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Sunspiration: Student Jill Shuler finds the warm September sunshine helps her get in the studying groove. UNCA students may be concentrating on their books even more next year when the new academic policies go into effect.

Photo by David LaPour

Parking lot planned

By Ramona Huggins

Architects are studying plans now for a new 100 space parking lot that will help ease the parking crush at UNCA, said Sam Millar, UNCA plant engineer.

The new lighted lot will be located below the existing parking lot across the road from the Carmichael Humanities Building, said Millar.

"The project should have begun this month," said Millar, "but the contractors delayed in returning the plans."

"Construction should begin in a few weeks," he said.

The "wrap-around" style lot, similar to the present humanities parking lot, will cost \$100,000 and will take from 30 to 40 days to complete, said Millar.

"A new parking lot will be the best thing that's happened to this place in a long time," said commuting student, Dick Reed of Black Mountain.

"I don't see why we don't

just put another level below the faculty parking lot between Zageir and Carmichael he said. "Or we could ask the faculty to park in the new lower parking area. The faculty parking areas are usually only half full."

Another commuter, Scott Lundy of Asheville, said, "If it's late and I have to get to class I park in the first place available."

"A lot of the cars don't have stickers on them anyway," said Lundy. "I always look for parking in the student area. But if none is available I am not going to leave my car in the middle of the road!"

"Why don't they build a centrally located parking garage maybe below ground level?" questioned Lundy.

"The new lot won't effect the campus police in any way," said officer Victor Fulp of the UNCA campus police.

"It will just give us more area to write tickets in," he said.

GPA minimum raised

By Ramona Huggins and Anna Paulette Witt

UNCA students with shaky GPA's have something new to worry about besides whether they will get into law or medical school.

Starting Aug. 15, 1984, they need to be concerned about maintaining higher minimum GPA's just to stay in UNCA.

Also, according to the UNCA Catalog 83/84, "A student whose cumulative grade point average is less than a 2.000 at the end of any semester will be placed on Academic Probation."

"Under the present policy you don't have to hit a 2.0 until the day you graduate," said Dr. Laurence Dorr, UNCA vice chancellor for academic affairs.

"The new policy should have gone into effect this fall," said Dorr. However, he said, the administration decided to delay its implementation because it would cause several hundred students to be placed on academic probation this year.

"The policy applies to everybody enrolled now," said Dorr. "It does not effect students who will apply for admittance next year."

Dorr said the new policy states that if you haven't reached a 2.0 by the end of your sophomore year, or when you have acquired 60 or more attempted hours, you will be dismissed from the university.

The policy, as stated in the Catalog, says that "at the end of any semester, a student on probation" whose GPA falls below the minimum GPA guidelines spelled out in the Catalog, will be dismissed from UNCA.

"Chancellor Highsmith suggested one year to bring the new academic regulations into effect," said Dorr. "The effective date is now Aug. 15, 1984," he said.

This decision was made in part because about 45 percent of the approximately 2,650 students enrolled at UNCA this semester are part-time students, said

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