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as there isn't an explanation, I feel negative towards the idea."

A week before Spangler's request, UNC-Charlotte added six days to the 1997-98 calendar to meet the requirement, and other schools are trying to do the same. Spangler said that these changes might not be enough.

"I don't think that it's a problem of not having a sufficient number of days," said Spangler. "It's a matter of what we think would be best for students."

Spangler also said that he felt rapidly advancing technology and the growth of educational opportunities within the past few decades meant students probably needed to spend more time in the classroom than their parents did.

"You could make the argument that there's more to learn now," said Spangler. "We want to know how many days would be beneficial for students to go to college."

Some students feel that the UNC system president does not have any concrete reason to lengthen the school year. They also said that this problem would just cause students to skip class.

"Does this guy really think that technology has expanded so much that we have to go to school longer?" said junior April Braswell, a mass com-

munication major. "I mean, if he tries to make the year longer, students are just going to get upset and skip class. What can five days really do for us?"

"Yes, we may get more homework, but that's about it," said Braswell. "Is the president of the UNC system a student? No. Why should he be the one who says that he knows what is best for us?"

In a press release outlining the changes to the 1997-98 academic year, calendar committee chairman David Lanier stated that he was concerned the rising number of school days might interfere with preparations for summer school, which could also interfere with preparations for the fall semester.

One student said that he would like the school year to be lengthened.

"I really like this idea," said sophomore Ty Elliott. "I mean, why do most people come to college? Yeah, to learn, but (also) to have a good time."

"Adding five days to each semester would be great," said Elliott. "If this rule is passed, we would have five extra days to spend with our friends."

Whatever the results of the Board of Governors' study, Spangler said that he did not expect any decision anytime in the near future.

"With the speed, or lack of speed, of academic decisions, I anticipate that it will take some time," said Spangler.

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According to Daniels, some of the reasons for negative perceptions are caused by the fact that negative events get more attention than do positive ones.

"When something goes wrong, when there is a bad situation like the fire at Chapel Hill, what you hear is very negative," said Daniels.

"You don't hear about chapters raising thousands of dollars for philanthropy. I think the negatives are heard more and get more attention," Daniels said.

Many believe that UNCA is very supportive of its Greek community because of the lack of negative publicity.

"We're different because our campus doesn't have that bad publicity, partly because we don't have houses here on campus," said Daniels.

"UNCA is a very open and supportive campus in general," said Almeida. "I think it works to help our Greek system rather than let us fend for ourselves."

Some Greeks would like to see more

support from the school.

"I think we (UNCA) need to be open-minded," said Daniels. "We're proud of our open-minded liberal arts education, and people should just practice what they preach and give it a chance."

"I think more faculty administration involvement would give the whole Greek system a more positive view," said Daniels.

"I think recognition when something is done well, or when something humanitarian is done for the campus or the community, would help," said Daniels.

There have been some changes in the structure of the Greek system here on campus.

Last semester, the Greek Council voted to disband because the interfraternity council (IFC) was forming, according to Daniels.

"IFC is there for the fraternities, and Panhellenic was already there for the sororities, so they no longer saw the need for Greek Council," Daniels said.

"Panhellenic brings the sororities together and makes sure everyone gets along and communicates," said Daniels. "IFC is a similar group for the fraternities."

