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11:15 p.m. local time and lasted about three minutes.

The center advised people within 600 miles of the epicenter to move to higher ground. As of afternoon of March 28, Eastern Standard Time, there were no reports of any casualties.

The U.S. State Department alerted all of its posts in the region.

The Red Cross waits for more information before beginning a new relief effort.

The quake was most likely an

after-shock from the first one that occurred Dec. 26, 2004, according to Russ Evans, seismologist from the British Geological Survey.

The Dec. 26 tsunami devastated the same region, and relief efforts from it are still under way.

Pope John Paul II currently relies on a feeding tube for nutrition. A spokesman for the pope said the tube is only for nutritional purposes to increase calorie intake.



PHOTO COURTESY OF UNCA PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE
Congressman Taylor, presents the \$1 million check to Chancellor James Mullen and PARI President Don Cline.

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toward younger students.

"I developed some physics labs for middle school and high school students and worked on their Website a little bit," said Nicholson.

"I also worked on this thing called Science Zone, which is like a Lego robot that pulls in and out different lenses to make telescopes and microscopes."

Certain students in grades eight through 12 can also work with teachers in a project that involves actual student remote control of the facility's telescopes.

Students can manipulate the 26-meter radio telescopes from a computer mouse while viewing its movements through a monitor screen, according to Dennison.

"Four times a year, they have teachers come in and teach them how to do it. Then the teachers go back to the schools and organize projects," said Dennison.

"So, you just log on to the Web site and then you can control the telescope."

One aspect of the telescope's less-than-typical appearance

owes to its status as a relic of the Cold War. Facilities at PARI served as a Cold War era listening post before researchers converted it to an astronomical research institute, according to Dennison.

"It has a smile painted on it," said Dennison. "During the Cold War, they pretty well knew the Russians would fly over in a satellite every day and take a picture, so they had a smiley face painted on it."

Increased funding for PARI and PARSEC will also mean more time for sophisticated, time-consuming projects. Dennison plans to study deep-space objects, such as quasars. Light emitted from these sources reveal some of the earliest moments of the universe's history.

"They're so far away that it's taken billions of years for the radio waves to get here, so you're seeing it the way it looked billions of years ago," said Dennison.

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take place, it will enable more students to study without traveling to universities farther away.

"I think that people in Asheville would like to have availability to graduate programs without necessarily having to relocate," said McClellan. "That doesn't mean we can offer a graduate program for two people, but we're trying to assess the needs. I think it's a very exciting opportunity for people to get a graduate degree."

This program is a better way for the people who take two or three days taking classes somewhere three hours away, according to McClellan.

"They're trying to juggle a job and family here," said McClellan. "This is a better way, because not everyone can just relocate, especially people who are not traditional age students who have decided to go back to school."

Western Carolina University offered graduate programs on UNCA campus since 1975. UNCA and WCU work together to provide these opportunities through sharing equipment and

space, according to the Patsy Miller, director of WCU programs in Asheville.

"UNCA has been a gracious host to our programs here. We have a nice facility, great classrooms and an excellent working relationship with the people here at UNCA," said Miller.

"They assign classrooms and make sure we have equipment. We share that equipment. It's a nice sharing relationship. I look forward to working with the new director of the graduate center. I see that the university system wants to grow graduate programs. We welcome that."

The shift of the administration will not cost the university anything and may actually bring in some money later on. Administrators have not yet met to discuss the situation further, according to Locke.

"The cost of the graduate center is established by each of the participating institutions," said Locke. "The money that they now pay directly to the graduate center and is maintained exclusively here will be collected by UNCA."

Pilgrimages exhibit diversity at UNCA

by Jamie Ellingsen
Staff Reporter

The Center for Diversity Education brings culture and connection to religion to UNCA through a series of lectures about pilgrimages from community members, faculty and students.

"When I think about pilgrimage, I think of it in three facets," said Rick Chess, literature and language professor.

The intention for making a pilgrimage, the experiences one has during a pilgrimage, and the ultimate effect a pilgrimage has on the individual define the religious journey, according to Chess.

The lecture series also features a gallery exhibit. The program runs from Feb. 22 to April 22 in the Highsmith University Union, covering five different religious viewpoints.

This program illustrates for each religion the three facets of a religious journey according to Chess.

The series began with Rae Hearne. Hearne discussed her journey on the Camino de Santiago, an ancient road in Northern Spain. Her lecture, "Pilgrimage of Peace on the Camino de Santiago," depicted the perspective of Catholicism, according to Deborah Miles, director of the diversity center.

The series continued with Reverend Frank Canero, who discussed his view of major pilgrimages all across the world, according to Miles.

Peter and Jasmin Gentling presented "Pilgrimage to Shikoku," a Buddhist journey to a Japanese island, according to Miles.

The lectures also featured speakers from campus. Chess and sophomore psychology student Jenna Gold spoke of their pilgrimages to Jerusalem and how their journeys enriched their lives as Jews.

"My going there (Israel) was about discovering something inside of me that connects my life with Jews around the world," said Gold.

"And it was about finding out my link to the history of Israel and the Jewish people and my obligations to the future. I discovered something that explained to me my life as a Jew."

Birthright, a program which offers a 10-day visit to Israel free of cost to Jewish people between the ages of 18 and 26, was Gold's catalyst to make her pilgrimage.

Gold said she felt safe and at ease in Israel, something she has yet to experience in the United States.

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thing," said Chess. "We can be many different people at the same time."

He added that he considers himself to be a Jew first and an American second, supporting his previous claim of having a true home in Israel.

"I was a different person by the time I came home," said Chess, reflecting on his first trip to Israel.

He changed from a college graduate who knew little about the Jewish tradition or Israel, to someone who felt more comfortable outside his native country.

Gold said she is trying to figure how all of her experiences will impact her life here, what Chess described as the third facet of a pilgrimage. Her experiences changed her life and revealed new meaning to being a Jew.

"It is impossible for me to sum up the experience I had in Israel," said Gold. "It was just a very powerful thing."

"My life totally changed from the inside out as a result of those three years that I lived in Israel"

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literature and language professor

The last lecture of the series will be held April 5. Dr. Khalid Bashir will speak about the Muslim tradition of making Hajj to Mecca, Saudi Arabia. For more information, call UNC Asheville's Center for Diversity Education at 828/232-5024.



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Campus Transportation Forum
Presented by Campus Operations
Friday, April 1
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Red Oak Rm & Whitman Rm., Library

Forums will discuss biking enforcement, permit fees, transit, lot designation, freshman parking, carpooling, pedestrian access, new planning projects and more.



Weekly Forecast: March 31 - April 6



Today: Partly cloudy, rain late with scattered thunderstorms, high 70



Friday: Rain and thunderstorms, low 49, high 62



Monday: Partly cloudy, low 42, high 68



Saturday: Mostly cloudy, rain ending early, low 44, high 55



Tuesday: Partly cloudy, low 43, high 69



Sunday: Partly cloudy, low 36, high 64



Wednesday: Partly cloudy, low 45, high 63

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