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## Farrell accepts position at UTC



Photo by Miranda Wyatt

Athletic Director Ed Farrell announces decision to leave UNCA for a job at UT-Chattanooga.

### UNCA will conduct nationwide search to fill AD position

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UNCA athletic director Ed Farrell has accepted the job of athletic director at UT-Chattanooga.

Farrell, who has been at UNCA five years, was among several candidates for the AD position. He was notified Tuesday of UT's decision.

Chancellor David Brown said in a press conference Wednesday that Farrell is the greatest innovator in intercollegiate athletics in the country today.

"Ed Farrell is an athletic director absolutely supreme. Ed's legacy to UNCA and to the Asheville community is that UNCA has

become known as a place where academic integrity and athletic excellence can truly co-exist," said Brown.

According to Brown, plans have been made to establish a committee that will identify Farrell's successor. The committee will be chaired by Bob Yearout who is the chairman of the faculty advisory committee, and will include faculty members, students, and members of the community.

Brown expects to begin interviewing candidates the first week in May. A national search will be conducted and the target date for a new AD is July 1.

"I think it's very unlikely that we'll go to an interim athletic director," said Brown. "This happens to be one of those fields where people move pretty quickly when they spot an opening. We feel that Ed has built the kind of program that will allow us to attract a truly superb successor."

Farrell said he owes UNCA a great deal for the time he has spent here.

"I arrived here looking for an opportunity to start a career and I was given great support and a chance to do. If I'm any good at athletic administration it's because of what I've learned in five years

working at UNCA," said Farrell. "I'm leaving a pretty city, too," said Farrell. "Asheville is an easy place to move to and a tough place to move away from."

Farrell said he was attracted to the job at UT-Chattanooga because it is an established program that has arrived at a particular level.

"They have already done the things that we're working to do. They have more staff, and I'm not adverse to being involved in a football program again," said Farrell.

"I see this as an opportunity to take a program that is already at a certain level of stability and move it to a higher level. It's a great place and a great job."

Before leaving UNCA, Farrell will help in the search for a new AD. According to Brown, Farrell has developed a list of possible replacements. Brown has not seen the list, but he says Farrell will play an active part in choosing his successor as a nationwide search is conducted.

Brown said the committee will be looking for someone to continue what Farrell has started at UNCA. "We're looking for an individual who thinks that academics are the first priority at

and institution and someone who believes an interest in athletics can be used as a means for bringing students into a university that has academics as its number one priority," said Brown.

"We're looking for someone who sees this integration as Ed has seen it. Secondly we're looking for a person who is intrigued by emphasis on the placement of students in a career after graduation," Brown said.

Most importantly Brown said the university needs someone who is interested in carrying on the ACE Program and SAIL Program which are unmatched by any other college in the United States.

ACE stands for "Academics, Competition, and Employment." The program recognizes that the demands on a student athlete's time calls for extra care and attention in monitoring the student's classroom progress.

ACE provides UNCA's student athletes with a variety of study skills workshops and career directed experiences designed to help them in their college education.

Freshman student athletes enter the ACE program in their first

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## Computer virus infects campus

By Angela Minor  
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Several students in recent weeks have found the message, "This disk is stoned" on their computer monitors. "Stoned" is one of the computer viruses which have infected many of the computers in the UNCA computer labs, according to Irving Wiswall, manager of academic computing.

This message does not always appear on the screen right after a disk is infected, said Wiswall. He said the message only appears after every few times the user uses the infected disk.

According to Wiswall, students with disks of computer games which are infected, most likely are using those disks on the lab computers and infecting the computer system. Students later using the same computer then have a likelihood of the virus infecting their disk.

These viruses reproduce within the computer systems, said Wiswall; that is why they are referred to as viruses. When a virus infects a computer system, the virus looks for any other disks in the machine. It then, according to Wiswall, infects those disks. The

virus will eventually work its way into the operating system of the computer.

Problems occur when the virus infects the hard disk in the lab, said Wiswall. The software of the hard disk is programmed to "quarantine" the virus, much as a person with certain kinds of diseases must be quarantined to prevent the disease from spreading.

