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Campus Highlights

■ Theatre UNCA will hold auditions for several Forum Theatre plays on Thursday, Oct. 17 at 4:30 p.m. in the Humanities Lecture Hall. The plays are Murray Schisgal's "Closet Madness," Paula Cizmar's "Candy and Shelley Go to the Desert," Edward Albee's "Finding the Sun," Romulus Linney's "Sand Mountain Matchmaking," August Strindberg's "Playing With Fire," Romulus Linney's "April Snow," and Aaron Sorkin's "Hidden." Auditions are open to all UNCA students, faculty, staff, and alumni. Numerous roles are available for men and women, and no previous experience is necessary. Reading copies of the plays are on reserve in Ramsey Library. The Forum Theatre productions will be presented Dec. 6-8.

■ Sisters from two area universities will be giving a piano recital on Friday, Oct. 18 at 8 p.m. in Lipinsky Hall 018. Elsa Buss O'Farrell, a member of the UNCA music faculty, and her sister, Lillian Buss Pearson, a member of the music faculty at Western Carolina University, will perform a varied recital of pieces for four-hand piano. They will include pieces by Mozart, Beethoven, and Rachmaninoff. A \$4 donation is suggested.

■ There will be two opportunities to support and cheer on UNCA athletics this weekend. The men's soccer team will play University of Maryland-Baltimore County on Saturday, Oct. 19 at 2 p.m. on Greenwood Field. The volleyball team will be hosting Coastal Carolina University on Sunday, Oct. 20 at 2 p.m. in the Justice Center. Both matches are free to all UNCA faculty, staff, and students with ID.

■ Wondering what kind of jobs will be available after college, or just looking for a new career? On Friday, Oct. 25 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., the UNCA Career Center will be hosting the annual "Career Fair." The fair will be in Lipinsky and Karpen Halls. Representatives from more than 40 businesses, government agencies, and graduate schools are expected to attend. UNCA students, alumni, and the public are invited.

■ The director of the American Friends Service Committee's Middle East Peace Education Program will present two free lectures on Wednesday, Oct. 23 and Thursday, Oct. 24. The lunchtime lectures, by Ilise Cohen, will focus on the Middle East. The Wednesday lecture is entitled "An Update on the Middle East Peace Process," and the Thursday lecture will be "Interfaith Women's Dialogue Groups." Both lectures will be at 12:15 p.m. in the private dining room of the UNCA Dining Hall.

■ It's that time of year again. The American Red Cross will conduct a blood drive from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 23 in the Highsmith Center Lounge. Blood supply in western North Carolina is low, so the Red Cross really needs your donation. It doesn't hurt that much, and your blood can help someone else a great deal more than it's helping you.

Changes make Labor Day a school day for UNCA in 1997

Alex Self
Staff Writer

The Faculty Senate of UNCA met last Thursday afternoon in the Red Oak Room to discuss and vote on campus issues. Several of the issues discussed, including a change in the 1997 school year, will directly affect students.

Additional student parking, the recommendation of a "Philosophers' Walk" in honor of Dr. Deryl Howard, and the elimination of Labor Day as a vacation day next year were some of the topics discussed and approved.

"I don't do anything on Labor Day," said junior Cayanne Ramuten. "It doesn't have any real significance.

"I don't mind coming to school, especially on Mondays, because there's a lot of night classes on Mondays that are only once a week," said Ramuten. "I have one this semester, and we've already missed two classes. That's a lot to miss when you only go once a week."

Students were divided on whether or not the faculty's unanimous decision to make Labor Day a regular school day for the 1997-98 fall semester was a good one.

"It sort of defeats the purpose," said junior Mona Reynolds. "That's the national holiday where everybody who works for a living gets the day

off."

Vice chancellor of academic affairs James Pitts said the university was a day short of state requirements, and had to create another "instructional" day for next year.

Committee, Pam Laughon, told the Senate that this change would only affect the 1997-98 year.

The executive to the student body president, Brandon Bunn, also brought up the issue of student park-

ing that parking lot right up in front of Mills, which used to be student parking last year, to the new faculty or visitor parking," said Bunn. "Now the problem was that students couldn't park there anymore, so that's 15 spaces that were lost.

"I don't know if because the RA's [Resident Assistants] didn't make it overly clear to the students that [that lot] was no longer our parking, [but] a lot of people were getting tickets," Bunn said.

Bunn said Student Government Association (SGA) senator Josh Littlejohn went to speak with Reed about the parking problem. They agreed that a temporary solution would be to grant students 15 spaces in front of the cafeteria.

Reed said this decision was only a temporary one.

"I temporarily agreed to use visitor parking for students until the new parking lot opened up," Reed said. "That should be in about two weeks."

Bunn said this is an indication of what SGA can do for students' concerns.

