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Campus community greets new chancellor

By Rebecca Taylor
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UNCA faculty and students expressed hopes that Chancellor Anne Ponder is the best fit for the developing university. Ponder officially took her post as UNCA's Chancellor on Oct. 1. She was named chancellor May 12 after Jim Mullen decided to step down from his position as Chancellor of UNCA. Ponder served as president of Colby Sawyer College in New Hampshire and as acting dean at Guilford College in North Carolina. "I think she is going to really try



Anne Ponder
Chancellor

to make a difference," said Ellen Perry, Assistant Director of Advising and Registration Services. "We all have a pretty good feeling that she is going to help everyone feel better about the institution." At Ponder's inaugural State of the University Address she explained her desire to work together with everyone that is part

of the university. By working together, UNCA will be successful in building a stronger university according to Ponder. "We will prevail because we will be planning strategically and together," Ponder said. "As we become more and more able to determine ways to make our university better and better, we will harness and celebrate our passionate engagement." Chancellor Ponder grew up in Asheville, where her mother and grandmother were public school teachers. The fact that Ponder is from the area is a major benefit for

the university and the surrounding community as well, according to Perry. "What is really unique about her is that she is from here," Perry said. "I think that is going to give her a sense of concern for the place and the people that maybe we haven't seen before." Jim Mullen, former chancellor, was very involved with the students here at UNCA and observers could see him interacting with students on a daily basis. This will be a hard act to follow, according to Jenny Stanley, a junior music student. "I played in the quartet at lunch

and Chancellor Mullen always remembered my face," Stanley said. "He always told me to keep up the playing. But I haven't seen Chancellor Ponder at all, I'm not sure if she will do the same." Ponder also wants to make sure that people know that she is excited to be at UNCA and ready to fulfill the legacy of interacting with the community, faculty, staff and students, according to Perry. "I liked the fact that she spoke so clearly about her connections to people and her interest in being here," Perry said. "She also talked about students, faculty, staff, and

all of us learning from each other and helping one another." While faculty and staff maintain hope in the new chancellor, there are some changes that need to be made and issues that need attention, according to Perry. "The are definitely issues with staff morale," Perry said. "I think there have been a great deal of emotions regarding discouragement on the part of the staff, like uncertainty about positions and the direction that we are going. We do have hope in her, I think she will address these issues and take them

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Police offer safety tips to students

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Students can protect themselves from the threat of a peeping Tom at home using certain precautions so they can avoid being targets. "Sadly, regardless of where you live today, some people are going to take any opportunity available if you give it to them," said Bruce Martin, shift supervisor of Campus Police. "It is definitely more of an urban thing where people are living closer to one another and you have a higher rate of people on foot traffic." People can take all the regular precautions that one would take normally. If this is not enough, there are many other things that someone can do to feel safe, according to Martin. "Being that this is a privacy matter, if you are on the ground floor or in an area where people could be looking in, keep the blinds pulled when it is after dark," Martin said. "Make sure to check around and to call your local officers if you think there are people out there doing that. You can also call your neighbors and see if they have had anything like this happen or if they have noticed anything suspicious. You just need to pay attention to your surrounding, just like you would at first." Lady Godiva first coined the term "peeping Tom" when she took her legendary nude ride in order to persuade her husband to lower taxes. Her husband told everyone in the village to close their shutters so they could not see her ride. The only person who witnessed that famous ride was a man named Tom who did not listen to the orders. Most cases of a peeping Tom do not involve people that the victim knows. It is a random act that almost anyone can fall victim to, according to Martin. "I think that anybody can fit the profile to be a victim of this," Martin said. "It is more of a crime of opportunity. Somebody just realizes that there is a chance that they can look in on somebody. It is probably incidental who they end up picking. My experience with it is that if it is someone that you know, it is probably more a case of harassment. Most of the time the person probably does not even know them." Although most cases are solved without many problems, the possibility always exists for something larger to happen if someone does not report the threat of a peeping Tom. "I think it is important to call authorities and let law enforcement know so the problem won't

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Keith Krumpe, Lorraine Walsh, Betsy Wilson, Mike Padilla, Chancellor Anne Ponder participate in the groundbreaking ceremony Oct. 11 for the new chemistry, biology and multimedia arts and science building.

