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Campus Highlights

■ The rumors that you may have heard about a possible appearance on national television for UNCA are true. Last Friday, a crew from Asheville's WLOS-TV taped a seven-second segment for "Good Morning America," a nationally televised program airing on ABC. The segment was a "Good Morning" wave that the program uses between stories or before commercials. The campus representatives for UNCA's seven seconds of stardom were the UNCA Ambassadors, who gathered on the steps of Ramsey Library for the taping. Air date is tentatively set for Oct. 21, and the time should be between 7:15 and 8:35 a.m. Merianne Epstein, the director for public information, said that the airing is "pretty absolute, unless something terrible happens." She added that while it would have been wonderful to have the entire campus turn out for the filming, ABC's limit is 10 people. Epstein said that the University Ambassadors were chosen because they are "already in that greeting role." So, everyone wake up early on Monday, Oct. 21 to see your school on national television.

■ On Saturday, Oct. 12, the men's soccer team plays Radford University at 2 p.m. on Greenwood Field. The game is free to all faculty, staff, and students with ID.

■ The women's soccer team plays Lenoir-Rhyne College at 4 p.m. on Monday Oct. 14. The game is at Greenwood Field and is free to all faculty, staff, and students with ID.

■ "Opening Doors: A Dialogue on Organizational Racism" will be held at the MAHEC building on Biltmore Avenue on Monday, Oct. 14. The dialogue will be from 6-8 p.m.

■ A professor of literature at Vassar College and author of "Spoken in Darkness" will visit UNCA Oct. 16-20. While at UNCA, Ann Imbrie will lecture and conduct readings in a number of classes. She will also give a public reading at 3 p.m. on Oct. 17 in the Laurel Forum. All students and visitors are welcome.

CANDIDATES THREATENED WITH DISQUALIFICATION

Trish Johnson
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Recent Student Government Elections (SGA) resulted in victories by three freshman out of seven students that ran. The Sept. 28 election occurred without incident, despite candidates being warned about campaign tampering beforehand. A warning was given to the student candidates while they were campaigning, according to Mischa Irsch, senator and coordinator of the freshman senate elections. There were rumors about flyers being torn down. "I had no proof, so I couldn't disqualify anyone," said Irsch. Zach Petersen, Myriah Skidmore, and Eric Winters are the students who will join SGA this semester. The warning given to the candi-

dates about campaign tampering was not necessary, according to Winters. "Myriah, Zach and I did not promote anyone to tear flyers down," said Winters. "Someone told Mischa that they saw Myriah tearing one down, but Myriah is not that type of person, nor is Zach or I. For them to give us a warning, and to say that we are disqualified if it happens again, is silly." "A lot of people said I did some things, people I didn't even know, but I wouldn't stoop that low to get into SGA," said Skidmore. "I think it got way out of hand, but we all got to-

gether and talked about it, and decided that we didn't want this to get sour, so everything went cool after that." Campaigning was a lot of work this year, because of the competition between students, according to Irsch. The students passed out flyers and candy, and wrote on the sidewalk with chalk. Skidmore and Winters ran for SGA together. "Myriah and I campaigned our butts off, and got our names out there," said Winters. "I did all kinds of campaigning, but

mostly I went around and introduced myself to a lot of people," said Petersen. There was a mixer held before the candidates were elected that allowed students to discuss and debate issues and concerns, according to Irsch. Around 60 people showed up for the debate, which took about 45 minutes. "The main purpose of the debate is for people to know who is running," said Irsch. There were two days of voting for students who had less than 30 hours of credit. There were 180 students that voted for three people, and out of 505 votes that were cast, Petersen received the most votes with 89. Skidmore received 80 votes, and Win-

The vote count in the freshman SGA senate election:

Zach Petersen	89
Myriah Skidmore	80
Eric Winters	75

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Search for replacement of system president begins at UNCA

