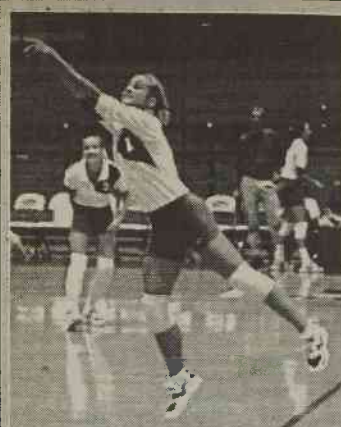


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## Snow no longer means automatic day off, according to new policy

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The "Late Start Schedule," UNCA's answer to inclement weather, goes into effect this fall. The schedule calls for an hour and 40 minute delay of classes and shorter individual session times, according to the vice chancellor for enrollment management.

Commuter students saw the changes as an inconvenience, not a help, because it interfered with obligations outside of school, and required travel in treacherous roads.

"I think it's rotten," said commuter Teneal Messer, a junior at UNCA. "I'm a commuter, and I also have a job."

"If I have to be at my job at a certain time, then that's going to mess up my schedule," Messer said. "What am I supposed to do, tell them I can't come in because the school messed up the schedule?"

Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management Caroline Miller said the Academic Policies Committee (APC) and the Faculty Senate passed the schedule last year.

They designed it to aid students in the early classes who were held responsible for new material even though class was canceled for snow.

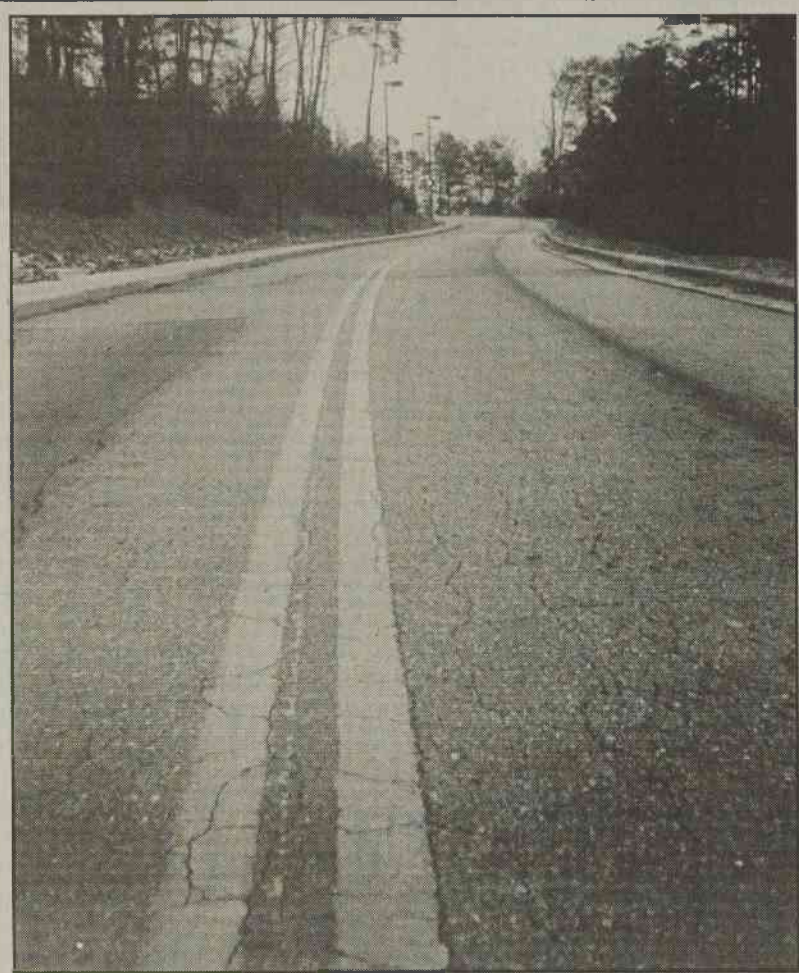
"The scheduling change was really brought on by a recognition on our part that our present policy causes us to miss entirely too much time in the

early class blocks," said Miller. "We always cancel the 8 a.m. or the eights and nines, and so students that were enrolled in those classes missed, particularly last winter, an inordinate amount of class time."

"They (the students) were still held responsible for the material in the course," Miller said. "I think we missed somewhere in the neighborhood of nine Monday, Wednesday, Friday early-morning classes, and six or seven Tuesday, Thursday early mornings."

"That's difficult for the students enrolled in those classes," said Miller.

Miller said the new snow schedule would also help faculty who previously had to cope with their morning sections getting behind their afternoon sections of the



The new snow schedule delays all classes, rather than canceling the early ones. The steep grade of the back entrance may provide trouble to commuting students during inclement weather.

Photo by St. Claire Ready

same class.

"From a faculty perspective, if you're teaching two sections of something,

and one of them is at eight or nine, and one of them is at one o'clock in the afternoon, you're one place with one class, and you're another place with another class," said Miller. "It makes that process a little bit more difficult."

"It also makes the testing process a little bit more difficult," Miller said. "You give a test to one group 10 days before you give a test to another group."

Junior Karen Presnell said the new policy, although logical, would be an impossible adjustment to students who have to work after school.

