

# THE BLUE BANNER



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## NEWS BRIEFS

By Cindy Steele  
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### UNCA

A lecture entitled "The Subliminal Mind: Yogacara Buddhism and Freud" by Dr. Tao Jiang of Southern Illinois University will take place in the Red Oak conference room in Ramsey Library at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 20.

### CAMPUS CRIME

A UNCA student was arrested and charged with DWI Nov. 15. Eleven students were charged on student conduct citation for underage possession of alcohol Nov. 11 through Nov. 15.

### ASHEVILLE

Asheville Regional Airport officials are negotiating with U.S. Airways to offer two nonstop flights a day to New York's LaGuardia Airport. Continental Airlines is currently the only airline to fly nonstop from Asheville to New York. Ticket prices range from \$373 to \$663.

Police are investigating a series of shootings that have occurred in the past month at the Depot Club in downtown Asheville. Investigations have led to the arrest of one man on unrelated drug charges, but police are still looking for those responsible for gunshot injuries to two people.

### NORTH CAROLINA

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security awarded North Carolina \$7.4 million to upgrade terrorism readiness in the Charlotte region. Fifty urban areas received money during this round of funding.

"We are a terrorist target because we are America's second largest financial city," said N.C. congresswoman Sue Myrick of Charlotte. "We are the only major city in the country with two nuclear power plants within a 30-mile radius."

North Carolina's economy has suffered more than any other state since 2000, according to a report by the AFL-CIO. The report based its findings on factors such as North Carolina's increased unemployment rate and decreased median household income.

### UNITED STATES

Alabama's Chief Justice Roy S. Moore was removed from the bench Nov. 13 after a special court found that he had committed ethical breaches by defying a federal court order. Moore was suspended in August after refusing to remove the Ten Commandments from the State Supreme Court building.

"God is the basis of our law and our government," Moore testified, "I cannot and will not violate my conscience."

### WORLD

Mexico's ambassador to the United Nations was dismissed from his position after making comments criticizing U.S. policy towards his country. Adolfo Aguilar Zinser reportedly said in a speech on Monday that the United States regards Mexico as a second-class country.

## Cherokee Nation swaps land

By Adam Pollock  
 News Reporter

The U.S. Senate approved a Nov. 3 bill that included language to allow the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians to acquire a portion of land on the Blue Ridge Parkway, within the Smoky Mountains National Park.

"We feel real good about where we stand right now with the land transfer and we feel like we have a lot of good support from our friends in D.C.," said future principle chief Mitchell Hicks, according to the *Asheville Citizen-Times*.

Rep. Charles Taylor added land swap provisions to an appropriations bill for the U.S. Department of the Interior at the last moment, during negotiations between the U.S. House and Senate

over other portions of the spending bill. The bill passed with an 87-2 vote in the U.S. Senate.

The U.S. House of Representatives already approved the legislation on Sep. 23, amid intense controversy. If President Bush signs the Department of the Interior appropriations bill into law, the land swap deal can legally move forward. If it does, the trade will involve the 168-acre Ravensford tract, owned by the U.S. National Park Service, and the 218-acre Yellow Face tract, owned by the Cherokee.

Rep. Taylor said that he viewed the exchange as a "win, win situation for all parties," according to the *Asheville Citizen-Times*.

Dan Pierce, assistant professor of history at UNCA, believes that the Cherokee have probably received the best of the land swap.

