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Last year, volunteers helped with more than 250 crisis calls, Rubinsky said.

Our VOICE routes its crisis line through United Way, **Volunteer Coordinator Danny Lee** said. When a call comes in, United Way contacts a crisis response advocate with the victim's contact information. Every few months, United Way sends a call report to Our VOICE, he said.

Last September's report shows 16 crisis calls; however, Lee says they average between 20 and 30 calls per month.

"We sort of had a lull here with our outreach. I do know that after we do outreach, or if we do an event that gets our name out there like Walk a Mile in Her Shoes, we'll get a lot of clients that way," Lee said. "It's really about how we're doing with outreach, not how many assaults are happening. Those are happening. It's just a question of whether people know about us."

Lee, 29, started as a volunteer with Our VOICE before becoming the full-time volunteer coordinator for the agency.

"I started in the prevention education, doing the dating and communication workshops for ninth graders in Buncombe County high schools. That's where I started with Our VOICE, but then I took the training and became a crisis response advocate a couple years ago," Lee said. "When this position opened, I applied."

Lee became the volunteer coordinator last November. He also focuses his attention on community outreach, attempting to educate the public.

Lee and the Our VOICE volunteers visit Buncombe County schools for education workshops.

"We get a lot of ninth grad-

ers that take it very seriously," Lee said. "There are some kids who act up, but I think this is just a really difficult topic to discuss."

Even if the students seem to be acting out, Lee said he tries to stay positive.

"I think that all students want to hear an adult like me say, 'Everyone deserves respect.' I think they appreciate that," Lee said. "Even if they don't seem to be taking it seriously, I hope my voice will be in their head later. At some point, they'll remember that, and it will make some sort of difference."

Our VOICE also offers a hotline for sex workers in the Buncombe County area called Kelly's Line, Rubinsky said.

"It's named after a woman who was murdered while doing sex work, and it sort of brought the attention around this idea that folks who do sex work are very vulnerable to violence. It's a population that also may not feel like they can go to the police and report and be validated and listened to," Rubinsky said. "So, Kelly's Line is a free and confidential anonymous reporting tool for sex workers."

Each of the agency's programs focus on awareness education and prevention, Rubinsky said.

"We strive to maintain a good presence in the community and to be there as best we can for survivors of sexual assault," she said. "There's this idea that we can't really talk about it. It's really taboo and dirty, and (in our society), we just want to sweep it under the rug and blame victims. On a wider, community level, we just want to change the attitudes concerning sexual assault and refocus the blame to where it belongs, which is on perpetrators."

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misuses. As a tool, a body worn video camera that can be turned on and off at the officer's discretion can be used and abused, said Betsalel, who specializes in the origins of democracy, American political thought and civil engagement.

"These are overtly-worn," Boyce said. "What they're doing is they're being transparent, and if there was an issue that came up, departments don't get into the he-said, she-said type situation. They go back and look at the video footage and they're able to take action based on what they actually see on the camera system."

At the end of every shift, officers place the cameras on a

"It can create a kind of Big Brother feeling."

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UNCA political science professor

docking station, where the recorded material uploads onto software called Evidence.com, which securely stores digital information. Officers do not review the recordings of their cameras after the shift, Boyce said.

"I'm not suggesting anything dishonorable here, but I do feel that citizens, students and others feel that there are more ways in which government knows more and more about us, in situations

that are new to us," said Betsalel. "Undoubtedly, situations like this will, if not at UNCA, at some campus somewhere, will result in some kind of litigation at some point in the future, I would imagine."

Misuse, intentional obstruction, destruction or alteration of the system and its recorded material results in disciplinary action, Boyce said.

"It's not like we're mounting secret cameras. We just want to be able to record and document, provide for court, video evidence and audio evidence," Boyce said. "I haven't found that departments who have deployed these body worn cameras have had issues with that. What I have found is that there is a level of comfort among the citizens in that agency's jurisdiction."

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print out your syllabus for a specific course, and you can show exactly what you studied in that class, you can give it to us and we'll make that judgment call on whether it satisfies some of the requirements here," Humphries said.

Alex Fabiszak, a senior economics student at UNCA, transferred from Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College after receiving his associate degree. Fabiszak said the transfer process accepted all but a few courses toward his UNCA degree requirement.

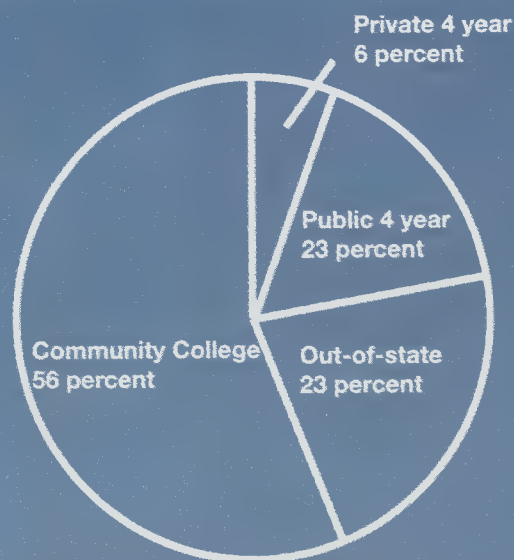
"Overall, it was really easy to transfer over to UNCA and not have to take a bunch of classes I had already taken," Fabiszak said.

Fabiszak said he encountered the most trouble with his writing intensive transfers, only receiving credit for one of his A-B Tech English courses.

"I petitioned with two upper-level English courses from A-B Tech, but neither was accepted," Fabiszak said. "The petition for writing intensive classes from other schools takes forever to get everything that they want, so it's quite rare for a writing intensive class to be accepted from another school."

The UNC system Board of Governors approved the final

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draft of the \$910 million plan at their Feb. 7 meeting. With the board's approval, the plan travels to the state legislature next for passage into law.

Dohse said the plan creates noble goals, but would require finesse in the implementation stage.

"Its goals are quite laudable, but achieving those goals will require monumental effort," Dohse said. "As a faculty member, I am concerned that the problems will arise in the implementation, and that will be the work we need to do in the next couple of years."