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Founders Day celebration today

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This year Founders Day will allow students to celebrate their school's history and the people who influenced it.

"It is a day to celebrate all of the men and women who have made UNC-Asheville one of the nation's great liberal arts colleges," said Kevan Frazier, Director of Student Activities.

Founders Day will be celebrated Thursday and will include activities such as the Founders Day Dinner and the State of the University Address.

Some students say there is not enough publicity leading up to the event.

"I would really appreciate it if we knew about Founders Day so that we could appreciate our founders," said Aarika Converse, a sophomore literature student.

Converse said she did not attend Founders Day last year because she was not aware there was one and has not heard any information about this year's celebration either.

In fact, Converse is not quite sure she even knows what Founders Day commemorates.

"I'm guessing it's a celebration of the people who founded our school. Or who founded the United States of America," Converse said.

Founders Day commemorates both Sept. 12, 1927, the school's founding as Buncombe County Junior College, and July 1, 1969, the day the school joined the UNC system.

"Founders Day is also about recognizing that the success we have today is because of the hard work of those who came before us and realizing that our support of the University, now and for years to come, will lead to its success in the future," Frazier said.

This year, the University's sixth chancellor, Anne Ponder, will be giving her first State of the University Address.

The address will take place during the Founders Day Celebration at 12:15 p.m. in Lipinsky Auditorium.

"It is exciting that her first address to the university as our new chancellor will occur on Founders Day this year," Frazier said.

In addition to the chancellor's address, the celebration will include recognition of the recipients of National Alumni Awards University Awards and Athletics Hall of Fame Inductees.

"There will also be a brief address by one of the award recipients, Brian Byrd," Frazier said.

After the Founders Day Celebration, cupcakes will be available on the Quad at 6:30 the school will hold the Founders Day Dinner, available only by invitation.

"The National Alumni Awards and Athletics Hall of Fame are actually presented and all of the recipients make brief speeches," Frazier said.

According to Converse, she has found one piece of intriguing information that has her excited about this year's Founder's Day celebration.

"Most definitely the cupcakes," Converse said.

Many departments play a part in organizing Founders Day.

"Founders Day is coordinated by the Office of the Chancellor, the Division of Alumni and Development and the Department of Athletics. Numerous other offices also have a role," Frazier said.

Peeping Tom keeps Village residents on alert

By Shannon Roberts
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Reports of a "peeping Tom" in Governor's Village have students concerned for their safety, and some questioning the handling of the situation by campus police.

"I don't think they realize how serious this is," said Lia Mandelbaum, sophomore student. "At this point, if I was them, I would just be more aggressive."

Police detained three students near the Governor's Hall bus stop on Sept. 15 at approximately 9 p.m. According to police, a resident of Governor's Village identified one of these students, Edmund McEntyre, as the peeping Tom.

Mai Xiong, senior French and political science student, one of the students police detained, said she did not believe the identification was accurate.

"I've known him for a long time," Xiong said. "We spend a lot of time together."

According to Xiong, Officer Douglas Green was extremely disrespectful to her during the incident.

"He consistently told me to keep my mouth shut," Xiong said. "He also did hand gestures mimicking my mouth. Perhaps my English wasn't good enough."

Xiong said McEntyre was taken for questioning, but released later that night. According to police, there was not enough evidence to hold McEntyre.

Meanwhile, Governor's Village residents remain concerned.

"I would have to say since August, I don't feel safe in my room," Mandelbaum said. "I feel more on edge."

Some students have expressed concern that campus police are out of touch with the situation.

"I believe that they're trying to help," said Gregory Bliss, senior multimedia arts and sciences student. "They just don't seem to know what's going on."

Several Village residents have reported a male peering into their room at night.

"I look over, and there's this



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Governors Village residents have been more aware recently due to the incoming reports of a "peeping Tom."

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NICOLE DAVIS
freshman student

guy standing as clear as day," said one Village resident who wishes to remain anonymous. "He must have been watching me."

Campus police gave affected residents some safety tips for preventing peeping toms.