Students, faculty break ground for \$24M project

By Allie Haake
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School officials took the first step in the construction of a new chemistry, biology and multimedia arts and science building Tuesday. The 88,500 square-foot Steve and Frosene Zeis Science and Multimedia Building will include 44 teaching and research labs, two multimedia lab classrooms, a computer lab, seminar rooms and 36 offices. "We are at a critical juncture in our collective dream to provide state-of-the-art science and multimedia experiences for our campus community," said Chancellor Anne Ponder at the groundbreaking ceremony. Ponder, who welcomed students to a free luncheon on the quad Tuesday afternoon, put the first shovels in the ground with the help of Chemistry Department Chair Keith Krumpe, Multimedia Arts and Sciences Department Chair Lorraine

Walsh, Biology Department Chair Betsy Wilson, Board of Trustees Chair Charles Tolley, and Provost Mark Padilla. "It is at this point where our dream is about to develop an actual physical presence in our midst, on our campus," Ponder said. "It begins with the first shovelful of earth that will be dug today." One student said the new building will create more opportunities for students on campus. "I'm excited about the possibilities of a new building," said Hayley Schiebel, senior chemistry and drama student. "I know with more advanced equipment and better facilities, the prospects are endless." Schiebel said a new science building is a great way to discover innovative and better ways to do things in the world. "Science has the ability to change our lives, to find comfort in medicine and to give us insight

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senior chemistry and drama student

elsewhere. "I've had a class or two in Rhodes-Robinson Hall and the rooms are nicer than Zageir," said Daniela Grunfeld, senior sociology major. "I wonder why the don't put up a new building for sociology." Grunfeld said she wishes the new building would benefit the sociology department, she thinks the added classrooms will improve campus overall. "I think the addition of more places to learn is always good," Grunfeld said. "There's probably a lot of science majors at UNCA, so they should get more space to work in." The statewide Higher Education Improvement Bond Referendum of 2000 supplied \$22.2 million for the \$24 million project. Construction on the building is scheduled to begin in the upcoming months and be completed in spring 2007.

Transportation, air quality among topics discussed by city's mayoral candidates

By Lisa Gillespie
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Active Students for a Healthy Environment sponsored and moderated a candidate forum, featuring topics such as transportation, air quality and affordable housing, Sept. 29 with more than 50 people in attendance at Alumni Hall. "I think it went really well, I did not expect such a turnout," said Erin McDonald, environmental studies junior and vice-chair of ASHE. "I think they answered a lot of questions that we needed to hear."

The candidates addressed the issues of construction of the parking garage located near the Grove Arcade during the forum. "One of things that we have done is to put testers on the dome on the Basilica," said Terry Bellamy, candidate for mayor. "We know if it moves a tenth of an inch. We have a contract with the church that if the dome starts to fall, we have to stop. We do not have a Plan B if the dome starts to fall." Holly Jones, Executive Director of the YWCA of Asheville, is run-

RESULTS OF TUESDAY'S PRIMARIES:

MAYOR:		
TERRY BELLAMY	4,383	45%
JOE DUNN	2,905	30%
CITY COUNCIL:		
HOLLY JONES	5,718	22%
ROBIN CAPE	4,156	16%
CARL MUMPOWER	3,864	15%

ning for city council for the fifth year. "I am a fighter, it's not necessarily a good thing, but that is just a

part of who I am," Jones said. "I've fought hard for affordable housing. I want to make city hall a more open place to the people that own city hall. I want more affordable housing on public property. It might be the highest dollar return, but in the long run, it is probably the best use of public property. When you factor in the long-term, you are doing a service for all of Asheville. We also need to cut down on vehicle miles." Terry Bellamy, marketing and development manager for Mountain Housing Opportunities,

has served six years on city council. "We should offer better bus service to residents of the community," Bellamy said. "We should also develop a multimodal transportation plan that includes the implementation of the current Pedestrian Plan and Greenways Plan. We should purchase more low-emission vehicles, including additional electric, hybrids and compressed-natural-gas vehicles, in the future to be used for city

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Banner victim to theft

By Leah Shellberg
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The Blue Banner filed a complaint with Campus Police about the theft of the last edition, when 1,500 copies of the paper were stolen. "I wish more people realized the amount of time and work we put into this paper," said Maribeth Kiser, editor-in-chief of the Blue Banner. Public Safety and the Office of Housing and Residence Life investigated the situation and will continue to do so until the situation is resolved. Nancy Williams, director of Housing and Residence Life, said she heard rumors about who stole the papers and nothing more. "I did not see it—I would have had to have actually seen it to file a report," Williams said. Williams also said she would notify Sgt. Adams in Public Safety immediately upon the discovery of more reliable information. Williams also said this is the second time a complete edition of The Blue Banner has been stolen in the past 19 years. As for the legal ramifications of the theft, Alan Hantz, mass communication professor, explained what actions The Blue Banner could take if someone is identified and charged with the theft. "The Banner is put out for consumption free of charge to students-free of charge to anyone. To my knowledge, there is no rule that says, 'One per customer.' So, there's no mechanism to prevent that," said Hantz. However, the missing papers may present a problem in terms of the advertising contracts the Banner holds. "The advertising has commercial value, so there might be an issue there. The person stealing them prevented the Banner from reaching a broader audience," said Hantz.