understand that obtaining food from the university's dining hall without payment constitutes a real and punishable crime.

Police charged Sidney Joseph with larceny and drug violations Oct. 14. Police charged a 16-year-old minor with obtaining money or property by false pretense Oct. 17. Police also charged Lindell Clewell with larceny Oct. 20.

NORTH CAROLINA

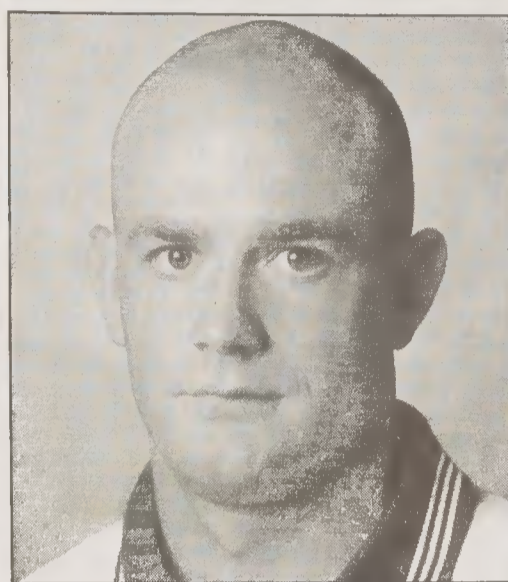
UNCA's Student Government Association will try to prevent further tuition increases at public universities in North Carolina post-secondary educational institutions by assembling personal stories of tuition-related financial hardship from each institution in the N.C. University System.

Tuition at public universities in N.C. rose by an average of 10 percent during the past year, according to the *Raleigh News and Observer*. The state's legislature has approved the increases in tuition in response to growing budget shortfalls. Many students across the state have experienced economic hardship related to the increase. Although the increase has caused some difficulty, N.C. students fared better than other students have across the nation.

Tuition rose an average of 14 percent nationwide last year. Students participating in this program by visiting www.personalstories.org.

UNITED STATES

A leaked internal memorandum by Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, dated Oct. 16, which appeared in *USA Today*, questioned the U.S.'s effectiveness in



COURTESY OF THE UNCA ATHLETICS WEB SITE

Former baseball player charged with felony

Erin Bereit
News Reporter

A UNCA graduate and former baseball player was charged with a felony act of sexual activity with a student by a teacher.

Robert Wayne Rudder, Jr., 23, allegedly had intercourse with a female student enrolled at Erwin High School where Rudder served as special-education teacher and assistant JV football coach.

"Mr. Rudder has been suspended without pay and the superintendent will recommend to the Board (of Education) that his contract be terminated," said Gerry Kovach, public relations director for Buncombe County Schools.

"The State Department of Public Instruction has also been notified of this issue and, in all probability, his certification will be revoked."

Cliff Dodson, superintendent of Buncombe County Schools, was unable to comment on the situation any further saying it was a personnel matter.

The student is not a member of Rudder's special education class. Oct. 7 marked the date of the alleged offense. The warrant was issued Oct. 20. Since his initial court hearing Oct. 21, Rudder has been waiting to go to Superior Court, accord-

ing to Sgt. George Sprinkle, detective of the criminal investigations division at the Buncombe County Sheriff's Office.

"He was released on an unsecured bond where he won't have to pay any money as long as he shows up (to court) when he is supposed to," said Sprinkle.

If he is found guilty of charges brought against him, Rudder will probably be put on probation since he has no other criminal records.

"With no record they would probably give him probation," said Sprinkle. "He would be under supervised probation for a length of time. He would be asked to do community service

for so many hours and that he not commit any crime in the state of North Carolina for so long. If he violates that probation he would go to jail."

Although the charges brought against Rudder were not for rape, a person who is a school administrator then engages in a sexual act with a student may be charged with sexual assault. Consent is not a defense, according to the law.

"It is a sexual assault but it is not rape or indecent liberties," said Sprinkle. "He was in charge of her well-being while she was in school. He was there to be a teacher, not to be her boy-

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The Fine Arts Theatre (above) kicks off the festival with the short "Alone." The Asheville Community Theatre (right) will feature the documentary "Greater Southbridge" Nov. 7 at 5:30 p.m.