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The search for a new president of the North Carolina University System began last Wednesday night at a public hearing held by the Board of Governor's Leadership Statement Committee on UNCA campus. The new chief administrator must live up to high standards, said many of the community and university speakers who attended. "We're looking for a combination of Mother Teresa and a lot of other things," said Pamela Turner, the chairman of the Board of Trustees at UNCA. "It goes without saying that we want somebody with honor, high morals, intelligence, and other outstanding personal qualities." The hearing came two months after UNC President C.D. Spangler, Jr., 64, announced plans to retire next year, according to John Garwood, a member of the Leadership Statement Committee. The Leadership Statement Committee was one of three committees appointed by the Board of Governors, according to Garwood. Its chief goal was not to discuss specific candidates on Wednesday, but to use community input to weed out candidates as they apply. "The Leadership Committee was created to develop a [list] of leadership characteristics to be used in selecting the next president," Garwood said. "The committee will review all of the comments made during the public hearings and consider them as we draft our leadership statement that will be recommended to the full UNC Board for its approval. "The approved leadership statement forwarded to the screening and search committee will direct

the work of the search process," said Garwood. Asheville area resident Lillian Fischer said the decision to appoint a new chief administrator should be looked at as an opportunity for UNCA



UNC system president C.D. Spangler. Photo by courtesy of UNC Publicity

to "re-invent itself." "We can certainly take some models from our corporations that are trying to accomplish the same thing," said Fischer. "What they are typically doing is that they're bringing in somebody fairly young, and typically somebody who has very different levels of experience.

"I'm not telling you that you necessarily need to look for someone outside the education system," Fischer said. "But you might have a better opportunity to get somebody who is really new at this if they do come from outside the institutional educational system." Bruce Larson, the chair of UNCA's faculty senate, said that although experience in other sectors of business was helpful, he wanted a new president with a background in education. "Experience in the business sector is a good thing," said Larson. "I would not at all be opposed to seeing someone from the nonprofit sector, the private sector, be the head of our UNC system, so long as that person has had experience as a full-time faculty member, and has been a senior administrator in the public sector university." A university system president with no educational background is like a person "herding cats," said Linda Nelms, associate professor of management. "It is very different to enter a situation when you have no background in it," Nelms said. "The leader of an educational institution is stepping into something that is challenging to say the least. "I am a strong supporter of the ideal that this person should have a background in education," Nelms said. Turner said that along with educational expertise, the next chief administrator needs good business sense in order to run a large university system well. "This is a multi-million dollar company that we're running," said Turner. "We need someone with business experience."

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Lecture exposes deep emotions on homosexuality from both sides

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A Veritas Forum discussion of homosexuality received mixed reactions from the UNCA community. The responses varied, ranging from indignity on behalf of the gay community to gladness from the Christian community that the Christian view was presented. "Although he was definitely an educated man, and knew what he was talking about from a very conservative Christian point of view, I was rather indignant that he portrayed the gay community as nothing more than drug-addicted, alcohol-abusing individuals led by their libido," said sophomore Malyki Ribar. The speaker, Dr. Thomas Schmidt, author of "Straight and Narrow?" spoke on the issues of homosexuality and modern morality from a Christian perspective, citing both the Bible and research in his

lecture. "I think there's a lot more to the culture of the gay community and they deserve to be represented as a lot

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--Malyki Ribar

more dignified," Ribar said. "He is an educated man. I respect that. But he needs to educate himself from a sociological perspective, not just a religious one." Some students believe that Schmidt remained objective and fair through-

out his speech, which involved a question and answer session from the audience. "I think he did a good job being objective and presenting information from a point of view that he knows about," said junior Doug Flaherty. Others believe that Schmidt could have been more objective, but chose not to do so. "Everyone has the ability to give a fair representation, but whether or not they choose to do so is a completely different matter," said Ribar. "In his case, he may have the ability, but he chose not to. Instead, he was very biased and very derogatory towards the entire community." Some students applauded Schmidt's use of statistics as a means to back up his argument. "I know that statistics can be used in many ways, but he stayed respectable by not blowing things out of proportion," said Flaherty. "He presented the facts in such a way that didn't make it sound worse than it

really is." "I'm glad he went about it from a medical and scientific view, speaking the language our world speaks," Flaherty said. "Some may not have liked his conclusions, but he did a good job of presenting them." "I think the way he used statistics worked very well," said freshman

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Michelle Ray. "I think it was good to use statistics to back his points, I

think it helped people to see his point of view." In his hour-long lecture, Schmidt recounted personal stories of friends who had died from AIDS, as well as statistical information regarding homosexuals. Many of his statistics centered on homosexual males. "Monogamy in the gay male population is almost non-existent," said Schmidt. "Are they (pedophiles) the next civil rights issue?" "There appears to be overwhelming evidence that, for many, the body is being sacrificed to the heart," said Schmidt. "Power to live the Biblical norm doesn't come from rational argument, but from God himself." However, some students thought that Schmidt's statistics were inconsistent with what they believe is the truth. "I believe he said that the gay

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