"Theoretically, I think it's a good policy," said Presnell. "But realistically, for people who have jobs or other commitments outside of class, it's hard to schedule those things around classes."

"I think everyone will have to make some adjustments, but those adjust-

ments may be impossible for some people," Presnell said.

Miller said classes will be delayed almost two hours, and the individual class time will also be shortened in the new schedule. However, by the end of the day, there will not be any "significant difference in terms of times when classes are actually meeting."

Hopefully, the Late Start Schedule will "equalize the impact" of delaying school over all classes, instead of penalizing early morning sessions.

"You'll have 40 minutes of class instead of 50 minutes of class," said Miller. "So every class gets penalized a little bit, but it will prevent some classes from being totally destroyed."

Some students said the Late Start Schedule was flawed because it shortened classes too much to learn new material.

"It takes us 15-30 minutes to review from the last session (of classes). That means 5-10 minutes of new material with 5-10 minutes of wrapping up, which means you don't learn anything," said junior Darkarai Bryant.

Junior Tom Bushe said some class time was better than none, if for no other reason than to get an assignment for new material.

"I think the whole purpose is so you can go in there and do part of the class, and maybe get the assignment so you're not totally behind," said Bushe, a mathematics major. "Last

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## WOMEN LOSE CHAMPIONSHIP IN HEARTBREAKER

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The UNCA women's soccer team tied UNC-Greensboro 1-1 through 150 minutes of play before falling to the Spartans 4-3 in a penalty kick shootout in the Big South Tournament Championship. The Bulldogs advanced to the title game, played at UNCG, by defeating the University of Maryland-Baltimore County 3-0 in the tournament semifinals.

"They (UNCA) played well. They gave it their heart and soul. We talked a lot about the fact that they (UNCG) are a better team than we are, but I think we had a lot more emotion than they did," said Head Coach Michele Cornish about the championship game.

Alison Gehringer, a junior midfielder, scored two goals in the semifinal matchup with UMBC on Friday night. Her first goal came in the 22nd minute on a direct kick. Gehringer scored her second goal late in the second half on a breakaway. Lynae King, a senior midfielder, scored a goal shortly before the end of the first half, and senior goalkeeper Jill Young had six saves for her sixth shutout of the season.

In the championship game on Sunday, UNCA fell behind 1-0, with 28 seconds remaining in the first half. Ralia Maisonlahti scored on a corner kick from Stephanie Dearlove. Her shot from 20 yards out found the lower left corner of the net.

Young stopped a UNCG penalty kick early in the second half with a diving save to keep the

game within reach for the Bulldogs at 1-0.

Gehringer evened the game at 1-1 on a direct kick from just outside the penalty box when she ripped a shot into the left side of the goal. The goal came with just over five minutes remaining in regulation time as a result of a foul by Maisonlahti.

UNCA played the majority of the four overtime periods on defense, unable to generate much offense. UNCA had seven shots in the first half, but only three more for the next 105 minutes of the game.

In the penalty kick shootout, Amanda Huston, Kristi Cummings, and King connected for the Bulldogs. However, UNCG was able to score four penalty kicks for the victory.

The game started with snow showers, and the temperature didn't climb above the mid 30s for the entire game.

"We had a very good game (and) played hard the whole time," said Young. "We didn't back down, and they didn't intimidate us like they usually do. We came out with something to prove, and I think we did just that. It's just an unfortunate way to end a great season."

Several UNCA players expressed regret that the game ended in a shootout.

"I think we played with our hearts, and we played as hard as we possibly could. There eventually has to be some sort of an outcome, and it's always a pity to have to judge it on a shootout, but that's just what happens. I don't think that we could have played any harder," said Huston, a sophomore defender.

"We played awesome today. It's always hard to lose on PKs (penalty kicks), but I think we played well," said King.

Cornish had nothing but praise for the Bulldogs, and their effort in the championship game against the fifteenth ranked Spartans.



Photo by Del DeLorm

Kara Strehle (right) attempts to gain control of the ball with a UNCG player in last Sunday's Big South championship match.

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## Nudes stolen from Owen darkroom

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Several rolls of negatives were stolen from the darkroom in Owen Hall earlier this semester, according to a UNCA police report. According to campus security, this is the first reported incident of this type of theft at UNCA. The complaint was filed on Oct. 10.

The negatives contained female nudes on them, therefore it is a good possibility that the same person stole all the negatives, according to Dennis Gregory, UNCA department investigator.

The thefts occurred despite limited access to the area where the negatives were stolen from. The door to the darkroom in Owen Hall has a combination on it that only photography students have access to.

"It is a good bet that someone who knows the combination stole the negatives because the lock was not tampered with or damaged," said Bruce Martin, UNCA police officer. "All photography students probably know the combination to the room, plus whoever they give it to."

None of the students involved wished to be interviewed about the thefts because of the sensitivity of the material.

One set of negatives was returned and slipped under the door of Larry White, UNCA photography instructor, with a note attached to them.

"There were fingerprints on the negatives, but we don't have a suspect to match up with the prints or with the writing," said Gregory. "There aren't any really strong leads. It hasn't been a high profile-type crime, so we only work on it at various times."

Campus security added that a problem with solving this particular crime is the number of students that knew the combination to the darkroom.

"The problem is that there are an awful lot of people that have access to the combination," said Martin. "A more controlled environment

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