"If students have concerns, they should come down here, because, as you see, just from him (Littlejohn) going to talk to her (Reed), he opened up 15 (parking) spots," Bunn said. "We want to make that bridge be-

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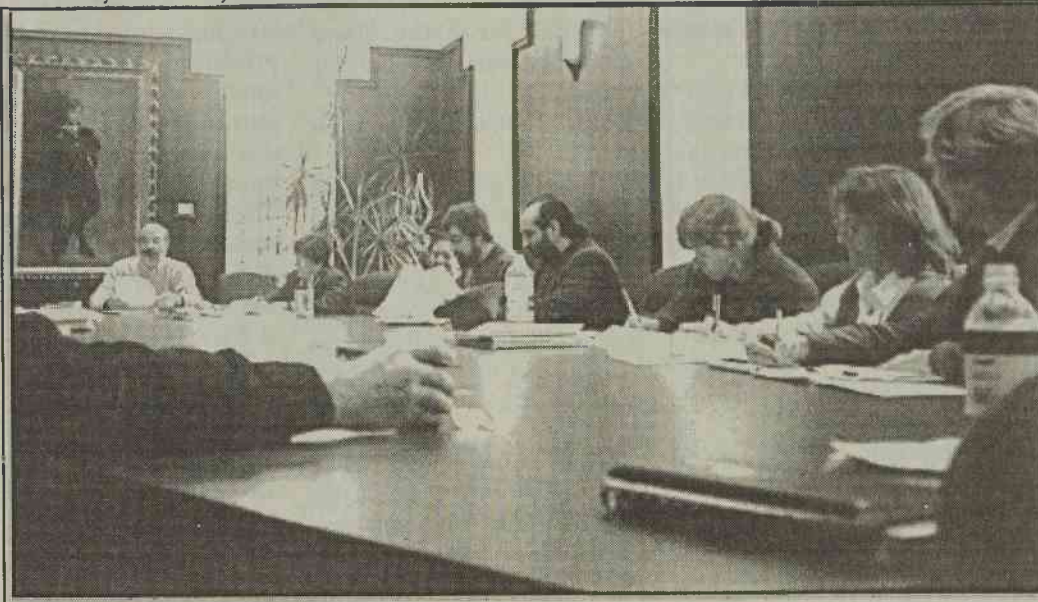


Photo by St. Claire Ready

Several different topics were discussed at last week's Faculty Senate meeting, including student parking and the 1997 calendar

"The directive from the General Admissions of the UNC system said that all campuses of UNC will have no less than 75 days per semester," Pitts said. "We had 74."

Other days that the Academic Policy Committee considered were the day before Thanksgiving and a day of Fall Break. They determined that Labor Day would be the "least disruptive" of the options, according to Pitts.

The chair of the Academic Policy

ing at the Faculty Senate meeting by announcing that Chancellor Patsy Reed had allocated 15 of the visitor parking spots in between the Dining Hall and Mills Hall for students. He said these spaces were necessary since other student parking had been lost over the summer, resulting in an epidemic of parking fines for those who were unable to find any other place to park.

"Before school started, they desig-

Campus-wide communication may soon become much easier

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Staff Writer

Surveys were conducted in September on whether resident students would like to have voice mail, according to the manager of the UNCA Bookstore and coordinator of the university phone system. Although most students feel positive about the proposed changes, some students are concerned.

Some students on campus said they were concerned about voice mail being installed in the residence halls.

"I am just worried that the answering machine that I spent money on will become obsolete," said sophomore Gene Zaleski. "What am I going to do with an answering machine that I can't use? Will the bookstore buy it from me?"

Coordinator Mike Small said there was an overwhelming affirmative response that will carry a lot of weight in the final decision-making process.

"We sent out 930 surveys to the resident students on campus," said Small. "Out of those surveys, about 300 were returned. 83 percent of the resident students who returned the surveys said that they did want voice mail installed in the residence halls.

"With so many students saying that, it seems to me that we should provide service," said Small. "I was totally surprised by the number of students who said that they wanted voice mail."

Small said that with voice mail, answering machines would no longer be necessary for students. Small also said that the features voice mail provides would be much better than an answering machine.

"One feature that would be provided would be a PIN (Personal Identification Number)," said Small. "A problem that exists with answering machines is that everyone living in a room or suite listens to the messages, even if the message is not for them.

"With voice mail, you would have a number that would be assigned to you, and when someone calls to leave a message, they would leave it for you," said Small. "Then, when you check your messages with your PIN, only you would receive that message. You would also be able to check the

messages in your voice mail box from any phone in the world."

The benefits of campus-wide voice mail could also affect professors, according to Small.

"Another positive feature of voice mail is the paper that it would save," said Small. "Because we do not have a central post office on campus, professors usually have to make several copies of letters, notes, etc. With voice mail, the professor would have to just type in a certain PIN, and record a message that would be sent out to all of the students in a certain class."

Because of the large number of UNCA students that do not live on campus, Small said that there is a possibility of extending the proposed voice mail system to all students.

"We have the problem with contacting commuter students," said Small. "We are now in the process of writing a survey that will be sent out to all commuter students on campus. If commuter stu-

dents decide that they do want voice mail boxes, we will offer it to them as well.

"The voice mail would not replace their answering machines," said Small. "With commuters, they would have mail boxes on campus and would be able to check their mail boxes from their homes."

Some students said that voice mail would help bring the campus closer together as a community.

"I think that voice mail would be awesome for this campus," said sophomore Ty Elliott. "Just think, all of your messages would go to you and only you. You would never have to worry about anyone else listening to them. You would no longer have to worry about contacting someone who doesn't have an answering machine, you just leave a message in the voice mail box."

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Bulldogs stretch win streak to three



Senior Adam Stein and UNCA battled Radford last week. The victory was the Bulldog's third in a row. For more, see page 7.

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