

# On the Quad

What do you think of budget cuts this year?



Rebecca Salazar  
Literature student

“They make budget cuts just because they can’t afford to keep everyone. It’s just a cycle. That’s how it is with jobs.”



Duncan Barnes  
Environmental management  
and policy student

“I also heard that they are going to start cutting extracurricular stuff, like P.E. programs and stuff. That seems important for our community.”



Michael Jones  
History student

“We’re in a dumpster dive to the bottom. Even though I’m really opposed to it, I really don’t want to see the tuition bill go up.”

# Sociology professor passes away Sunday

*Haas dies of pancreatic cancer*

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UNC Asheville sociology professor Bill Haas died Sunday night after he was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in April.

“The department loses a major person in the department. He was here the longest. He had tremendous institutional knowledge. We lose a great teacher and a great colleague. We’ll have to see how we can deal with that, but it is truly a tremendous loss to the department and the institution,” Volker Frank, chair of the sociology department, said.

According to Frank, Haas continued to teach classes this semester up until his death. He taught at UNCA for 30 years.

“He taught important courses, and he loved to teach (introduction to sociology). He really cared a lot for students, and that was actually what kept him going a little bit,” Frank said.

According to Frank, Haas wished to keep teaching through his chemotherapy, even though it was hard for him.

“I think being here with students gave him a different perspective and kept him going,” he said.

Frank said the chemotherapy might have triggered a pulmonary embolism, which is what is believed to have caused Haas’ death.

“He loved a good joke, and was very, sort of, irreverent and a fun person. He enjoyed life and he lived life. He will be profoundly missed, because he was very much present here,” sociology lecturer Keith Bramlett said.

According to Bramlett, Haas had a passion for sociology and was a great sociologist.

“Bill wanted to live his life on his own terms. He wanted to stay involved and continued to make plans. He maintained his hope in fighting his disease. I think the way in which he reacted to his diagnoses and the way in which he approached his treatment was a great lesson for all of us. He did it with zest, bravado and the most fantastic attitude,” Bramlett said.



photo courtesy sociology department  
Sociology department professor Bill Haas taught at UNCA for more than 30 years.

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**– Keith Bramlett,  
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Haas is survived by his wife Marilyn and two sons Kenneth and William.

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