"They told me to open the window, instead of from the bottom, from the top down, and close my blinds" said Mandelbaum. "They told me they were going to do rounds."

Some students expressed dissatisfaction that they have not been informed of the situation.

"They really should have let us know about it, especially if it's been going on this long," said Nicole Davis, freshman student.

Students are aware of the limitations of campus police, but still feel that something more should be done.

"I know that they've only got so many men working there, and I know that they've got other duties on campus," Davis said. "But the Village is right there near the police station."

Increased patrols might increase residents sense of security, Davis said.

Governor's Village Resident Assistant have not been informed of the situation.

"I've never heard a thing about it," said one Village R.A. According to this R.A., it seemed odd that he was not notified of a potential safety issue.

According to police, several reports from Governor's Village residents have been received, dating back to August. The matter is still under investigation.



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Student organization aims to stem global AIDS crisis

By Anna Lee
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UNCA students recently started a campus chapter of the Student Global AIDS Campaign (SGAC), a national student movement to advocates for solving the global AIDS epidemic.

"It is the largest pandemic in the world," said John Stephens, sophomore literature student and one of the original founders of UNCA's SGAC. "The bubonic plague pales in comparison to the number of people who are dying of HIV or AIDS."

UNCA's chapter of SGAC primarily focuses on fundraising and advocacy for children orphaned as a result of AIDS.

"You can't argue with children, and they're infants," Stephens said. "The world has a responsibility to them and to acknowledge what's happening to them and the devastating reality of HIV and AIDS."

Stephens and Ben Cox, sophomore literature student, initiated SGAC after a trip to Kenya with an educational program by the Amani Children's Foundation, a Winston-Salem-based organization that supports orphanages in Kenya.

"In 2010, there are going to be 20 million orphans from HIV or AIDS in Africa alone," Stephens said. "When people say, 'It's too big, it's too late, Why didn't someone do something earlier?' Hopefully we're going to be able to say we were trying, we did do what we could."

SGAC has 85 chapters on campuses across the country.

"Wake Forest is being active now; UNC Chapel Hill is being active now; Elon University is being active now, High Point University is being active now, and UNCA

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Stephens and Cox, along with sophomore student Tracy Bradel, have hosted three SGAC meetings since the start of the semester. The first two were informational.

"We're getting people aware, and we're informing people about the issue, and making people think about it," Cox said. "We have only a matter of time before it becomes much more than a third world issue."

Some students at the third meeting were making jewelry out of Kisuri beads made by HIV-positive women in Kenya and bought by the Amani Foundation. UNCA students will then sell the jewelry and send the money to an orphanage in Kenya.

SGAC is also planning a music event.

"We're going to get a couple of bands, and we're going to raise awareness, try to raise the funds, display the jewelry, get more people involved and just have a good time, kind of like the Live 8," Dradel said.

SGAC hopes to raise campus awareness



Junior students, Ben Cox, left, Andrew Eckenrode, and John Stephens sit and discuss topics that concern the new student organization.

by joining the campaign.

"We've got documentaries, speakers and ideas for campus workshops," Cox said. "We're going to set up tables out on the quad and just do open forums."

These workshops will encompass various topics related to AIDS, according to Stephens.

"One of the issues would be stigma, one would be how HIV and AIDS specifically affects orphans, one would be how HIV or AIDS specifically affects women, one would be international politics and policy, one would be treatment, medicine and care, one would be about cultural AIDS and how AIDS is a culture in itself and can be stud-

ied that way in some interesting sense," Stephens said.

About 60 people showed up for the first two meetings, according to Dradel.

"A lot of people are seeing that we need to do something about it. I think this is really cool because people are finally having an opportunity to do something," Dradel said.

Students at Harvard University and the Kennedy School of Government founded the original SGAC organization in February 2001. More than 4,000 students attended the Student March against AIDS in Washington, D.C., on Feb. 26, 2005. It was the largest mobilization in HIV and AIDS history, according to the SGAC Web site.