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Non-traditional students enhance UNCA classes

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Walk into any classroom around campus, and it becomes evident that UNCA does not have the traditional student population.

Older students make up a substantial percentage of the number of undergraduates here.

With the age of traditional students ranging from ages 18 to 24, UNCA with an average age of 24.5 is above the highest limit of the traditional student category.

The impact of the non-traditional student is a great asset to UNCA. The mixture of traditional and non-

traditional students in the classroom and in the university community gives UNCA a very special color and flair, said Dr. Ann Weber, associate professor of psychology.

The non-traditional student knows what he or she wants, and has the patience to accomplish these goals, said Weber.

"I think the returning student is smart enough to know there are no short cuts. The non-traditional student is realistic, and often realizes nothing could be more professional than a liberal arts education," she said.

"I find frequently my best stu-

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New tax reform laws cause many changes

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Recent changes in federal tax laws will force some UNCA students to file federal income tax forms for the first time next year, said Carolyn McElrath, director of financial aid at UNCA.

The Tax Reform Act of 1986, which went into effect Jan. 1, 1987, affects scholarships (awards which do not depend on the student pro-

viding services to the school) and stipends (payments to students for services they provide to the school).

According to a memo from the UNC system's general administration office in Chapel Hill, the most important change involves scholarships.

Grants, such as Pell Grants and Supplemental Educational Opportun-

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Winter or Spring?

Recent days have produced a mixed bag of weather in the area. Last week temperatures rose into the 60s (left), but winter returned Monday with snow and ice (right).



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