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Preparation underway in community for water flushing

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The Asheville city water system will be flushed March 16 through 18 and March 23 through 25, resulting in muddy or discolored water.

During phase one, the main lines will be cleaned. This means that everyone on the Asheville-Buncombe water authority system will experience discolored water, according to a notice sent to Asheville residents by the water authority.

For UNCA, there are two factors concerning the flushing, said Pete Williams, director of housing. First, the housing office is still receiving information from the water authority of Asheville and the newspaper about the flushing, he said. The other factor is the weather. If the weather is cold the dorms will need heat and that would increase the demand of water intake, according to Williams.

Students living on campus will be provided with drinking water, said Williams. He also said the water fountains and the washer and dryers would be turned off while the lines are being flushed. Toilets will not be turned off, said Williams. However, when toilets are flushed during this time, the sediment in the lines may "mess up the seal on the toilets and the toilet will continue to run," he said. Williams said he thinks this will be a minor inconvenience. If that happens, maintenance crews will correct the problem, he said.

"We'll have the same problems as Pete with housing. We'll just have it for the whole campus," said Steve Baxley, director of the Physical Plant. With many upcoming events, the Physical Plant is trying to figure out what to do about the heating system, according to Baxley.

"We have parts to fix problems. If we don't have parts we can get them the next day," he said.

For six weeks after the flushing, Baxley said he expects calls on individual heating and plumbing problems. On March 17, the water lines on Broadway will be flushed and that will definitely affect UNCA, according to Baxley. The city is anticipating that the water lines will be clear on March 19, but "we won't know until we go through it," he said.

While the lines are being flushed, residents have been advised to not use any more water than is necessary, said Baxley.

"We will continue to provide heat depending on the weather," he said. He also said maintenance people will continue to check the heating system.

The water lines in west Asheville will be flushed on March 23 and 24. UNCA might see some residue from that flushing but the campus will not experience the same impact as on March 16 and 17, said Baxley.

Marriott Dining Services is taking several precautions in order to ensure the food and drinks are safe, including ordering 500 gallons of bottled water, according to Beth Palien, service manager of Marriott. The bottled

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Early-morning patrol leads to arrest of three for breaking and entering

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A UNCA student praised members of the public safety department after the arrest of three teenagers who were caught breaking into cars on campus last Friday.

"Most people give campus security a lot of flack, but they're just doing their job, and they did a great job of catching those guys," said Todd Wright, a student whose car was broken into.

According to public safety reports, Officer Richard Reynolds came upon a "suspicious" vehicle in the gravel lot behind the dining hall during a patrol of campus. Reynolds said he noticed three white males inside the car trying to hide from sight.

Reynolds asked the males to get out of the car, and he saw a cellular phone, a car stereo, and several flashlights lying in the back seat, according to the report. Reynolds said that when he asked the males what they were doing, they replied they were there to

meet girls. After retaining the subjects, Reynolds said he noticed two adjacent vehicles had been broken into.

One of the owners, Shelly Eller, was contacted and identified the bag phone as her property. The subjects were then arrested for vehicle breaking and entering and transported to the Buncombe County Jail, according to the report.

The three teenagers, Phillip Mickey McMahan, 18, of 5 Laurel Avenue, Asheville; Joseph Reed Flannigan, 17,

of Candler; and Timothy Dwight Dockery, 18, of Kingston, Tennessee, were each charged with three counts of felony breaking and entering of a vehicle and intent to commit larceny. Bond was set at \$5000 for each count of breaking and entering, or \$1500 for each of the subjects.

According to arrest reports, McMahan is a student at Erwin High School in Asheville and Flannigan and Dockery are both unemployed.

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Campus growth alternatives presented at meeting

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Master planning consultants proposed six different sets of alternative plans to the campus community on March 5 in the Owen Conference Center.

Alyn Pruett gave a 45-minute speech on eleven separate drawings of possible master plans, and asked for reactions from students and faculty members in attendance.

"This is really the beginning of our discussion about alternative concepts," Pruett said as he started the presentation. "We will be following this up with another trip in April, where we hope to combine these plans into an overall comprehensive facilities master plan."

Pruett began with a drawing of an alternative plan for the expansion of academic buildings. This plan showed five new buildings and three additions to present buildings.

The buildings would include a four-story science building, a new office wing for Carmichael Hall, a new Humanities Lecture Hall, a new music building, and a new administration building.

The additions include an expanded Belk Theater, three different additions to Zageir Hall, and an addition to Owen Hall.

All of these proposed buildings would be built inside the loop of University Heights. This would keep the central core of the campus compact and everything would be within a ten minute walk.

Pruett said the administration favored this plan.

By keeping the new buildings inside the loop, the university would lose two parking lots and all the wooded area between Owen Hall and Carmichael Hall, Pruett said.

Pruett showed a second drawing that had the same number of buildings, but some of them were moved outside the loop.

The science building moved to the wooded area beside the Dining Hall and the administration building moved to the parking lot located across from Ramsey Library.

