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Committee helps the disabled

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A committee set up to help disabled students on the UNCA campus will look into the problems with the automatic door openers and possibly add new handicapped parking spaces to several parking lots around the campus, according to Heidi Kelley, director of liberal arts learning and disabilities services.

"The Karpen (Hall) and Robinson (Hall) parking lots do not have door openers, and we discussed it with Steve Baxley, the director of facilities management and planning. He is aware," said Kelley. "It's a real problem. On nice days, the students who use wheelchairs don't mind going around the building. But, if it's raining or snowing, it's not good."

People who qualify as disabled can be physically, emotionally or learning disabled. This means they may have difficulties with visual and spatial abilities, memory, verbal and nonverbal reasoning and attention and perception, according to the learning disability documentation guidelines.

"Colleges are primarily interested in whether or not a student's learning disability is impacting oral language, or if a separate speech disorder is also present," according to the documentation guidelines.

Under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, students who request support services because of their disability are required to submit documentation to verify eligibility, according to the learning disability documentation guidelines. All documentation is confidential. "Most of our disabled students are learning disabled," said Kelley. Currently, 77 students are served by the disability services office.

A student organization called Equal Access has been set up to provide support to students with all types of disabilities, according to Sharon Behn, the president of Equal Access. Kelley acts as the advisor for the organization.

"Equal Access is for everybody who cares about the disabled," said Behn. The group meets for lunch between 11:30 a.m. and noon on Wednesdays in the private dining room at the cafeteria.

This semester Kelley will prioritize issues on the campus that are important to disabled students, faculty and staff.

The administration has been helpful in making UNCA more accessible to students with disabilities, according to Kelley.

"Our Chancellor is most concerned about accessibility and he charged me with forming a student committee to prioritize the issues. I know that to be completely accessible it's going to be costly and every year we may pick three or four or five items really push for," said Kelley.

"The most important things are

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Worley wins Asheville mayoral race



WALTER FYLER/PHOTO EDITOR

Charles Worley, the new mayor of Asheville, talks with junior psychology major Lori Long and other students in the Glasshouse.

In close election, Worley 'elated' after triumph over Peterson

Rae Stephens
 Staff Reporter

The new mayor of Asheville is Charles Worley, who won by a little more than 500 votes. Immediately following the election results, Worley gave credit to advertising for his win, calling it the "major factor" in his victory over Brian Peterson.

"I'm elated and I'm exhausted," said Worley in an interview with the *Asheville Citizen-Times*.

Worley's declared contributions amount to \$17,239.99 compared to Peterson's \$8,225, according to the Board of Elections.

"I look forward to working with all the new members of city council and the members that are already there," said Worley.

Joe Dunn, Holly Jones and Carl Mumpower are the new Asheville city council members. The council, including the mayor, now includes two doctors, two lawyers, the Director of YWCA and the marketing/development Manager for mountain housing opportunities.



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Worley won the election by 500 votes.

All three new members are new to politics. Terry Bellamy remains on city council, and Worley's council member position is now avail-

MAYOR RACE

Charles Worley (7,936 votes)
 Brian Peterson (7,399 votes)

CITY COUNCIL RACE WINNERS

Carl Mumpower
 Holly Jones
 Joe Dunn

able. That seat will not be filled through public elections. The city council members will vote to fill the vacancy.

About 32 percent of registered voters in Asheville voted in Tuesday's elections, according to Election Board officials. The turnout has increased since the 1999 elections which included the citywide zoning issue. In 1999, 28 percent of the registered voters in Asheville voted.

Peterson denies allegations

Rae Stephens
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The Asheville Guardian, a local tabloid, published a story last month claiming that mayoral candidate Brian Peterson solicited sex from a Madison county woman last March. Peterson denied the accusation.

The woman was paid to give her account of the story. Her credibility has been questioned, due to her long criminal record.

"It's sad and desperate," said Peterson. "I'm disappointed the campaign took that turn."

Opposing candidate Charles Worley came out against the article.

In a television commercial, Worley stated that he did not condone the publication and wished it had not been printed.

"I am indignant that, despite my efforts to deter negative attacks, my opponent and others have continued to try to link my name with actions I did not cause, do not condone and will not tolerate."

Peterson blames "supporters of Worley" for the article. The publisher of the tabloid is a member Citizens for New Leadership, a pro-business group that supported Worley.

"It's really regrettable that (the article) has become such a focus of the campaign," said Worley. "I think it was unsettling for Brian and me the last week, but I look forward to continuing to work with Brian."

Candidates for city council have also had problems with negative



COURTESY OF CITIZEN-TIMES

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-Brian Peterson

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Microsoft criticized for flaws in Windows XP

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Microsoft officially released its next-generation operating system, Windows XP, in New York Oct. 25 amid accusations of consumer privacy abuse, which may add another chapter to the ongoing antitrust suit against the software

giant. "I think [the mixed response] is fairly characteristic of any company that's trying to innovate and add new stuff to the operating system," said Mike Honeycutt, UNCA academic computing services manager.

Groundbreaking features like the expansion of Microsoft's Passport Personal Identification Service and a built in software firewall are pioneered in Windows XP. How-

ever, pervasive coverage of flaws and weaknesses in XP has generated a skeptical response from many industry professionals. Registration and activation of XP are two areas that have received criticism from consumer privacy groups.

"I don't like the idea of Microsoft keeping a record of my computer setup and my personal information on their servers. It's like Orwell's '1984,' right here in 2001," said Adam Durons, a networking service techni-

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in Asheville and surrounding areas. Mike Slemko, a Seattle based re-

searcher and member of the Apache Software Foundation located a flaw in Microsoft's Passport that could be exploited easily. The security gap Slemko discovered was so significant that on Oct. 26, only one day after the official release of XP, Microsoft shut down their Passport servers for long enough to place a patch for the security hole.

"The damage someone could in-

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