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Weekly Calendar

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Annual Art Faculty Exhibition
Owen 101
9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Sept. 4

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9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

STEM Lecture - Brian Dennison
Reuter Center 102A
4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Cherokee Stickball Demonstration
Straus Track
6 - 8 p.m.

Astronomy Club
Reuter Center 102A
7 - 9 p.m.

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Sept. 9

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Corrections:

Last week due to an editing error, the wrong story was run with the "University appoints new chancellor" headline. *The Blue Banner* apologizes for this error.



Photo by Jorja Smith - Multimedia Editor
Max McMahon, a sophomore, peruses the food line in the newly renovated Brown Hall on last Sunday.

Brown Hall renovations sparks student interest

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A multi-million dollar refurbishment with new designs, food options and seating, the recently completed Brown Hall sparks questions about sustainability and student input.

"Our students are very, very interested in local, organic, vegan and vegetarian options. We have a very demanding population for the size that we are," said **Emily Williams, senior director of Dining Services.**

Brown Hall renovations began as part of negotiations to renew Chartwells as the campus' dining vendor, among several other dining services companies who submitted bids. As a part of this request for proposal process, Dining Ser-

vices pursued improvements to the on-campus dining experience they felt were necessary.

Among their primary goals were renovations to the dining hall, which was outdated and needed many things replaced, Williams said.

Splitting the cost with Chartwells became increasingly important due to costs of the renovations. The price tag included \$100-150,000 for a new energy-efficient dishwasher and more than \$15,000 per double-decker oven. To secure a new contract with the campus, Chartwells agreed to contribute \$10 million during the next 10 years towards on-campus dining renovations.

To help shape the goals and implementation of dining services renova-

tions, UNC Asheville collaborated with the Dining Services Committee as well as the Dining Services Student Advisory Group. The former committee informed the RFP and vendor selection and included two students, while the latter worked with the design and functionality of the new space throughout the process.

Chartwells' commitment also included more modest changes to several on-campus retail locations. Of the \$4.7 million allocated from the Chartwells' fund, \$3 million was used in the Brown Hall renovation, with the remaining \$1.7 million used for improvements to Highsmith Student Union, Argo Tea, the Wellness Café and The Down Under.

A strong portion of the

usage of these retail outlets is through retail meal equivalencies, an aspect of the on-campus meal plans which allow students access to retail areas as part of their meal plan cost.

Students noticed a cutback in meal equivalencies, with the maximum allowed down from 10 to five. These equivalencies originally were not included in new meal plans during the initial contract agreement between UNCA and Chartwells.

"Dining services went into conversations with Chartwells and (they) graciously agreed to bring them back in a limited number," Williams said.

Williams also said Dining Services hopes the expansion and renovation of Brown Hall offsets the cutback in meal equivalencies.

"We want people to be more engaged in Brown Hall. With the 100 new seats, we feel it's more able to accommodate the student body," Williams said.

This increased reliance on the dining hall may be a driving force behind students' main complaint.

"It lacks a bit of flow and I've found it a bit confusing," said **Daisy Torres, a resident junior.**

Another common of students regards the improvement of the food.

"The food is pretty much the same and less available, especially meat selection," said **Charlie White, a sophomore senator with the student government association,** who worked to collect and respond to student feedback throughout the dining renovations process.

Nonviolent Sexuality talk impresses participants

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Sex is powerful highlighted the main point emphasized by **Bob Hall, the founder of Learning to Live with Conflict Inc.,** during his talk Nonviolent Sexuality: Making Peace with Passion.

"We are perceiving, processing and responding to conflict in a way that is quite literally eating us alive, and until our percep-

tion of conflict changes, that will continue to be the case," Hall said.

Highly attended by students, the event turned into a success.

"I wasn't sure what to expect from the talk before I came in, but I felt it was important that I go, and encourage my brothers to go too," said **Sam Groesbeck, a member of Alpha Sigma Phi.**

Hall said his introduction to dealing with conflict

arose from the pursuit of his own career path along with using the skills he utilizes as a self-defense educator and a business student.

"When I learned that sexual assault and violence involved people who knew each other and not strangers, I began to see there are other dynamics at work here that I need to focus on and began to look at sexuality and conflict," Hall said.

Hall travels around campuses giving his talk, the need becoming more constant due to the reauthorized Violence Against Women Act, which includes the campus SaVE Act; an act requiring campuses to report more crimes of sexual assault.

"In a lot of college students, sexuality is an area of conflict that everyone is grappling with," Hall said.

Rather than listing off statistics about sexual vi-

olence, Hall addressed the conflict and offered strategies on how to deal with it.

"Instead of teaching them about world policies and nonviolence themes, why don't we talk about what's happening on your couch Friday night and how you want to handle the conflict you're dealing with," Hall said.

Hall stressed just how underestimated sex is and how it has become a major issue in our society.

"The idea is that this is such a powerful part of life that we need to figure out a way to deal with it," Hall said.

During the talk, Hall asked for volunteers to demonstrate a point he was talking about.

Anja Mayr, a sophomore member of Gamma Phi Beta, thought the event would be exactly the opposite from what ended up happening. Rather than **SEE SEXUALITY PAGE 2**