

NEWS

SEPT. 13-19 HAPPENINGS

Tuesday

Noon
Live at Lunch Series
Highsmith Union Grotto

3:30 p.m.
Bee Hotel Ribbon Cutting
Outdoor Pollinator Garden

8 p.m.
Poetry Slam featuring
Elizabeth Acevedo
Highsmith Union Grotto

Wednesday

1 p.m.
Fall 2016 Study Abroad Fair
Highsmith Union 159

6 p.m.
Farm-to-Table Dinner
Quad

Friday
1:30 p.m.
Inside the Music
Reuter Center 102

3 p.m.
Symphony Talk with Daniel Meyer
Reuter Center 102

8 p.m.
Movie: *The Jungle Book*
Highsmith Union Grotto

Monday
7 p.m.
Islamic Art at The Metropolitan
Museum of Art, Presentations
Humanities Lecture Hall

Brother Wolf joins Louisiana flood rescue

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Brother Wolf Animal Shelter continues to send volunteers and staff, along with medical supplies and food, to Louisiana in an effort to help displaced animals after devastating flooding in August.

"It's an opportunity for us to take these animals out of a bad situation and we're happy to be there doing it," said Leah Craig, Brother Wolf event director.

Craig said as many as 12 volunteers and staff members work alongside other rescue groups in Louisiana at any given time since the flooding.

"At this point, all of the rescue groups that have been working out of the local shelter in Louisiana have brought in about 300 dogs and 65 cats," Craig said.

Craig, who spent two weeks in Louisiana, said the effort centers are focused in Livingston Parish, a low-income, rural area east of Baton Rouge. According to Brother Wolf's website, the flooding destroyed as many as 75 percent of homes in the area, making it difficult for residents



Photo by Haley Walker

Brother Wolf volunteers and staff provide aid to hundreds of lost, sick and injured animals.

to provide care for their pets.

"People's entire lives are literally thrown out on the curb right now, right down to drywall and insulation," said Hannah Edgar, Brother Wolf intern.

Edgar said the amount of animals left behind quickly overwhelmed the local shelter in Livingston.

"The shelter was operating at

way over capacity. I mean, we were bringing in new kennels, but it was filled to the brim. That's why they're working to put up temporary shelters," Edgar said.

Edgar, who spent five days in Louisiana, said volunteers and staff work from about 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. combing the area for sick, lost and injured animals, as well as fielding calls to specific homes. Some situations called for "in-place feeding," a practice in which volunteers leave food and water for stray or tied up animals rather than bringing them to a shelter.

"There were a lot of strays and feral cat colonies that the people in the neighborhood took care of and when people were not returning to their homes, these animals that normally had a food source no longer had a food source," Edgar said.

Volunteer Haley Walker, 25, said in addition to animals being separated from their homes, many of the animals rescued showed signs of neglect and abuse prior to the flooding.

"It was really awful to be honest with you," she said. "We

saw animals that were completely emaciated. They needed fluids, they needed food and they needed serious medical attention. There is just no way that they could have got that bad in seven to nine days after the storm," Walker said.

As time passes and volunteers and donations begin to dwindle, Walker said Asheville residents should know there are still many ways to contribute without making the 12 hour drive to Louisiana.

"I definitely think people should understand how important it is to keep sending help, whether it's through food and clothing donations, dog food donations, or contacting your local rescue where you live because most rescues are usually willing to help," she said. "There is a lot of people can do without having to go there."

Walker said the week she spent volunteering in Louisiana was challenging but rewarding.

"It was a lot of hard work and everything," Walker said, "but I'll always remember it and I am so thankful for the chance to go."

Do freshmen consider UNC Asheville's environmental contributions?

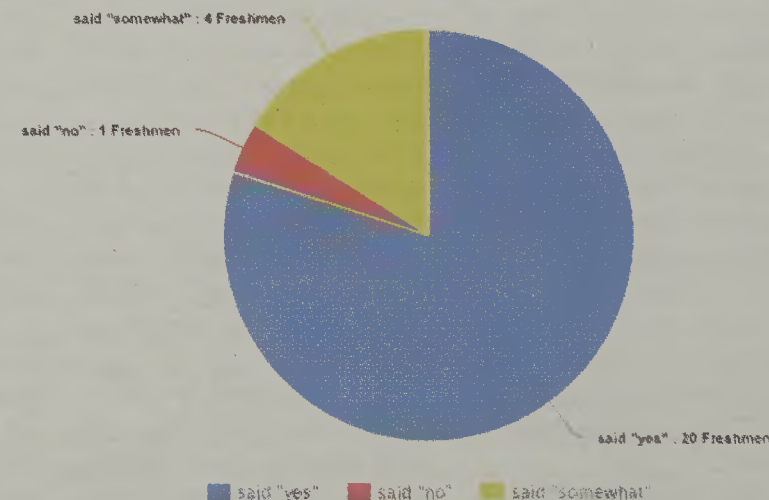
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As the new semester takes way, hundreds of fresh faces appear on UNC Asheville's campus, allowing each one to discover the many unique characteristics the campus is known for. UNCA has a popular reputation as a sustainable campus.

"UNCA had better environmental options compared to any other university that I toured," said 19-year-old Tia Patterson. "The campus seemed to really care about the environment and that is what I looked for when applying."

Since the environmental aspect of the campus represents one of the reasons many students choose to attend here,



Infographic by Audra Goforth

The class of 2020 reports their consideration of UNC Asheville's environmental contributions.

might it have been a possibility some individuals in the class of 2020 considered the campus' positive environmental aspects when applying?

At random, 25 UNCA fresh-

men were asked the following question: "when you applied to UNCA, did you consider the environmental and sustainability aspects of this campus?" The results concluded with

20 freshmen answering "yes," four answering "somewhat" and only one answering "no."

One freshman, 19-year-old Aaron Nasser, said the campus won him over when he learned that UNCA maintain their own gardens.

"I did value the environmental interests on this campus," Nasser said. "What won me over was learning about all the gardens located in various places around campus. Oh, and the solar panels that are used for some buildings. Those are pretty neat."

Freshman Kennan Staelin said her older sister attended UNCA and even though she already had prior knowledge about the campus and its values,

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