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DECKING THE HALLS: Pat Cabe and Ken Hardy help decorate the student center's Christmas tree Monday.

'Ritin/'rithmetic reviewed

By Chris Streppa

More than 20 faculty members attended Saturday's General Education Hearing to respond to the proposed three-credit mathematics requirement as well as to recommend changes in the current six-credit English writing requirement.

Debate centered, once again, on content, hours, and educational goals.

Currently, there is no mathematics course required of all UNCA students. But the Task Force proposed a three-credit freshman level course combining components of basic math and algebra, and aiming to "overcome fear of and prejudice against mathematics."

Professor David Kay, chairman of the mathematics department, explained that a general

education requirement should strengthen students' basic arithmetic, geometry, algebra, and computation skills.

He added that it's equally important to enhance their appreciation for math as a means of solving real-life problems.

Kay argued in favor of an eight-credit alternative combining the current Basic Math 104 course with one focusing on reasoning skills.

"It's a math course that would get at the connection between the written word (or real world problems) and math symbols," said Dorothy Sulock, lecturer in mathematics. It would help students develop mechanical as well as analytical skills, she explained.

"There is a strong con-

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New station pulls students from airways

By Penny Kramp

A vital part of campus life vanished this semester. Don't bother looking around campus, just tune the radio to 88.1 FM.

WUNF, the UNCA student-operated radio station, is gone.

In its place is a new, public station, unrelated to the university. The only connection is the housing of the station on the third floor of Lipinsky.

WCQS-FM (Western Carolina's Quality Sound) began broadcasting in early October after UNCA turned WUNF's license over to the community station.

The station features a predominately classical and jazz format.

"There is a little more classical, a little more jazz, and a little less rock," said new General Manager Tim Warner.

However the new schedule shows rock squeezed into a 11 p.m. to 1 a.m. time slot on Saturday.

Student participation in the station has gone the route of rock—practically eliminated.

Warner said the station may, in the future, offer one or two student intern-

ships a semester, but no on-the-air positions would be available.

"We can offer students better experience by being a good, professionally run station," said Warner.

Warner came to WCQS two weeks ago from WUNC, a university operated station in Chapel Hill.

WUNF began airplay in 1980 as a student run station. The previous station had not functioned for two years.

Patricia Davies was a community volunteer at WUNF for two years.

"WUNF was a training experience. The students had

fun and learned. It is a shame not to have it as a teaching tool," said Davies.

As for now, UNCA students have no facilities to get broadcast experience. Because of this the communications department is planning to drop the radio workshop from its program, making the program almost entirely print oriented.

"What we have lost is a proximate station where students can go and say whatever they want to," said Chancellor David Brown. "WUNF was a low-power, locally programmed

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NEW WCQS General Manager Tim Warner.

Combating semester-end stress

By Caroline Brown

"There's just not enough time. I can't seem to meet the end of the semester deadlines. I am having a lot of headaches lately, and I just don't have any energy."

With exams beginning in one week, students and teachers may be hearing similar laments around campus. And they may be experiencing the same frustrations themselves.

These complaints of tension headaches and

anxiety reveal a common ailment among students and faculty—stress.

Dr. Carol Navsky of UNCA's Health Services, agreed "stress is a normal physiological response to a perceived threat or problem."

Even though, Navsky said, stress is a normal and "healthy" reaction because pressure motivates people to function in their daily lives; Still, she explained "dis-stress" is what everyone needs to avoid.

Dis-stress is when someone begins to feel out of control of the situation, according to Navsky.

To avoid dis-stress, she said, one needs to develop an attitude which is more calm and productive. In other words, one shouldn't let trivial things upset the day.

"We all have stress in our lives. We want to strive for reducing the dis-stress and being able

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