When the hard disk is infected, to prevent the virus from spreading to other disks in the lab, the operating system of the computer prevents the user from using the computer and spreading the virus. Because of this software, the computer user cannot use the computer until the computer center can "clean up" the hard disk and erase the virus, said Wiswall.

The computer center has attempted to solve the problem created by the virus. However, according to Wiswall, "The only thing we've been able to do is to go around to the labs every day and disinfect the systems." Wiswall said having to take this step is a nuisance but is the only thing the computer center can do at this point.

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Photo by Miranda Wyatt

Two cultures meet as Markus Roeders, SGA president, and Pavel Kolinsky, Czechoslovakian team member, converse over their meal.

## Visitors envision world peace

By Jamie Steele  
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UNCA broke through geographic and political boundaries last week when the Czechoslovakian and Russian rafting teams assembled in the Owen Conference Center to exchange questions and answers with the audience Wednesday night.

"Structures have political problems. But these aren't our (the people's) struggles," said Pavel Kolinsky, a Czechoslovakian team member. "Countries' differences are not struggles between human beings, but struggles between structures."

The teams' members came from various professional backgrounds. The professions represented ranged from chemical engineering to technical design, from mathematics to nuclear safety, and from business to physiology.

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## Students sample international cuisine

By Michelle Franklin  
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Githeri, Getowero, and Falafel. This may not sound like the ordinary menu of burgers and fries served in the Highsmith cafeteria, but it was a part of Wednesday night's International Food Festival menu sponsored by the International Student Association.

About 70 people turned out Tuesday night to try foreign foods made by ISA members. The festival included foods from eleven countries such as Africa, Iceland, Palestine, and Thailand.

"The food was extremely good," said sophomore Kevin Frazier. "The whole thing has been an impressive set-up."

The food festival is only one of the activities occurring on campus for UNCA's first International Awareness Week. It is an attempt

to make people aware of our international students and ISA.

"I feel it's important to have an International Awareness Week at UNCA because we have quite a few international students at UNCA and we don't have an international studies curriculum here," said Supatal Inpirom, president of the ISA. "It gives international students a chance to share their cultures with American students."

At present approximately 56 international students attend UNCA.

The ISA started three years ago according to Inpirom, and consists of nineteen active members, including three American students. The club has two advisors, assistant professor of economics, Kofi Aprako and Carolyn Briggs, coordinator of Minority Affairs.

"ISA is really like a supportive

group for our international students," said Inpirom. "Our organization is also open to American students so they can learn more about other countries."

Devery L. Taylor, an American student of Scottish descent, said he joined ISA to learn about new cultures of other people.

"I've always wanted to experience other cultures and broaden my views past Asheville" said Taylor. "My mother is a direct descendant of the Menzies, a Scottish clan who has a castle near the Tay River in Scotland."

Taylor says he hasn't visited Scotland yet, but unites with his Scottish relatives each summer for a clan reunion. "I get to see my Scottish relatives once a year and I've learned quite a lot about my heritage through this," said Taylor.

Another ISA member, Yoshi Numata, left his home in

Yokohama, Japan four years ago to attend UNCA. "I closed my eyes and picked out a place on the map, and it just happened to be Asheville, North Carolina," said Numata. "No, actually I wanted to visit the United States and a friend told me about UNCA."

Another reason Numata chose Asheville was because the climate is very similar to the climate he was accustomed to in Japan. "This part of North Carolina has a mild climate and four seasons just as Yokohama does," said Numata. "I think it is a very beautiful state."

Although similarities exist between his past home and the United States, it hasn't always been easy for Numata to adjust to the American culture. "I arrived in Los Angeles before flying to North Carolina and couldn't speak English," said Numata. "In Japan, I learned English grammar, but

not how to speak the language very well." He also finds that Japanese people do not communicate in the same manner as Americans do. "The Japanese don't speak directly to people," said Numata. "The are shy, where American people are very open-minded and say what they think."

Schools in Japan are very different from American schools according to Numata. "Getting into college in Japan is totally opposite from getting into an American college," said Numata. "You have to take an exam that covers five subjects, and you only have one chance a year to pass it. Once you get in though it is easy, but in American colleges it is easy to get in and then you have to take very hard classes."

According to Numata, the Humanities series have been hard

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