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## Rainey wins local election

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Election day '88 determined not only who will be the next president, but also who will be the next chairman of the Buncombe County Commission.

Dr. Gene Rainey, professor of political science at UNCA, defeated incumbent R. Curtis Ratcliff in Tuesday's election by about 3,000 votes.

"The race wasn't as close as we thought it might be," Rainey said.

Some of Rainey's top priorities as chairman will be to hire a non-political county administrator, to make the courthouse safe from fire hazards for occupants and to recruit an individual to work on the war on drugs program.

"We would want to get someone with some experience in drug prevention. Their responsibilities would be to decrease the supply and demand for drugs by working with other organizations," he said.

Rainey also wants to set up a drug hotline. "People can call at any time they see something suspicious, and they will be put in immediate contact with a law enforcement official. It won't be like some hotlines where people call and talk to a switchboard operator," he added.

Rainey does not see any conflicts in working at UNCA and as county commission chairman. "There won't be any conflict of interest. This is no different than Walt

Boland, a professor of sociology, working on the city council," he said.

Boland recently resigned his position on the Asheville City Council because of his work at UNCA, his work on a book, and the change in his lifestyle due to his new marriage, Kenneth Michaelove, vice-mayor of Asheville, said.

Tom Byers, special assistant to the chancellor, said he felt there will not be a problem with Rainey keeping up with both responsibilities. "This is an issue which has been addressed and will be addressed in the future, but it is definitely not a problem. Dr. Rainey is concerned with maintaining a balance and I'm sure he will do so," Byers said.

Rainey went on to say that he is one of five commissioners, all of whom are equal in the decision making process. "Any decision must be worked through the other four commissioners before it becomes final," he said.

Rainey, who has been elected to a four-year term, will assume the position the first week in December.



Staff Photo--Stacey Higdon

Students kick back and prepare for a long wait in the registration lines on Monday.

## Confusion surrounds UNCA Campus Commission

by Scarlet Bell  
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There seems to be some discrepancies concerning the origins and policies of the current Campus Commission, a group which allocates \$126,900 of student fees to various clubs and organizations at UNCA.

According to Dr. Eric Iovacchini, vice-chancellor for student affairs, "If you're going to do a story about Campus Commission, you need to read the policy of Campus Commission (established in 1976 by Dr. William Highsmith)."

But, according to Beth Estep, current business manager for the commission, the policy to which Iovacchini refers is "out-of-date and not followed."

There is also a discrepancy in the figures Estep and Iovacchini gave for the number of full-time faculty members that serve on the commission.

Iovacchini said that,

Campus Commission Faculty Representative Joyce Dorr, said that three full-time faculty members serve on the current commission administration.

A final discrepancy lies in the appointment of the five student members that serve on the commission.

According to Highsmith's policy, "The students will be jointly named by the dean of students and the president of student government and will require the approval of the chancellor."

However, Rosalee Hart, president of student government association, said, "I was only responsible for the SGA representative (being appointed to the committee). I didn't feel I had the right to pick the members for the organization."

"It was not Rosalee's impression that it was her authority (to choose the student members of Campus Commission), and I take

Campus Commission), we haven't had anything with the chancellor's signature on it. The chancellor didn't approve them."

"I do not remember approving them and I do not remember not approving them," Chancellor David Brown said. "...I would need to check the files."

The five students on

Campus Commission are: Karla Jacobsen of SGA, Beth Yates of Underdog Productions, Gigi Leaks of SGA and the Black Student Association, Maria Dickerson of SGA and the Greek system, and Amy Thompson of SGA and the North Carolina student legislature.

Estep said that Hart appointed Jacobsen, but the

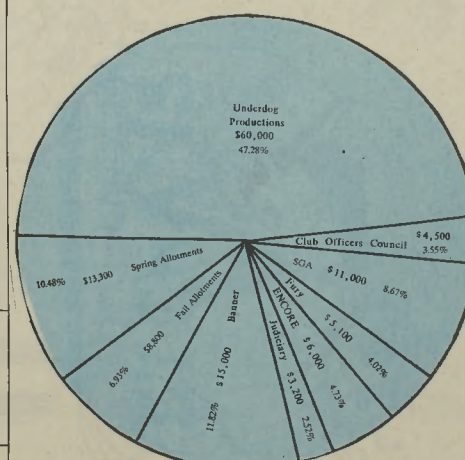
four remaining members volunteered for their positions on the commission. "Obviously it is not the way I would choose to do it if I had to do it over again,"

Alpha Phi Omega, a recipient of Campus Commission funds, said that he was displeased with the Campus Commission process. "The current system is

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Rob Young

Campus Commission allocations of student funds 1988-89



Estep said. "But, I think there are too many loopholes and I think there need to be new guidelines written and that's my objective for this year."

The five faculty/staff members are Dr. Dexter Squibb, Dr. Genevieve Arnold, Dr. William Pott (vice-chancellor of finance), the faculty representatives are chosen by the faculty senate, according to Estep.

"I'm about to get off it," said Pott. "It's not necessary for me to spend my time in something of that nature any longer because things are being run smoothly."

Two additional members who attend commission meetings, but do not vote, are Estep and Dr. Cissy Petty, director of student development.

"The constitutional guidelines for the Campus Commission need to be updated," said Petty.

Rob Young, president of

tainted with severe flaws primarily in that it encourages dishonesty, discriminates against groups on campus and is terribly abused by the faculty. At the last hearing for the fundings, I didn't see a single faculty member there," said Young.

Young said that Iovacchini and Petty were the only staff members present at the hearing.

According to the minutes of the Campus Commission meetings that were held on Oct. 11 and Oct. 14, Iovacchini, Arnold, Squibb, Jacobsen, Dickerson, Thompson and Leaks were present. Petty and Estep were also present as guests of the commission.

At that meeting, the commission reviewed budget proposals from over 50 organizations on campus.

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according to Highsmith's policy, only two full-time faculty members serve on the commission each year.

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responsibility for that," said Estep. "She does have that right."

In addition, Estep said, "Since I've been here (at