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NEWS IN BRIEF

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Search for vice chancellor

UNCA is conducting a search for a new assistant vice chancellor for development.

The assistant vice chancellor's job involves obtaining university funding from outside sources, according to Beverly Modlin, vice chancellor for university relations.

"Everything we do in fundraising is geared around making UNCA an even better teaching institution," Modlin said. "This includes more money for student enrichment activities, faculty development, and scholarships."

Modlin and Mary Chakales are currently sharing the responsibilities of the position. Modlin and Chakales said they are focusing their efforts on student scholarships.

"Scholarships are our biggest focus right now, and this position is critical to capturing financial aid for our students," said Modlin.

Beginning Sept. 22, Modlin and a

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Forum falls short

Not a single student, except for the student mediator, attended last week's forum on the search for a new vice chancellor for academic affairs.

The next student forum will be held on Sep. 11 in the afternoon, and the committee wanted to give different options for students who wished to attend forums, according to Dhaval "Doc" Patel, the student mediator.

Patel said he may resign from the committee because of other obligations.

The office of the vice chancellor for academic affairs is responsible for faculty, curriculums and academic support programs, such as the library and computer center, said Shirley Browning, the chair of the search committee.

"This particular individual is the person whose primary responsibility is the internal administration of the institution," Browning said. "The chief academic officer is sort of the lead vice chancellor."

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New position established

A UNCA professor has been named to the newly-created post of dean of faculty development.

Merritt Mosely said he will create a faculty development center for UNCA, consisting of materials designed to assist faculty in developing their teaching methods. Materials will be indexed in the future for easier access, Mosely said.

"Eventually, I'm going to have a bibliography and a database which will enable faculty members [to access information], kind of like the regular library collection," Mosely said.

Mosely said he would like to publish a newsletter through the office, as well as conduct a number of workshops for the faculty.

"Instead of my deciding what we need a workshop in, and then compelling people to come to it, which I have no power to do, I hope to find out from faculty members what it is they would like to know more about," Mosely said.

Mosely will continue to teach classes in the literature department and maintain office hours as both a teaching

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Man held in jail for 24 hours after disturbance in dorm

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A man visiting a UNCA resident was taken to the Buncombe County jail Friday night, after allegedly harassing a female student.

The incident occurred at 8 p.m., according to UNCA safety reports. Staci Postel, a resident of Gardner Hall, said a man approached her window and called her name. She said the man appeared "extremely intoxicated."

Postel said the man came into the building, walked through her open door, and refused to leave. Then, the man returned a second time, according to Postel.

After the man left, Postel said that she tried to find the resident assistant [RA] in the building. The RA was not in the building, so Postel said she went to four different Governor's Village residence halls before she located an assistant in Ashe Hall.

According to Postel, the RA attempted to contact the Public Safety Office for more than 40 minutes, but no one answered the phone. Postel said she waited in front of the office until she saw a patrol car drive by, then she attempted to wave the car down.

Postel said the officer in the car smiled and waved at her, then drove by. After reaching Mills Hall, the officer turned around and approached her.

According to public safety reports,

Officers Metcalf and Miller searched Governor's Village, but were unable to locate the man. At 9 p.m., Officer Huffstickler arrived on campus and spotted the subject, Casey Alan Johnson.

The man told officers he was on campus visiting a UNCA student, and he went to Postel's room to say hello, according to safety reports.

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NCSL votes on parking privileges, graduation gowns

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The UNCA delegation to the North Carolina Student Legislature (NCSL) held their weekly debate last Thursday evening at the Side Door in the Highsmith Center. The group voted unanimously to recommend that open parking hour privileges be extended to resident students and that sashes in school colors be added to graduation gowns.

NCSL is the oldest active student legislature in the country, according to its literature. It was founded in 1937, and lists as alumni North Carolina Gov. Jim Hunt, the Rev. Jesse Jackson, and Senator Jesse Helms.

