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Entrance

Cultural differences explored at UNCA

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Fogelman.

"Urban wild space are few and far between, and must be preserved," said Fogelman. "Putting a paved road in the middle of a beautiful area is not aesthetically pleasing." Fogelman said that Chancellor Jim Mullen and Byers had both listened to the student's concerns and responded positively.

"We certainly want to hear what the students have to say about this," said Byers.

The entrance, if approved, would not be built for a few years, according to Byers.

"It takes years for a project like this to get started and then construction may take quite a while too," said Byers.

Poetry

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Asheville Poetry Review, will read in the Laurel Forum, according to Chess.

Additionally, faculty members have done readings around Asheville, according to Chess.

"I spoke at the west branch of the Asheville Library on April 9 on the topic of why we read poetry," said Chess.

"I focused on the difference between reading a poem on a page and hearing a poem read aloud," said Chess. "I selected a group of poems that were meditations on the experience of reading poetry."

David Hopes' performance poetry class and the Asheville Performance Theater will be doing a presentation at the Green Door on May 2, according to Chess.

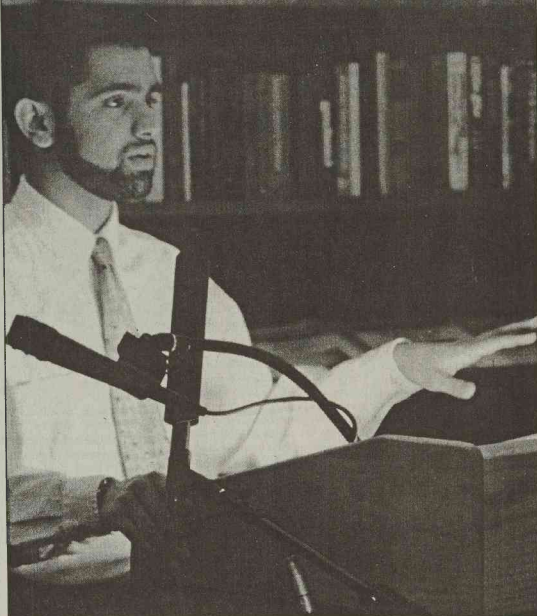
Also as a part of poetry month, several creative writing students traveled to Converse College on April 11 as part of an exchange reading program and presented readings, which were mostly poetry and some prose, according to Chess.

"It was a very good chance to meet with writers from other areas outside of the UNCA community," said Fauble. "It was a lot of fun."

"We had five people go and three were poets. We got a really good response from Converse College and I'd like to do it again," said Fauble.

Volunteers are needed for environmental projects. There will be three creek cleanups, one on April 22 and the other on April 29. Clean Streams Day will be held on May 6. For more information, call (828) 254-1778.

The American Red Cross is seeking donations of household items, furniture, vehicles, appliances and other items for auction at the 20th Annual Fun Fair and Auction. For more information, call (828) 258-3888.



Anuj Moondra, a senior business management and education major, speaks about his home country of India on April 12.

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By Kathryn Krouse
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UNCA students from four different countries displayed exhibits and discussed the economic and cultural differences in their countries in comparison to the United States, according to Joe Sulock, professor of economics.

"A few years ago I was looking out over one of my economic classes, and I had three students from foreign countries. I thought it would be really interesting to have a forum of international students talking about their countries," said Sulock.

The event was sponsored by the economics and humanities programs, and the idea for the presentation began three years ago, according to Sulock.

The students spoke about topics such as customs, culture, politics, economics, women and social issues, according to Sulock.

"You want the audience to perceive connections between the talks, so we came up with common denominators, like the influence of religion, the role of women and social mobility," said Sulock.

This year there were four participants. Each student was from a different country and continent, according to Sulock.

Anuj Moondra, a senior business management and art major, who has participated in the event for two years, explained some of the customs from Indian culture, according to Sulock.

that "Hindus maintain that the right-hand side of the body is spiritually purer," said Moondra. "Always eat with your right hand, (since) the left hand is considered polluted."

He also talked about poverty in India and their culture, according to Sulock.

Sanna Raza, an undeclared sophomore, emphasized the importance of Austrian holidays, family, and relationships. He explained how, although Austria is a modern, westernized country, it is still very different from the United States.

Vivianna Mourra, a junior environmental science major from Colombia, outlined how the work style changes from region to region in her country.

"Near the coast people are very laid back. They tend to be known by the rest of the country as lazy people who do not like to work hard," said Mourra.

"Near the interior of the country, the people are extremely hard workers," said Mourra. "They are efficient, very good with business and have the most amazing success stories I have ever heard."

Marasi Mwencha, a sophomore chemistry major, discussed the importance of tourism in Kenya.

"It boasts of some of the world's prettiest beaches, as well as game parks that have an enormous diversity of wild animals. Tourism is an important part of the economy," said Mwencha.

Along with the exhibits from each country and the speeches, food from the countries was offered to the audience, according to Sulock.

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