

Women's basketball falls to Birmingham Southern College during overtime at the Justice Center

Features • NC restricts sale of cold medicine in hopes of curbing meth epidemic • 2

Student band Dashvara hopes to sign with record label after graduation

Basketball Brawl



SEE SPORTS 5

Jamming Out



SEE ENTERTAINMENT 4

The Blue Banner

Volume 44, Issue 3

Serving the University of North Carolina at Asheville since 1982

February 9, 2006

Tensions rise as Zageir faculty move

By Anna Lee
STAFF WRITER

With New Hall opening this week, professors shuffle into the new building or move from Zageir Hall to Carmichael Hall so renovations could begin in Zageir.

The faculty who moved out of Zageir Hall have concerns about the move, according to Bill Haas, sociology professor.

"You cannot tell me that I am going to be performing real well on Tuesday of the move when I have three classes," Haas said.

However, the professors who moved from Carmichael Hall to New Hall feel pleased with their new accommodations, according to William Spellman, associate vice chancellor for humanities.

The administrators who oversaw the move did not consider faculty input in their decision-making process, according to Haas.

Allowing professors to choose the days of their moves, as Haas suggests, would have been impossible, according to Lisa Friedenber, associate vice chancellor for social sciences.

"However we did it, there would always be people moving on days when they had classes because we would only move during the week, and faculty teach during the week," Friedenber said.

The administration could have managed the moves more efficiently, according to Haas.

"Whoever makes these decisions are coming to us and saying, 'These things will happen,' not coming to us and saying, 'What would make it easier, and how can it happen?'" Haas said.

The administration did consider faculty input, particularly concerning the timing of the move, according to Friedenber.



SHANNA ARNEY - STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Scott Walters, associate professor of drama and director of the arts and ideas department, takes a break from unpacking, surrounded by a sea of boxes. Faculty members had one day to move into their new offices, which conflicted with many professor's class schedules.

"I did talk with several of the departments and several faculty and chairs, and also facilities about doing this over spring break," Friedenber said. "The ones that I spoke with said 'I don't want to give up my spring break to do this.'"

The timing of the move is unfortunate, but the administration aimed to make the move go as quickly as possible in order to minimize disruption, according to Friedenber.

"In the best of all possible worlds, New Hall would have been finished on schedule, which

would have been in August," Friedenber said.

Professors can take actions to make their moves less of an inconvenience, according to Friedenber.

"If you can give your students an out-of-class assignment for that day, that would be a very useful thing, so that on the particular day that you are moving, we don't have you trying to do too many things at once," Friedenber said.

Faculty are also concerned that they will not have keys to their new offices until the day they

move, according to Haas.

"I wonder if people had their key, say Friday before they move in, and they could go in, maybe paint their office and feel good about the environment, dust their office, maybe move personal possessions they don't want the movers to move, if that would lower the angst about moving into a building," Haas said.

Faculty had a lot of things to pack.

"People have been in these offices for five, 10, 15, 25 years," Haas said.

The administration is trying to

help faculty figure out how to pack their stuff, according to Friedenber.

Administrative help with the details of moving has not been enough to dispel rumors, according to Haas.

"Somebody said that one of the rumors is that they won't take your filing cabinets if they are full, and somebody said they will take your filing cabinets (even if they are full)," Haas said. "Another rumor is, you have to be in your office at the exact moment they move you, or they won't move you."

Campus Crime

By Jim MacKenzie
STAFF WRITER

Marijuana busts

• Campus Police received a call regarding loud noises in a room of Mills Hall on Feb. 1. Police found Karl Erik Reinhartsen in the room, apparently intoxicated, according to the police report. Reinhartsen refused to cooperate with the police, and was then placed in handcuffs for the safety of the officers. Officers found alcohol, drug paraphernalia, four containers of compressed nitrous oxide and a syringe. Police charged Reinhartsen with being drunk and disruptive, resisting and obstructing officers, possession of a toxic substance for the purpose of intoxication, possession of less than a half ounce of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• Police observed Kelyn Salvatore, who is banned from the residence halls, near Vance Hall on Feb. 1. Police asked him to come to their office for investigative purposes. Salvatore consented to a search of his backpack, according to the police report. Police found a small amount of marijuana, a set of scales and a small mirror and a plastic bag, both containing a white, powdery residue. Police charged Salvatore with possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

• A member of the UNCA housing staff reported two students to the Campus Police who appeared intoxicated came in late to a room in Governors Hall on Feb. 3. Police went in to do a well-being check. Police identified themselves, but there was no answer. After letting themselves in for safety reasons, police found Daniel Taylor and Corey Pynigar sleeping in their beds. Police found in plain view a glass pipe, a bag of psilocybin mushrooms and three bags of marijuana. Police charged Pynigar with possession of alcohol under the age of 21. Police arrested Taylor and charged him with felony possession of a schedule I controlled substance, possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

Underage drinking

• Campus police responded to what sounded like a party in room 306 of Mills Hall on Feb. 4. Lilyan Avery answered the door. From the hall, police noticed unopened beer cans lying on the floor. Michael Whitton admitted to being over 21. Everyone was given a student conduct citation, according to the police report. Whitton admitted to having bought the alcohol and police charged him with providing alcohol to underage persons.