NCSL, which has delegations at 26 colleges around North Carolina, mirrors the state legislature. "We have a governor, and lieutenant governor, a secretary of state, an attorney general and a treasurer," said Shawn McKee, NCSL delegation chairperson.

Individual delegations meet weekly to prepare for statewide meetings, and once a month, September through April, all the schools come together for an Interim Council, at which resolutions are passed and prominent speakers heard.

"The organization really has a good reputation nationally," said Dwight Mullen, chairman and associate professor of political science. "The NCSL really does well in terms of what it does when it meets at a state level convention. I don't know why that's not translating here locally."

According to McKee, the UNCA delegation to the NCSL is made up of 12 core members, and the membership is predominately male and white. "Unfortunately, right now it is just about entirely white," said McKee. "You can't



Photo by Marfi Parson

NCSL members voted to recommend the extension of parking privileges to residents and to change graduation attire last Thursday.

make anybody join anything they don't want to."

Four of the past five governors of the NCSL have been women. "We think maybe since there are fewer women in the organization, they tend to be more driven," said McKee. "Last year the governor was from UNCA, but she unfortunately had to leave in the middle of the year."

"I think that one of the issues is just informing people of what it [the NCSL] is, and how important it can be," said Mullen. "I don't think that information is really well disseminated on campus."

Mullen said that in the past, the NCSL has been associated more with the political science department and the student government association.

"I think because of that, it has been

very limited," said Mullen.

According to Peter Franklin, vice delegation chairperson, efforts are underway to attract more students to the NCSL, in order to make it more representative of the makeup of the campus. A flyer has been posted on campus bulletin boards emphasizing the fun aspects of NCSL membership to help

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SGA president resigns; vice president prepares to take the lead

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Denise Tomlinson officially resigned as UNCA's SGA president last Wednesday evening due to leg injuries sustained in a recent car accident.

In addition, Tomlinson will also be receiving treatments for a separate undisclosed minor health problem.

"The combination of the two just made it really hard for me to stay," said Tomlinson.

Tomlinson had just returned to Asheville to attend a board of trustees meeting in July when the accident occurred. The housing office made special accommodations for Tomlinson by putting her in a ground level apartment on Sevier Street.

But after attending a week of classes, Tomlinson made the final decision to leave UNCA for the remainder of the semester. "It was very hard to decide to

leave, but sometimes you just have to do what's right for you," said Tomlinson.

A lack of proper handicap facilities on campus made walking to class difficult for Tomlinson. She has urged SGA to look into implementing better and more equipped facilities for the handicapped.

Former vice president Dhaval "Doc" Patel has assumed duties as SGA president. Former senator Robbie Combs has moved into the vice presidential slot.

"He was senior senator and also senate pro tem," Patel said. "The way our constitution is run is if our vice presidential position is vacated, the senate pro tem takes over that position. Since I've moved up to president, he becomes vice president."

In addition to the new SGA position, Patel also currently holds the presidential position for UNCA's

Underdog Productions. "As of right now I'm planning to do both," said Patel.

Patel said he enjoys sitting in on other organizational meetings, but holds no other executive positions.

Although Patel has taken up to 22 credit hours a semester in the past, he is now enrolled with 13 hours. Patel, a senior double majoring in biology and chemistry, will hold the presidential post until he graduates this spring.

For the present, Patel said he plans to focus on filling the approximately 80 positions that are now open in the student government association. There vacant positions for student court justices and other committee and cabinet members.

"My main focus is to strengthen SGA," said Patel.

"There are lots of positions open. The best way to make sure things are

going well is to get involved," said Tomlinson.

According to Tomlinson, there have been a few anonymous notes from students who do not support her decision to leave the office.

"There's been a lot of negative tension. There have been several nasty notes left on the student government door," said Tomlinson.

Apparently, some of the tension began when Tomlinson failed to attend an SGA meeting last Thursday. After having just resigned from the office, Tomlinson forgot about the meeting. One note was in regards to her absence and unappreciative attitude toward the guest speaker of that meeting, said Tomlinson.

Patel, who learned of Tomlinson's resignation last Tuesday evening, was

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