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cess to state vehicle registration information was never in question and did not concern him.

"The forum allowed this debate to blow out of proportion," said **David Hopes, professor in the literature department.** "These are not the actual issues, but rather the consequence of a state of dissatisfaction."

Hopes said the forum issue allowed faculty to give voice to growing discontents that are greater than small matters of faculty parking. Davis agreed, saying that amid economic downturn and budget cuts, the UNCA faculty had found an issue to which they could make attempts to solve.

"This issue is sympathetic of something else," Davis said. "There are some things we can't solve. This we can say, hey, there's a problem here."

Davis said that though tempers flared within the email fo-

rum, UNCA administration did not intervene.

"That could've been seen as fanning the flames," Davis said. "I expected the Chief to reiterate the policy, however, it would seem he took care of concerns on an individual basis."

Chief of Police Eric Boyce was unable to comment on parking enforcement policies.

Walters said Boyce presides as a positive force on campus, striving towards greater consistency in areas such as parking enforcement, and the issue is not as great as upset faculty express through the forum.

"A majority of the faculty and staff do buy a pass," Walters said. "It doesn't affect them very much."

Davis said the forum served the purpose of bringing the parking issues to light so that they may be reconsidered in the future.

"Pretty early on, some faculty members acknowledged that the policies would be assessed," Davis said.

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chance to buy adjacent land."

Gordon said the property will sit vacant until the university makes final decisions about construction and use.

After the opening of the new residence hall this coming fall, Gordon said there are no immediate plans or funding for further campus construction.

"Carmichael Hall is top of the list to be renovated, expanded or bulldozed and rebuilt," Gordon said.

While the university has no permanent plans for the Broadway property, it could potentially be utilized by campus needs in the meantime, Gordon said.

"There are no plans for building. The land could be used for temporary parking," Gordon said, "but that would require some leveling and construction. You can't park in the mud."

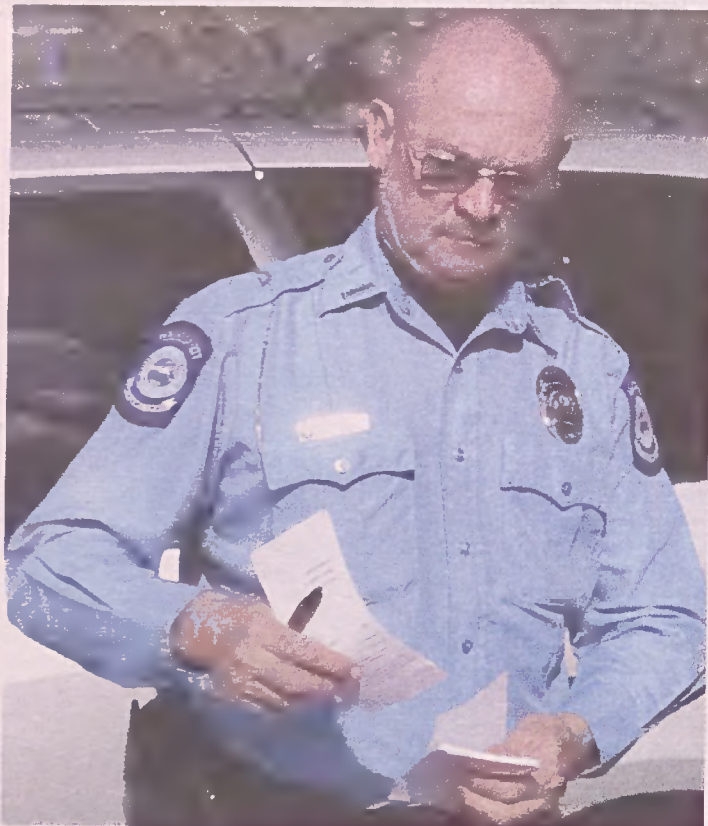


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Security guard Dennis Thompson issues a parking ticket.

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feelings.

"I think a lot has changed, granted it's not as much as we'd like. I think a lot of us were just so happy to get Bush out of the office, and the excitement level was so high. Now the economic recession and Occupy movement shows that there's a lot of angry people out there," Doyle said. "A lot of people don't feel motivated because they're jobless. The country's morale is low."

Doyle said he still feels that he is more involved and much more active in politics since 2008.

John Siary, a senior religious studies student at UNCA, said he is not any more involved in this election than in 2008, but he was not incredibly involved before.

Siary placed the blame for some of Obama's citizen disapproval somewhere other than the recession.

"I basically don't see any difference between before and now except that he hasn't been able, for good reasons, to fulfill some of the things he tried to do, mainly because of a hostile Congress," Siary said. "I'm pretty satisfied, and I would definitely vote for him again."

In 2008, 68 percent of young voters voted for Obama, according to the Center for Information and Research

on Civic Learning and Engagement. The survey at the Harvard University Institute of Politics found that 35 percent of young people said they would likely vote for Obama in the 2012 election.

"Unless a better candidate comes up, I'm probably going to vote for him again," Doyle said.

Montgomery said congressional bickering has many people discouraged with the political climate.

"I think people across the board, not just college students, are feeling a bit disillusioned with their representatives because of all the negative bipartisanship in politics recently," Montgomery said. "However, I think the policies Obama has put in place have made this recession a lot less than what it could have been. The new numbers about job growth are making a lot more people hopeful for the first time in a long time. There are so many issues that are extremely relevant to young people that are going to play a major part in the elections this year."

Though Obama has less youth support, he led Republican nominees by two points in a December Gallup poll.

Despite a possible loss in enthusiasm, Montgomery said College Democrats is trying to educate students on the issues up for debate in the 2012 election.

"The more people know, the more involved they will be, so that is our main goal," Montgomery said.



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