

Echo

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time into the station since her freshman year at no pay.

She said she hopes the Blue Echo can be a social medium for everyone at UNCA.

"We want the Blue Echo to be the forum for the campus community," Halloran said.

Duncan Belew, a sophomore who also works with the Blue Echo, said he thought the station could be a good tool to help students stay informed about campus events and activities.

"During my freshman year, I really didn't know about campus events except through word of mouth. I wished there was a place to hear about those things, and hopefully the Blue Echo can do that," Belew said.

To find out what their audience wanted, the Blue Echo posted an online survey for listeners to fill out. The results of that survey were used to determine formatting as well as content. Halloran

said more than 80 people filled out the survey during the past few months.

"From what we've been getting back so far, people really want to hear local acts, indie, things that you can't get on your everyday station," Halloran said.

Halloran also said a political talk program is currently on the table, as well as smaller segments that would focus on world, local and campus news.

The station is now funded through the university with a budget of a couple thousand dollars, but Halloran said once the station gets established, they hope to rely on just community funding. Halloran also said other than promotional items and equipment, the operating costs for the station were relatively low.

Besides selecting music and formatting, students had to work to drum up interest in the Blue Echo, both on campus and in the community.

Maren McGlashan, a sophomore,

has been working to bring the Blue Echo back to the public light and to introduce students to the station for the first time.

"I've mostly been doing promotional work so far. I've just been trying to stir up interest in the Blue Echo, especially among students who have never heard of it before," McGlashan said.

The hard work seems to be paying off. According to Halloran, the Blue Echo's Facebook page jumped from around 100 to more than 250 friends in one month.

Hayes said he felt there was excitement building around the launch of the Blue Echo.

"There's been anticipation on my end. There's anticipation from the DJs that want to join in. We've been getting lots of e-mails from listeners who are really anxious to see what we can do," Hayes said.

Author

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so long that it seems like a Southern thing, and she really capitalizes on that," Abrams Locklear said.

Though Reinhardt has been writing for most of her life, her initial career path involved nursing school, a decision prompted by her father's comment that she needed a career to fall back on since finding a husband was unlikely.

"I worked in hospitals, and one day I walked in, and this was a pivotal moment, I furiously tried to get the blood pressure of a woman," Reinhardt said. "And the head nurse said to me, 'Honey, that woman has been dead for four

hours.'"

That experience, followed by the more traumatic task of unexpectedly arousing a comatose patient with a sponge bath, motivated Reinhardt to strive for a career in writing instead.

The mother of two, who has been with the Asheville Citizen-Times for 23 years and is proud to call Asheville her home, has published three humor books with a New York agent and is in the process of trying to publish a fourth novel with a regional publisher.

"If you want to write, you have to write every day, even if it's crap," Reinhardt said. "It's a matter of, 'Are you

willing to do the work, and are you willing to face the rejections?'"

Jasmine Kimmel, an adjunct research librarian at Ramsey Library who hosted the regional author talk, said the event was a success and elicited only positive feedback.

"She has managed to carve out a piece of the publishing world and leave her mark nationally," Kimmel said about Reinhardt. "She entertains her audience, enrages some and inspires others. I think the audience that attended our Tuesday night reception thoroughly enjoyed her presentation."

Drugs

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dents a break on simple drug charges in definitely a good thing.

"It does help with the transition period, especially freshmen. Really they (campus police) are doing students a really big favor by not giving out a lot of state citations," he said.

Herring said he also supported the Effective Decision Making course.

"The school is really doing a job with kids who have actual drug prob-

lems by providing free substance abuse counselors," he said.

However, the number of incidents on campus involving possession or use of illegal substances is declining. On-campus arrests due to drug law violations fell from 26 in 2005 to eight in 2008, according to Campus Police.

This decline could be due to any number of factors, though students' attitudes about drug use could influence

this.

"I feel like if any student, administrator, or faculty member caught with an illegal substance should be held accountable and receive the appropriate punishment. The university's policy on illegal drugs is clearly stated online, so there should be no excuse for anyone saying 'I didn't know,'" said **UNCA education student Sarah Parks.**

Music

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it," Kuhlman said. "It doesn't matter whether you charge for it or give it away if it's in that shared folder."

It is at this point the university blocks a computer's access to the Internet.

"So the first time a person who has that computer with that MAC address tries to sign on to the network, they get a screen that says, 'Your access has been blocked,' and it asks for their name and e-mail address," Kuhlman said. "Then I get a message back telling me who it is and it also tells them to contact me."

He said once that has happened, the student whose computer the file was found on has two choices, either to state that the claim was a misidentification or accept the charges.

If the student chooses to say the claim was a misidentification, then their computer must be kept off the network for 10 working days.

"What that does is give the people who sent the complaint two weeks in which to go to court, get a subpoena and come back and say, 'OK, who's the person that owns this computer?' in which case we'd have to tell," Kuhlman said. "Then it becomes between the complainant and whoever owns the computer."

Millions of people don't find illegally obtaining media an issue.

"Most of the time people seem not concerned because it's so common and nonchalant. Most people can do it without being caught," said junior music technology student Calvin Beveridge.

ACLU

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examples of bias to have their sentence changed to life without parole," said **Alex Holsten, president of the UNCA chapter of the ACLU** and another speaker at the local press conference.

Holsten criticized the state government for their failures and hypocrisies. He demanded the crime labs become their own organization, completely independent of the SBI, but still acknowledged the success of the Racial Justice Act.

"It is at this time we must achieve consensus and recognition that the death penalty is archaic, and is only useful as a tool of political oppression - unfit for any democracy, and especially unfit for the United States," Holsten said.