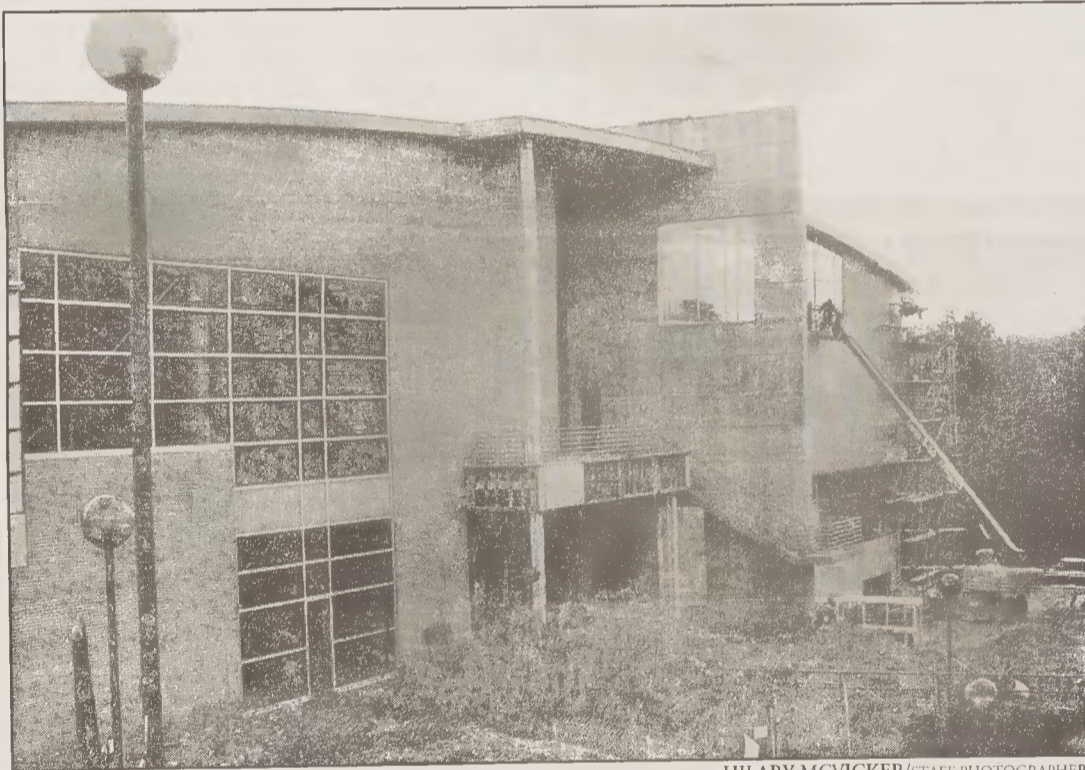
Pierce said that tribal revenues have grown in recent years due to casino gaming enterprises and he believes that this revenue could contribute to greater regional influence for the Cherokee.

"The big winners here are the Cherokee," said Pierce. "This has demonstrated a really important change in terms of the growing political power of the Cherokee."

The Cherokee want to relocate all of their schools to the Ravensford area. They also want to build six athletic fields and two parking lots on the land, according to the *Asheville Citizen-Times*.

Despite Rep. Taylor's recent successes regarding the land swap, many criticize his decision to insert the land swap provisions into other legislation at the last minute.

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Upcoming electrical work, as well as Highsmith Center (above), is part of recent construction efforts.

## Campus schedules blackout

### Power upgrade accompanies continued Highsmith work

By Ryan Sniatecki  
 News Reporter

Maintenance staff will cut power to the campus Nov. 28 in order to complete a major electrical upgrade that may prevent campus-wide blackouts and save the university money.

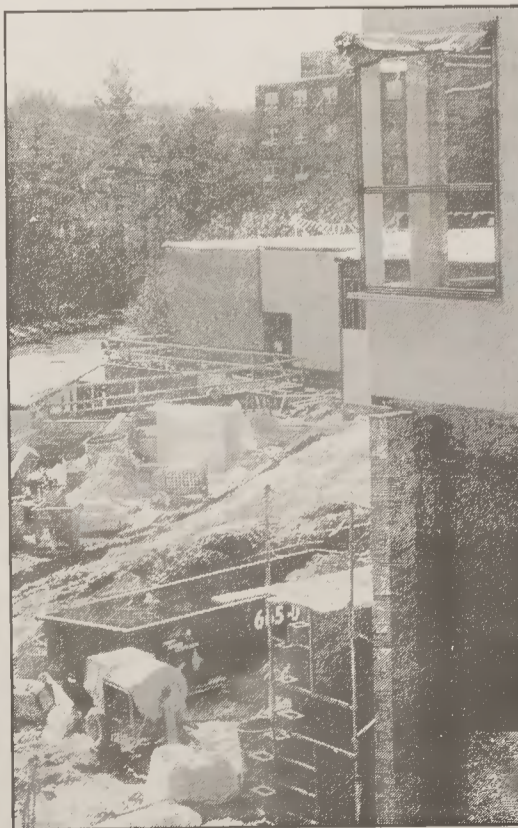
The outage is the third phase in a campus-wide electrical upgrade that began three years ago with funds from the Higher Education Improvement Bond passed in 2000.