Guest speaker addresses diversity issues

By Paige Reinhard
STAFF WRITER

Nontombi Naomi Tutu calls for a reconciliation at UNCA during her visit to the university last Thursday.

"One of my challenges to you here today is about thinking of a Truth and Reconciliation Commission for this university and this community," Tutu said.

Tutu spoke about the difficulty that comes in accepting the less desirable aspects of our history.

"For all of us, there are times when it is difficult to face the

truth, some truth, about ourselves," Tutu said.

In his welcoming address, Tarik Glenn, president of UNCA's Student Government Association, brought the same subject home, relating it to the problems which face UNCA.

"UNCA doesn't necessarily have a strong black history," Glenn said. "We're still struggling to enroll, to retain and to graduate black students."

The third daughter of Archbishop Desmond Tutu, spoke about her influential role in the

“ ————— ”

For all of us, there are times when it is difficult to face the truth, some truth, about ourselves.

NONTOMBI NAOMI TUTU
UNCA guest speaker

Truth and Reconciliation Commission meetings, which brought an end to apartheid in South Africa.

"I was left there hosting these meetings, I made the tea, the cookies, I made dinner," Tutu said. "Had it not been for my tea and cookies, my excellent dinners, that thing might not even have gotten off the ground."

Tutu said people cannot choose their own history or which part of their history they want remembered, relating the subject to the South.

"My greatest problem with those who fly the Confederate flag is not that they fly the Confederate flag," Tutu said. "It is that when

you ask them 'Why are you flying the Confederate flag?' they say, 'It is a part of our history, our ancestors fought bravely, they showed their dedication.'" Tutu said. "You can't claim their bravery and not claim their cause."

Tutu was asked to speak because her message is important for UNCA students to hear, according to Deidre Wiggins, assistant director of UNCA multicultural organizations and events.

"I think what Naomi has to say

SEE TUTU PAGE 8

UNCA parents dispute chancellor's response to recent student deaths

By Kristen Marshall
STAFF WRITER

In an array of e-mails responding to the news of Benjamin Goldstein's death in December, parents of both current and former students lashed out at the chancellor, the university's procedures and each other.

"This is not the first time the services the school provided were uninformed, misguided, ignorant and ineffectual," said parent one, in e-mail form.

The argument started after an e-mail on Jan. 3, sent out by Chancellor Anne Ponder, informing the parents of UNCA students of Goldstein's death. Many parents responded, thanking the university

“ ————— ”

This is not the first time the services the school provided were uninformed, misguided, ignorant and ineffectual.

PARENT OF UNCA STUDENT

for the information. Others attacked each other for their responses.

"We all knew about it in a decent amount of time," said Nathan Watkins, junior management student. "But at the same time, we don't know all the personal infor-

mation that hasn't been released yet because sometimes the cause of death isn't known, so they want family and friends to know that before the general population. It's better than just a bunch of kids gossiping and fueling the rumor mill."

The e-mails were sent out to numerous parents in the UNCA community because the authors of the e-mails were hitting "reply to all" instead of just "reply."

"Would those thinking of posting a message to 'all' on this list consider that many of us are unwilling recipients," said parent two, in e-mail form. "The com-

SEE E-MAILS PAGE 8

King's death sparks diversity concerns

UNCA students question progress since Civil Rights Movement

By Allie Haake
ASSISTANT EDITOR

The death of civil rights leader Coretta Scott King gives students and faculty a chance to commemorate her life and to reflect on race relations in the university and the nation.

The way our nation responded to the wife of Martin Luther King Jr.'s death represents something significant, said Deidre Wiggins, assistant director of multicultural organizations and events.

"I think it speaks as to how far we've come, and how far we have yet to go," Wiggins said.

King died on Jan. 30 after struggling with ovarian cancer and a recent stroke. Throughout her life, she advocated women's rights, gay and lesbian's rights and racial equality. She also spoke out against the war in Iraq in 2003 and supported HIV and AIDS prevention. The university flew the flag at half-mast on Tuesday to commemorate the leader's achievements.

"I would hope that this is out of a matter of respect for what Coretta Scott King did and tried to accomplish in her lifetime," Wiggins said. "What she did with so little accomplished so much."

King was a crucial factor in the success of the civil rights movement, said Dan Pierce, associate

professor of history.

"I think, in some ways, she helped to put a human face on the movement," Pierce said. "When white America, especially, looked and saw Coretta King there in a march—it's kind of a sexist thing, but I think it helped to bring sympathy to the movement in an important way. Even if it doesn't necessarily speak well for white America that she did, she played a key role."

While civil rights is still an issue, we have come a long way since the movement began, according to Pierce.

"All the attention that (the funeral) got shows how things have changed and how important the work of Martin Luther King Jr.

SEE KING PAGE 8