

## MUSLIM

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of each others' differences," Iftikhar said.

The Muslim Student Association at UNCA is dedicated to doing this.

"We find it imperative to spread awareness of the culture of Muslims, as well as battle the many misconceptions that are present on a small southern campus," Faridi said. "We also lean heavily toward the idea of working with various religious groups and cultural groups on campus in, interfaith activities."

Iftikhar ended his speech the same way he started it, with a quote by King.

"We will have to repent in this generation not only for the actions of the bad people, but for the appalling silence of the good people," Iftikhar said.

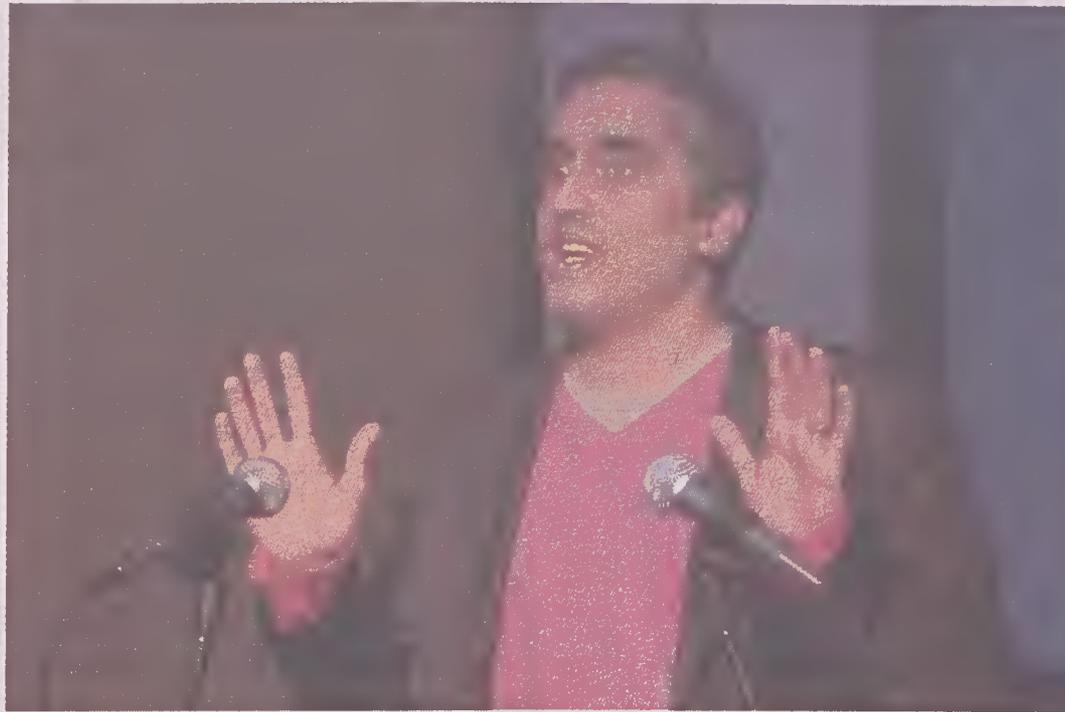


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Iftikhar gestures during his lecture on Islamophobia in the Humanities Lecture Hall last Monday. The NPR commentator spoke about the perceptions of Islam in a post-Sept. 11 world.

## RIZZO

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neighborhood), and I advise students who do research on historical buildings," Rizzo said.

Initially it was her students who made her interested in working with the HRC, according to Rizzo.

"I had two students who did research on the Montford area and it got me interested in the processes used to bring balance," Rizzo said.

One challenge Rizzo said many preservationists are facing is the urge of many homeowners

and businesses to go green.

"There has recently been an issue in Biltmore Village over going green," Rizzo said. "Adding solar panels or wind generators can detract from the building's historic value."

Rizzo said going green can save money, and is also more environmentally friendly.

"I do support it (going green), but on the other hand, I'm on the preservation side too," Rizzo said. "I'm interested in that balance. A lot of younger people want to go green but sometimes there is a hidden cost."

Rizzo said she wants to continue to learn while serving her term on the HRC.

"I hope to become more knowledgeable about the competing ideas," Rizzo said. "I also believe I can bring balanced decision making to my term and work with the people on the board to make sensible decisions for the community. We need to protect our historic neighborhoods."

Other properties discussed at the March meeting were the new Ruth's Chris Steak House building and old BP filling station in Biltmore Village.

"If it wasn't in the Olmstead plan, it's not going to be planted," said **Hillary Cole, chair of the HRC**, at last Wednesday's meeting about the veg-

etation going in around both properties.

The Olmstead plan refers to Fredrick Law Olmstead, George Vanderbilt's landscape architect, and the layout he first envisioned for Biltmore Village over a century ago.

"He (Olmstead) used a lot of local plants in his design of Biltmore Village, and we stick to his original idea," Cole said.

An appointment to the HRC is unpaid, and members volunteer their time and ideas to better our local community, Rizzo said. The committee meets on the second Wednesday of every month, and meetings are open to the public.

## QEP

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vides an educational opportunity to students that furthers their ability to solve problems creatively and prepares them for a complex and developing society. The Inquiry ARC QEP will allow students to focus on critical thinking by designing and implementing a project that they are passionate about, and share that project with others," Ridenour said.

SACS will come to campus Tuesday through March 29 to provide feedback on the plan. If approved, the plan will be implemented in the fall.

"In anticipation of it being approved, we went ahead and started getting together the 12 classrooms it will be piloted in in the fall," Manns said. "Students can partner with faculty who will be using this in their classroom in the fall."

The list of pilot classes will be posted on UNCA's website, so students will be able to register for these specific classes.

"It will be a challenge informing current students about the Inquiry ARC QEP and the role it serves, simply because they have been here at UNC Asheville for a year or more without it being a part of their college experience," Ridenour said.

Ridenour said he thought the process will become easier as more students are aware of the reaccreditation steps and procedures.

"Once we have passed that challenge, however, I do believe students will like it and aim to be involved in Inquiry ARC projects in their courses," Ridenour said.

Manns said the plan has potential to reach success outside of the university, similar to UNCA's undergraduate research program.

Ridenour said he is looking forward to future success with the Inquiry ARC process and growth.

"Unfortunately, I will not have the opportunity to participate much with Inquiry ARC QEP because I am a rising senior, but for those just beginning their journey at UNCA, the Inquiry ARC QEP will be growing rapidly each year," Ridenour said.

## WOMEN

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discussions.

"Women aren't the only ones," Berryman-Finke said. "Boys and men are subjected to the same stereotypes, they are just as brain-washed. The effects are just different, but still as persistent and damaging."

Berryman-Finke said the female ability to support one another and utilize purchasing power were some of the first steps toward shifting the ways in which women are portrayed in the media.

"A sign of real progress, to me, would be to see the number of women in charge change," Berryman-Finke said.



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