

Research symposium schedule stresses students

Canceled classes could help student presenters

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Presenting at the undergraduate research symposium is a nerve-wracking experience, especially due to the schedule, according to many students.

"I will be able to attend one of my classes and go to work, but if my presentation runs overtime I will not be able to attend my last class," said **Willa Smith, junior sociology student**. "As far as finishing my paper and my reading while preparing for the panel discussion, well, I probably will not be sleeping the night or two before."

The 20-year-old said she was not sure how she was going to balance her day between class and presenting.

Students who present in the fall have to balance their classes and any work they have to turn in that day in addition to preparing for their presentation.

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Many students who presented said they did not initially realize that classes would be held the day of the symposium because they remembered classes being canceled in the spring.

Senior interdisciplinary studies student Asha Purohit, 21, said she was upset because she did not know there would be classes on Tuesday until only a couple of days beforehand.

Until then, she said she was under the impression they would be canceled

for the day of the symposium.

"I mean, it sucks because you want your friends to be able to come," Purohit said. "It's a really important time."

Purohit's family came to Asheville from Charleston, S.C., to see her presentation on human rights concerning the cultural myths and belief systems of developing countries for those born with cleft lips and cleft palates.

The undergraduate research program at UNC Asheville was founded in 1985.

There were 27 sessions with multi-

ple student presentations during Tuesday's symposium between 12:15 and 6:25 p.m.

They were held in five different buildings, including Owen Hall and Highsmith Student Union.

According to the fall symposium program, research is a point of pride for the university that they encourage and celebrate.

Senior Kate Cubbler, 22, was a member of the integrating service learning panel with Smith.

She presented a separate project for her major on treatment options for Buncombe County children with autism whose families have financial struggles.

Cubbler said she was not really sure what to expect going into the symposium.

Cubbler said she was unaware she would have to present a little more than an hour after her morning class.

"I didn't really expect to have class on the fall symposium day," Cubbler said. "I know for the spring symposium they cancel classes, and I thought it would be the same for the fall."

Thanksgiving break-ins shake Grove residents

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A Thanksgiving break burglary at the Grove apartment complex near UNC Asheville robbed several students of video game systems, laptops, cameras and other valuables.

"When I walked into my room I saw clothes thrown everywhere, I saw glitter all over my bed," said **AB-Tech student Ricky Villatoro**.

Several apartments in the 300 and 500 buildings were broken into during the break, according to residents.

UNCA senior Danny Baatz said the robbers most likely entered through windows on the ground level.

"The beginning of the school year, someone broke the window, and the Grove came and replaced it, and I



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camera missing.

The Asheville police department said they are currently investigating the break-ins, but had no other information available. During the last 12 months, the police received eight reports of burglary and 24 reports of larceny at the apartments, according to the Asheville police crime mapper.

Baatz said he and his roommates talked to police and gave them se-

guess when they replaced it they didn't lock it, so we never looked at it," Baatz said.

Baatz said thieves nabbed two gaming systems, a safe and an iPod. Villatoro reported two laptops, a GPS and a

rial numbers to help them find stolen items.

"So, if stuff gets pawned, we can get it back," Baatz said.

Villatoro said Grove administrators sent out an e-mail before Thanksgiving warning students to lock windows, doors and to secure valuables before break.

"Just by sending out that e-mail, it basically says that they're not responsible," Villatoro said.

Baatz said the robbery was not an isolated incident.

"Right at the end of summer, someone broke my car windows and stole my iPod and my GPS," Baatz said.

Baatz thought the crimes followed a cyclical nature.

"It seems like it comes in waves. When my car window got broken out, there were two or three others out in

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the parking lot that got busted out," Baatz said.

When asked about the burglaries, Grove staff declined to comment.