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Asheville's first film festival begins

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News Reporter

The first Asheville Film Festival will feature the work of more than 50 filmmakers, including notable producer Ang Lee as well as UNCA student Hilary McVicker, with screenings in several downtown venues Nov. 6-9.

"It's going to be big," said Alison Watson, a local filmmaker who helped organize the festival with the Asheville Film Commission. "Our goal is for it to be along the lines of Cannes and Sundance."

Lee's film "One Last Ride" will make its world premiere

at the festival and compete in the features category. His other films include "The Hulk" and "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon."

"We have a coy enough downtown that filmmakers and festival goers are likely to mingle," said Anne Watkins, film producer and co-chair of the festival's acquisition committee. "We also have a very eclectic set of films."

Filmmakers will compete in four categories: features, shorts, documentaries and student films. There will also be non-competition special invitation films, including "The Cooler" which stars William H. Macy and is de-

buted in Asheville one week before it opens in New York and Los Angeles.

"Student films are not considered a big part of most festivals, but in our festival they are," said Watson. "We have some really, really good films. When I say 'good,' I mean a lot of them are just as good as the independent features that were submitted. In my experience going to film festivals, I've seen a lot of student films that just blew Cannes or Sundance winners out of the water."

McVicker is one of the 12 student filmmakers competing in the festival.

"The film is a project I did

for a directing class," said McVicker, a senior mass communications major. "It's called 'A Boy and His Camera.' It's a story about a little boy who's shy in school. His teacher gives him a camera, and he starts playing around with it and cutting up the images to change the situations in his life."

The student category includes films from schools all over the country, including New York Film Academy, University of Southern California, Academy of Art College, University of Texas at Austin and North Carolina

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Election results for Buncombe County races

Asheville City Council

Terry M. Bellamy	8,241	23.11%
Jan Davis	6,252	17.53%
Jim Ellis	5,204	14.59%
Brownie Newman	7,130	19.99%
Chris Pelly	5,380	15.09%
Rod A. Whiteside	3,365	9.44%
Write-In	90	0.25%

Total 35,662 100%

Woodfin Sanitary Water & Sewer District Trustee

Henry Chandler	618	23.78%
James Latimore	586	22.55%
Russell R. Rhodes	351	13.51%
Hugh Roberson	330	12.70%
Danny R. Tolar	270	10.39%
Write-In (Robin Cape)	444	17.08%

Total 2,599 100%

Guilford College student faces federal charges for weapons scare

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News Reporter

The Guilford College student who pointed out the lack of airport security by smuggling contraband onto planes now faces federal charges and a maximum of 10 years in prison.

"I think this was a good thing for him to do. It makes people realize security is not as good as it's made out to be," said Kimberly Worlund, a sophomore biology major at UNCA.

Federal authorities charged Nathaniel Heatwole, a junior at Guilford College, with a felony after he admitted to planting weapons aboard several Southwest Airlines (SWA) jetliners. The weapons included box cutters, bleach, strike-anywhere matches and modeling clay resembling plastic explosives, according to the CNN Web site.

More than a month passed before SWA employees found the items. Boxcutters and other items lay undetected until SWA employees found the contraband during maintenance checks Oct. 21. According to the FBI affidavit, Heatwole left the items on the planes Sept. 12 and Sept. 14, according to the CNN Web site.

Heatwole sent e-mail messages to the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), alerting them of weapons he hid along with the dates, times and flight numbers of the planes he hid them on. He also gave them his name and telephone number.

Heatwole told the TSA in the e-mail that he was aware of the consequences for his actions, but committed them as an act of civil disobedience aimed at improving the safety of aircraft passengers, according to the CNN Web site.

Heatwole now faces a difficult case, especially if he is using civil disobedience to defend himself. In fact, this may not even be a case of civil disobedience, and he could possibly go to jail, according to Volker Frank, associate professor of sociology at UNCA.

"Usually people make cases about civil disobedience if they feel something is unfair or unjust going on in society," said Frank. "Most Americans and most judges, while they don't like to take off their shoes (at the airport), they may not think it's unfair."

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