The university will upgrade the point of delivery (POD) that connects the campus with the power grid, install new software that can monitor power usage across campus, and make it possible to avoid campus-wide blackouts in the future.

"The system that we had was entirely antiquated, and based on its configuration and its old style of providing power to this campus. Squirrels could cause a complete power outage across campus," said Peter Nielsen, director of design and construction. "We now have the ability to reroute electricity on campus. (We can) keep power on all our other facilities without interrupting everybody else's service."

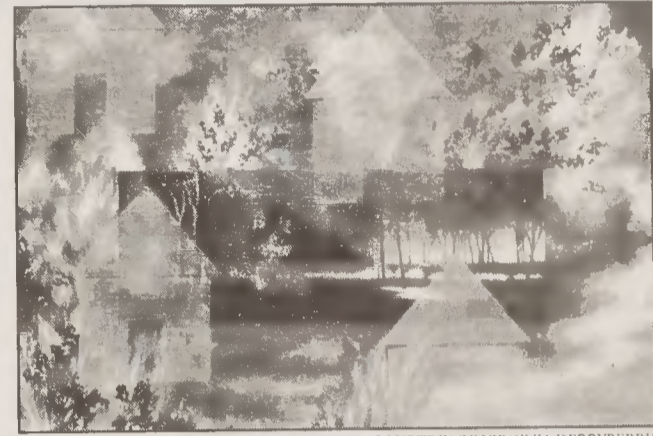
The physical plant informed faculty and staff of the impending outage in order to prepare sensitive equipment. The plant can't send mass e-mails to students, but the message is being sent through

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The Founders Hall side of Highsmith indicates the months of work still ahead, as UNCA prepares for a blackout to upgrade electrical systems.



COURTESY OF VIRGINIA DERRBERRY

Virginia Derrberry's painting, "Wilderness."

## UNCA art professor takes conference prize

By Suzanne Aubel  
 News Reporter

A UNCA professor and four colleagues took home one of the top prizes at the Southeastern College Art Conference in Raleigh Oct. 29 through Nov. 1.

"It was very exciting," said Virginia Derrberry, associate professor of painting and drawing at UNCA. "I didn't find out (we won) until the next day because I didn't come until Friday and the awards were given out Thursday night. People kept coming up to me and saying 'It really was a good catalog,' and I thought 'Thanks,' then I found out that we had won."

The prize was for Outstanding Exhibition and Catalog of Contemporary Materials for their exhibition entitled "Convergence." The exhibition was created by Derrberry and four other women artists in 2001 and has been traveling around to galleries, museums and universities for about a year.

"We (the artists involved) were in a panel presentation two years ago at the same conference," said Derrberry. "We were called together because they thought there were common denominators in our work. Usually you talk about your own work, but in that particular panel we were asked to talk about everybody else's work. So, the way that came together was intriguing and after the panel was over we got together and said 'Maybe we should do a show.'"

The show features several pieces from each artist, and the catalog highlights some of the pieces and provides in-depth information about each of the artists. The exhibition is an eclectic mix since three of the women work in sculpture and the other two, including Derrberry, are painters. However, it hints at a common interest or coming together, according to the catalog introduction written by UNCA professor Ginger Spivey.

"Convergence brings together five artists, all women with established careers working in different media and finding different methods to



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Professor Virginia Derrberry

express their individual concerns and artistic interests," wrote Spivey.

Derrberry has known a couple of the other artists for close to 20 years, and the other women knew each other from graduate school. The group has formed a close friendship over the years. That friendship

became the basis for the show, according to Derrberry.

"I think the central theme was more (about) their friendship and that they were educators and they had made art all their lives," said Cindy Walton, a BFA student who went to see the exhibition with Derrberry's advanced art class. "I felt it was very much about art in the sense of making things versus conceptual or installation-type pieces."

The paintings that Derrberry submitted to the exhibition are all large-scale oil on canvas works that she created about a year and a half ago. Several of them were featured in a separate exhibition that was shown in Owen Hall.

"They deal with fire and water, and more specifically destructive, chaotic events in nature such as forest fires and floods and things like that," said Derrberry. "In the images there are scenes of things burning, but there are also insets and these are more serene places. My work has always been about duality and extremes."

Derrberry's more recent work has moved in a more simple direction, but she feels that the complexity of those pieces was appropriate for "Convergence."

"It worked out that those particular works fit with everything else," said Derrberry.

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