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NEWS BRIEFS

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Campus Crime
Campus Police escorted Marshall Mason IV off campus April 8 after discovering drug paraphernalia.

Campus Police responded to a call from a night assistant who noticed a man asleep in the Mills Hall computer lab. After awakening the man, Campus Police reported that they noticed a bulge in Mason's pocket, leading to a search of Mason.

The search led to the discovery of a glass pipe with marijuana residue in it. Further searching revealed six more glass pipes.

After banning Mason from campus April 8, Campus Police found the 21-year-old from Durham outside the Dining Hall on April 14.

Officer on duty, Doug Green, reported that he saw Mason stuffing items into his backpack. The officer arrested Mason for trespassing. Green transported Mason to Buncombe County Detention Center.

Local
The first person in the United States to undergo a newly approved procedure to repair aortic aneurysm resides in Etowah, N.C. Malcom Langston, 72, received the procedure just two hours after the Food and Drug Administration gave its approval March 24. The procedure is less invasive than traditional surgery and lasts only two hours.

Langston spent three days recovering in Charlottesville hospital before returning to his home. Langston said he is ready to return to his part-time job at the Etowah Ingles and feels as he did before having the procedure.

State
North Carolina media groups followed the passing of state public record bills over the past few weeks.

The recently-passed public record bills takes large chunks out of the public's right to know information, according to John Bussian, lobbyist for the North Carolina Press Association.

Public record law secures the press and general public's rights to access public documents and records without question or unnecessary delay. Recent legislation redefined public record. One such change to the definition is preliminary research performed in the UNC system. Some faculty members have voiced concerns that their work may be stolen and published by someone else. With the new bill, this research is not public record until an opportunity for publication, patent protection or presentation in academic forum occurs.

Eric Rudolph pled guilty to four separate incidents of bombings April 14. The attacks included the 1996 Olympics, an abortion clinic in 1997, a gay club in 1997, and an Alabama clinic in 1998. Rudolph's bombings killed two people and injured 150.

Rudolph gave his pleas in

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Chancellor Mullen says farewell to UNCA

by Sarah Schmidt
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In a parting interview, Chancellor James Mullen discussed his accomplishments at UNCA and his thoughts on the direction of the university in the future.

As Chancellor of UNCA, what are your major duties?

I function in effect as the campus president. There's a president of the university system, and then each of the 16 campuses has a chancellor who is the chief administrative officer of that campus, who reports to the university president, the Board of Trustees and also the Board of Governors.

How long have you served at UNCA?
As amazing as it is to think about, it'll be six years in May. It has been a wonderful experience for me and for my family. It's been a real privilege, a highlight of my life—not just my professional life, but in my life—in that I've had a chance to meet so many wonderful people.

How did you first learn about UNCA, before you became Chancellor?

Well, there was a search process, similar to the one that is going on right now. I was lucky enough to be identified through that process, have a chance to come here and visit with the search committee and the campus community. It didn't take me but a couple of minutes to realize not only what a special place Asheville is, but what an extraordinary liberal arts environment UNCA is.

Where did you live and work before coming to UNCA?

Before UNCA, I went to the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass., where I was an undergraduate majoring in history. I did my master's degree in Kennedy School at Harvard in public policy, and my doctorate at the University of Massachusetts in higher education. I had been in administration as senior vice president in Trinity College at Harvard, and also, early in my career, I was president of a community college in Massachusetts. Wherever I have been, I have tried not only to be an administrator, but someone who connects into the community and the academic cultural life of the campus.



SHERRY DALE/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Chancellor Jim Mullen will leave UNCA in July to work for the College of Our Lady of the Elms, where he will also serve as chancellor.

Looking back on the six years that you have spent here, what is the accomplishment that you are most proud of, or has had the greatest effect?

I don't look at any accomplishment here as being something that I did. I think during my time here, I became very proud of the connections we've built with the communi-

ty beyond the campus, the partnerships, the sense of connection that we have built between the life on this campus and the cultural and economic life of the city and region beyond us. I'm very, very proud of this campus for in many ways creating a paradigm of liberal arts education that reaches out beyond the campus. I'm also proud of the kind of people that we have coming to UNCA as faculty and administration. I think it builds on a proud tradition. I'm finally most proud and honored by the relationship I've had with the students. The students here have really been my inspiration from day one. They have been like family.

Where will you be going now?

I'm going home, in a sense, to Massachusetts at the College of Our Lady of the Elms. I wasn't looking for another presidency. I, like many in this arena, found that one is dominated from presidencies, and I really had decided not to pursue any more. But, when one receives a call from their hometown, particularly when it's rooted in their faith, it becomes hard to say no. The Elms College is very much like UNCA. It's smaller, but it's grounded in the liberal-arts tradition. It's about giving opportunity to young people to reach their full potential, and I'm very excited about that. I also feel great emotional attachment to all of you, and I hope that the students and the faculty know how very much my family and I appreciate everything that has been done to make us feel at home here, and how much affection we genuinely feel for people here.

What do you hope to accomplish at the College of Our Lady of the Elms?

I hope the accomplishments are similar. It's a great place, and I hope that I can carry the message of how great a place it is to the world around us. I hope that I can be a part of inspiring every student out there to know how special they are, and the potential they hold in their lives, and to doing what college presidents do. Identifying and securing resources to strengthen programs and building those connections to the community just as we've done here. I think too many colleges around the country are insular and try to be islands, and that's not right.

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Dumpster Diving provides dirty fun at Greenfest

by Maribeth Kiser
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UNCA promotes environmental consciousness and conservationism throughout spring semester with a variety of activities focusing on campus and community environments.

Students and faculty volunteered their time for the annual, week-long Greenfest April 4 to April 8. Greenfest offers a number of projects that get campus members involved in cleaning up UNCA.

"Students get a chance to work with the facilities on campus," said Liz Wilcox, junior environmental science student. "People do landscaping or pick up trash. It depends on what the facilities need them to do."

The physical plant, trash pick-up and landscaping crew make up the facilities on campus for which students volunteered.

"It gives students a chance to get involved with their campus and make it better looking," said Wilcox.

During the weeklong celebra-

tion, students participated in environmental activities to make the campus more sustainable.

"We collected the trash from the academic buildings and dorms and calculated the amount that could have been recycled," said Wilcox.

During the Dumpster Dive, Greenfest volunteers collected and weighed trash from all dormitories and Rhoades-Robinson Hall. They found 41.9 percent of trash in Founders Hall recyclable and 52.4 percent of Mills Hall trash recyclable, according to Wilcox.

In addition to the campus Dumpster Dive, volunteers displayed hybrid cars on the quad to promote a more environmentally sound vehicle.

"The cars had labels with statistics on miles to the gallon and alternative fuel sources the car could use," said Laura Walton, senior psychology student.

Residents, students and teachers donated their hybrid vehicles to display. Land of Sky Regional Council also helped lend cars for the event.

"Blue Ridge Bio-Fuels also donated a bio-diesel car that runs



PHOTO COURTESY OF LIZ WILCOX

Students and campus facility employees collect garbage from dorms and academic buildings during Greenfest's Dumpster Dive to calculate the amount of recyclable trash.

on vegetable oil," said James Wood, senior environmental science student. "Blue Ridge also helps develop cars for people that run off vegetable oil."

Greenfest is just one of the many activities students can participate in this spring. Beginning Friday, community members will celebrate the 15th anniversary of

Strive Not to Drive, a week-long event encouraging people to avoid driving their cars.

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