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## NEWS BRIEFS

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### CAMPUS CRIME

An argument between two students in the Dining Hall resulted in a simple physical assault March 19.

Two kids in a karate class broke one of the glass display cases in Owen hall March 20.

A student received a state citation for running three stop signs on campus March 21. The passenger side mirror was ripped of a housekeeping staff's car March 22.

### UNCA

Independent Presidential Candidate Ralph Nader delivers his public address Friday, March 26 at 12:30 in the Justice Center. UNCA's chapter of Amnesty International sponsored this event, which is free and open to the public.

UNCA and N.C. State announced March 22 the establishment of a new Joint Undergraduate Degree Program in Mechatronics. The program begins Fall 2004. Graduates will obtain a degree from both institutions.

### CHAPEL HILL

UNC system leaders raised tuition March 19 in order to maintain the quality of education. They said state funding cuts resulted in larger classes, fewer numbers of classes offered and a greater reliance on low-paid, part-time professors, according to the Associated Press.

A 2000 bond referendum financed \$2.5 billion for universities and \$600 million for community colleges for buildings. New libraries, dormitories and science buildings are emerging from Cullowhee to Chapel Hill.

By summer, the UNC system will spend \$70 million a month on construction. University leaders said the expansion is necessary to accommodate for the growth in the college-age population. In the past three years, the UNC system has grown by 20,000 students.

### BOTHEL, Wash.

A jury of 13 pastors acquitted a lesbian Methodist pastor, Karen Dammann, in a church trial over her sexual orientation. Dammann will be allowed to continue as a minister, according to the Associated Press.

The church's "Book of Discipline" states that homosexuality is "incompatible with Christian teachings." However, the church's principles encourage gay rights and liberties. This is the first trial against a homosexual Methodist pastor since 1987, in which the credentials of Rev. Rose Mary Denman of New Hampshire were annulled.

"We realize that the church is divided regarding issues related to homosexuality," said the jury in its statement in a CNN article. "We, the Trial Court, are far from unanimous regarding biblical and theological understandings."

### TAIWAN

President Chen Shui-bian of Taiwan won a second term in office March 20. The opposing party,

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## Campus Police officer dies at 61

BY TERRI FISHER  
Staff Reporter

Campus Police dispatcher Carol Jane Kimbrough died at the age of 61 March 3.

"Not only did she work here, but she was a good friend," said Carol Frisbee, Campus Police dispatch trainer. "She enjoyed working here with the students. She was set in her ways, but she'd come in here and do her job and she was always here. That's why I was worried when she didn't come in for her shift."

Kimbrough never showed up for her shift March 3. Her family believes Kimbrough died in her sleep. Kimbrough had a history of heart problems and therefore her family de-

cidated not to do an autopsy. They figured her death was heart-related, according to Frisbee.

"She had had a quadruple-by-pass heart surgery two years ago," said Tammy Justice, Carol Kimbrough's daughter-in-law and UNCA house-keeping administrator. "She continually had some problems with that."

Kimbrough is the third Campus Police employee to die since Sept. 2003.

"(Campus Police Department) is your family, and when something like this happens, the whole department is

there for you," said Frisbee.

Kimbrough survived three children and nine grandchildren. Her husband, William Clyde Kimbrough, passed away in 1999.

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Kimbrough's funeral took place at the Western North Carolina State Veterans Cemetery March 8. The Reverend Arnold Vess, Kimbrough's son's father-in-law is also her preacher and

performed the ceremony at 2 p.m. Kimbrough attended Fletcher House of Prayer.

Clyde Kimbrough served in the Vietnam War, in the Navy and is there-

fore buried in the state's veterans cemetery. It is customary in veteran funerals for the wife to be buried above her husband if he passes before her.

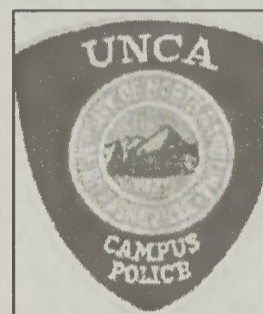
"The last Friday night we sat here, we talked about our families and our children. She missed her husband," said Frisbee. "She has not been happy since Clyde, her husband, died."

"(Kimbrough) has six grand children under the age of nine, so she spent a lot of time with her grandkids," said Justice.

All of Kimbrough's three children live in Asheville. They are grown and married. She has two sisters who live in West Virginia and Ohio. Kimbrough was born in West Virginia and raised in Tennessee, where her family worked in the coal mining industry.



Carol Jane Kimbrough, dispatcher for Campus Police, died March 3.



## UNCA and community team up

BY AMANDA EDWARDS  
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Student organizations teaming up with groups in the Asheville community will present UNCA's inaugural Community First Festival March 27 on the quad.