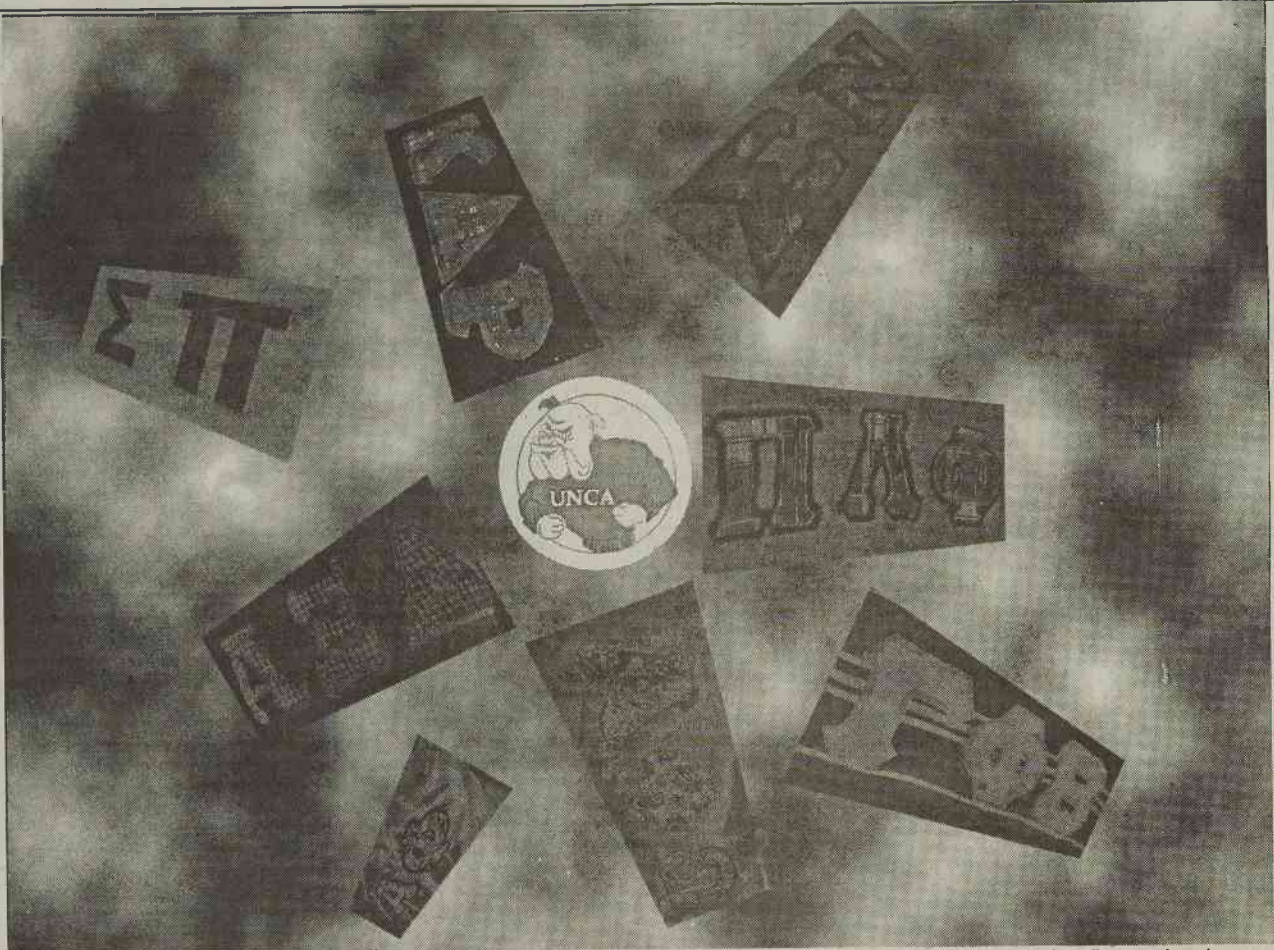


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The Greek population at UNCA has been increasing rapidly over the last several years. The three new Greek organizations on campus are Alpha Phi, Kappa Delta Rho, and Alpha Phi Omega.

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party members must conform to "natural law," which is a belief in an intelligence in nature, according to Lamb. This intelligence should directly affect how we engage in all activities, including politics, said Lamb.

"It's taking that idea that there's an intelligence in nature, and then applying that to the political level," Lamb

said. "A lot of our public policies that we're doing are in direct violation of natural law, of nature's own intelligence, divine intelligence."

"If we can somehow attune and modernize our social programs with that intelligence, then we (society) can avoid a lot of the problems that we have," said Lamb, "and move into a place of solutions."

"It can prevent substance abuse and domestic violence," said Lamb, who will oversee the demonstration from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., "and all of these

social and civic problems that we have on a community level."

Lamb said that a large group meditating at the same time can reduce stress even in people who don't meditate, but who happen to live in the surrounding community.

"It would create a coherence within the community," said Lamb. "So it has an effect on people whether they meditate or not."

According to Lamb, the party expects yogic flying to eventually result in complete "lift off."

"When they're in that meditative state they combine action with it," Lamb said. "When they do that, the body's natural tendency is to uplift."

"So, they actually start hopping, rising up, and lifting, with the idea being to levitate," said Lamb.

"Right now what happens is they experience bliss, where they actually just feel this rise," Lamb said. "It looks like they're hopping, and they settle for a while. Then they continue to meditate, and a while later they continue and their bodies will start to

rise again.

Monocropping, negative mud-slinging political campaigning, and subscribing to a particular political party are a few examples of practices that conflict with natural law, Lamb said.

Pardo will be challenging republican Jesse Helms and democrat Harvey Gantt for the state's U.S. Senate seat on November 5.

The Natural Law Party is now on the ballot on 48 states and the District of Columbia, said Pardo.

NCSL holds car wash



Photo by Del Delorm

Stephen Gross and Abby Wood participated in an NCSL fundraising car wash behind Rhodes-Robinson on Sunday, September 15.

The flu vaccine will be available at Student Health Services starting September 23. There are a limited number of doses available, so please reserve a shot for yourself. We encourage everyone on campus to take the vaccine, especially those with chronic heart and lung disorders. The cost of the vaccine will be \$7. Call SHS at 251-6520.

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