This plan would keep the loop from getting too densely populated and keep open the views

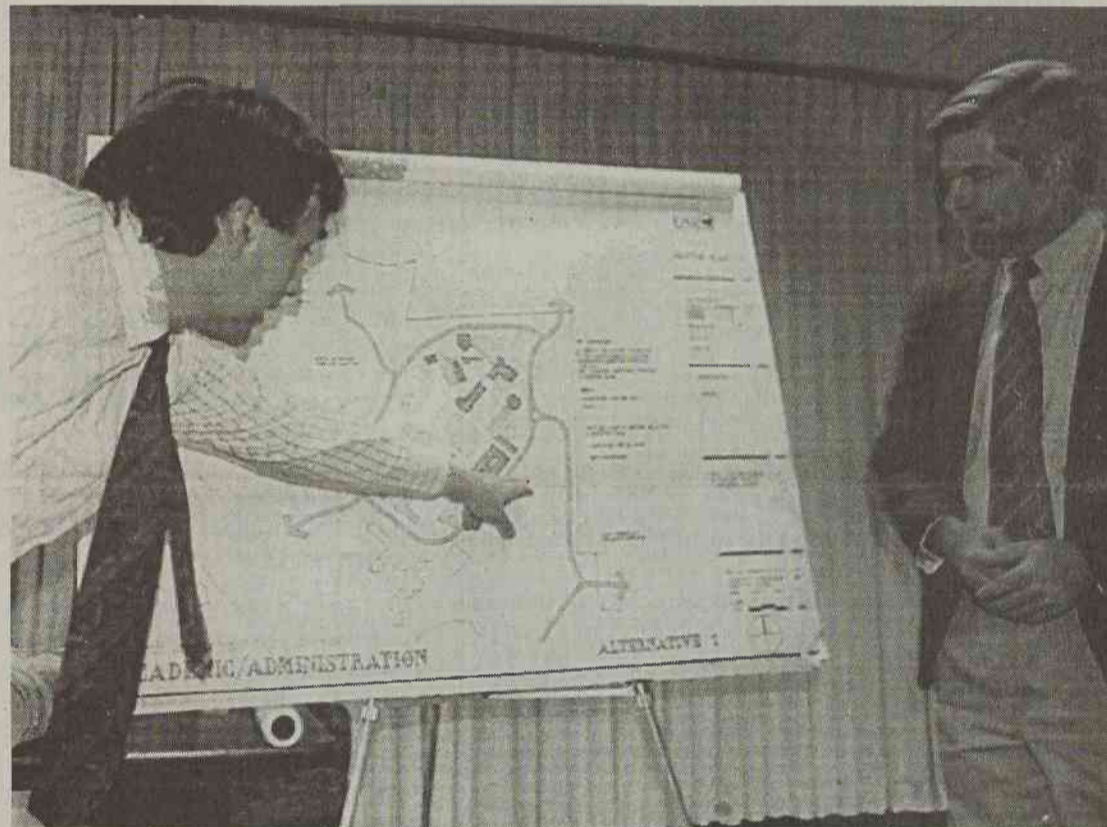


Photo by Jeanette Webb

Pete Williams, director of housing (left), discusses construction on a part of campus during the master planning meeting Wednesday. Alyn Pruett (right) gave a presentation during the meeting on possible options for construction and renovation on campus.

of the surrounding mountains, Pruett said.

The second set of plans Pruett presented focused on alternatives for expansion of housing.

The first drawing showed two new dorms located in the wooded area beside the Dining Hall and renovations to the existing Governors Village.

This plan would put the Dining Hall in the center of the housing area. It would also raise the number of beds to 1500, Pruett said.

The second drawing showed the Governors Village being replaced by the two new dormitories if the wooded area beside the Dining Hall gets used for a new science building.

This drawing included a complex of new apartment-style dorms built above the parking lot across from Zageir Hall.

Pruett said these new dorms could be designed to accommodate non-traditional students, faculty members, or alumni members.

The third drawing showed the possibility of building a dormitory where the Physical Plant is presently located.

This drawing also showed the Governors Village being replaced by two new dorms.

In the third set of plans, Pruett showed alternatives to parking and traffic flow.

The first drawing proposed a large, three-level parking deck that could be constructed on the parking lot that was formerly the tennis courts.

In a second drawing, Pruett presented the idea of

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Testing coordinator says portion of GRE is not available to students in October

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The October test date for the general portion of the Graduate Record Exam will no longer be offered, according to staff members.

"It definitely was not a UNCA decision. In fact, I was so alarmed by that," said Nancy Williams, UNCA's graduate testing coordinator.

In anticipation that students would be concerned, she called the career center, advisors, and *The Blue Banner*, to get the word out, she said.

Williams is a contract employer for the Educational Testing Service (ETS), and she gives the paper and pencil test at UNCA.

The testing service, ETS, is located in New Jersey and establishes the test dates and provides the tests. "I have a contract that tells me the procedure to follow," Williams said.

Williams explained that ETS has decided that nationally they will not give the General Test in October anymore. The subject portion, for example psychology or English, will continue to be offered.

Williams said, "We have more students who take the general here (UNCA). Always at each test date we test about 100 to 120 people. In the general but not in the subject. There is usually only 20 that take the subject."

"It will catch some people by sur-

prise at the last minute," said Dale Wachowiak, the director of the career center. "It probably will involve some advanced planning and frustration," he said.

Williams said the general test is available on the computer year round locally, but students are hesitant to give up the paper and pencil test. "Students have real mixed feelings about not taking it as a paper and pencil test," she said.

She called ETS and explained to them that the students do not like to take a test on the computer because the differences in scoring and the actual experience of the test. "They said for me to write them a letter," said Williams. They implied that there were others who had called and

were upset as well, she said.

Williams asked ETS if this was a way to force students to take this test on the computer, even if that is not what they want to do. Williams said ETS "wants to eventually have all testing computerized and this is a way to phase out paper and pencil."

"We are in those years right now where students have a choice to take it on paper and pencil or computer," said Williams. "Eventually they won't have any choice at all."

There is no widespread test preparation for the computer test, but there is a preparation software package available in the career center. There

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