"We want people to come out to the Community First Festival because it's a unique opportunity to see what UNCA is all about and to see us working with the Asheville community," said Sean McDonald, senior ethics and social institutions major and coordinator of the event.

"We want to create long-lasting and productive partnerships with community organizations."

Nineteen student organizations are involved with the festival. Along with groups and businesses in the community, they are responsible for the wide variety of music, games and food that will be provided.

"We have about one-third of our student organizations active in what's going on, and that's a great feeling," said McDonald.

"We were able to pull that many people together and the folks are so willing to work together. It's not always easy to be involved in a big project like this."



UNCA presents the Community First festival March 27 on the quad.

The festival uses a unique approach since student organizations are paired with community organizations to put together their activities.

Domestic crisis services provider Helpmate is working with Gamma Phi Beta, and Alliance is working with gay-friendly services provider The Rainbow Wedding Network, according to McDonald.

"It sounds like a great way to get the community together and represent our organizations," said Juila Henson, senior psychology major.

The festival will have four musical acts ranging from hip-hop to the on-campus a cappella group, All Girls Staff.

"We talk a lot about diversity on this campus and one of the best ways to experience diversity is to work with people who are different than you and to do something productive rather than just being in the same room with them," said McDonald.

"If you actually work together and create something together, you learn a lot more about each other."

The UNCA branch of Amnesty International, a group that advocates the protection of human rights, will have a booth with 10,000 Villages, an organization that will sell crafts and goods from around the world.

They will also have a foosball tournament for fun, according to Courtney Modlin, senior environmental science major and Amnesty International member.

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## Human Race benefits non-profits

BY CHRIS CANTOS  
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UNCA will host the Human Race, an event sponsored by the Asheville-Buncombe County United Way to raise funds for local non-profit organizations March 27, according to John Bucher, interim recreation director.

"I think hosting events like this is good for UNCA," said Bucher. "It helps us make connections in the community and gives UNCA the chance to give its support by allowing the race to take place on campus."

The Human Race gives area non-profit organizations the ability to raise money while emphasizing health and the community, according to a Human Race press release.

"(The Human Race) gives (non-profits) the chance to participate in a large event with a lot of exposure and raise some money," said Bucher.

"They don't have to do any of the logistical work, or any of the marketing and promotions. All they have to do is go find people who want to participate and want to give money."

Any non-profit organization may sign up to obtain donations through the event. Non-profits must be a 501c3, school, civic club or faith community to join, according to Robin C. Payne, United Way Volunteer Center associate.

"The neat thing about the Human Race is no matter what the non-profit, you can participate in this race," said Bucher. "I think that's what makes this event special. Any non-profit can get involved, no matter how large or small their orga-

nization is."

Non-profits that want to participate in the event recruit supporters to raise donations for their particular organization. These participants use a collection form to gather money from people who will sponsor them in running or walking in the race, according to the press release.

"Those groups that want to participate send their members and their supporters to walk or run in the race. Their donations will go to the non-profit that they choose," said Bucher.

Any individual may participate in the Human Race, even if not affiliated with a group or other organization. The participant does not even need to run, walk, or roll in the race. The individual will simply designate one of the non-profit organizations for the contributions that person donates, according to Dawn Woodring, United Way marketing associate.

"Someone could say something like, 'Here's 20 dollars. I want it to go to the animal shelter,'" said Bucher.

Participating organizations receive 75 percent of the money collected through the event. The Volunteer Center receives the remaining funds to organize the event and to continue to mobilize volunteers in assisting in community needs, according to Payne.

"The Volunteer Center takes a small percentage of the fees to go towards the administrative purposes and for brochures and things of that sort," said Bucher.

Although the United

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Protesters gathered on the quad before moving the rally to Asheville City County Plaza. They held up signs as various peace advocates spoke about current national issues. Police arrested seven participants on their march from UNCA to downtown Asheville.

## More protests lead to more arrests

BY LAUREN ABE  
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On the one-year anniversary of the War in Iraq, hundreds of people in Asheville protested against it at the City/County Plaza March 20.

The protest began as a peace rally on the quad at UNCA.

Students for Democracy and Peace organized the rally. The local chapter of Veterans for Peace and the Western North Carolina Peace Coalition, among other groups, sponsored the rally.

A march from the City/County Plaza to the corner of Hilliard and Lexington Avenues followed the rally.

Although the protestors had permission to rally on campus, they did not

have permission to march downtown.

Police say they warned the protestors repeatedly to get out of the road. After the protestors refused, police took several into custody.

The protestors that made it downtown assembled around a red and white billboard which listed the names of local men and women killed during the war on one side and the number of war casualties on the other side.