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Campus Events

BOOK THEFTS IN ROBINSON ANGER, SURPRISE STUDENTS

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■ The first annual community service fair will be held on Thursday, Oct. 3 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Highsmith Center plaza. Sponsored by the Office of Student Development. Call 6588.

■ A Veritas Faculty-Student Luncheon will be held on Thursday, Oct. 3 from 12-1 p.m. in the Owen Conference Center. The speaker will be Dr. Thomas Schmidt, and the topic will be "All Blessed and No Place to Go: Can Jesus be Saved From Postmodernism?" The third Veritas lecture on Thursday, entitled "The Big Bang, Stephen Hawking, and God," will be given at 8 p.m. in Lipinsky Auditorium by Dr. Fritz Schafer.

■ Theatre UNCA's production of "Arcadia" will be performed at 8 p.m. in Carol Belk Theater on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday (Oct. 3-5). There will also be two matinee shows on Saturday, Oct. 5 and Sunday, Oct. 6 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for senior citizens, and \$6 for faculty, staff, students, and children. Call 253-5778 for reservations.

■ A Veritas forum lecture, entitled "Renewing American Compassion," will be given on Friday, Oct. 4 at 8 p.m. by Dr. Marvin Olasky. The lecture is in Lipinsky Auditorium and is free.

■ UNCA's Center for Creative Retirement (NCCCR) is hosting the "Behind-the-Scenes Forest Tour" all day on Saturday, Oct. 5. Tickets are \$40, which includes transportation and a catered lunch. Call NCCCR at 6140 for more information, as well as to register.

■ The men's soccer team will play Charleston Southern on Saturday, Oct. 5 at 2 p.m. The game will be played at Greenwood Field, and is free to all UNCA faculty, staff, and students with ID.

■ "Opening Doors: A Dialogue on Organizational Racism," will be held from 6-8 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 7 at the MAHEC building on Biltmore Avenue. Questions? Call Carolyn Briggs at 6671, or Ed Katz at 6411.

■ The World Affairs Council presents "Bosnia: A Case Study of Balkan Ethnicity and Nationalism," on Monday, Oct. 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the Owen Conference Center. The lecture will be given by Clifford Lovin of the Western Carolina University history department. If you have any questions, call Tom Sanders at 252-6327.

■ "Sunjata," a shadow puppet show that uses colorful visuals, dance sequences, African drumming and songs, will be performed at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 9 in Lipinsky Auditorium. Tickets for the show are \$10 for general admission and \$6 for children under 14. If you have any questions, call 6584.

■ Keith Ray will hold a fitness workshop on Wednesday, Oct. 9 in Highsmith Center room 37 from 1-3 p.m. Topics include diet, exercise, mental outlook, and more.

Three UNCA students and a professor had books stolen Sept. 17 around 1 p.m. from Robinson Hall, according to a UNCA Public Safety report. The larcenist has not yet been caught.

"If we catch him, he would probably be found butt-naked (at) about 8 a.m., hanging from the flag pole at a point to where his own mother wouldn't recognize him," said senior Cameron McKeel, a biology major.

UNCA students Brook Bowers, Cameron McKeel, Cheryl Stokes, and visiting assistant professor of chemistry, Bruce Burnham, had around \$400

worth of books stolen altogether. "It could be an individual either trying to support a drug habit, or just trying to get some money," said McKeel. "In no way am I pointing a finger at any fraternity, at any sorority, or at any organization here on campus, but you'd have to be an idiot not to see that this would be one way to make several hundred

Only "low-lives" are people who steal, according to McKeel. He added that not as many books would have been stolen if this was a personal issue. He added that he has no idea who stole the books.

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--Cameron McKeel

ing. It would be a hell of a way to fund a keg fund."

"It would be so convenient for four or five people to pick up any shiny new books and sell them back at the end of the semester for a party fund. If I were looking for a way of bringing a little extra cash into some kind of organization, and I didn't mind bending the ethical rules, then this is an incredibly viable way to make extra cash."

"I was pissed about it, but I just bought the two books again," said McKeel. "Whoever it is, is brazen. It is that kind of brazenness and stupid-

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Yogic flying attracts onlookers and skeptics at demonstration

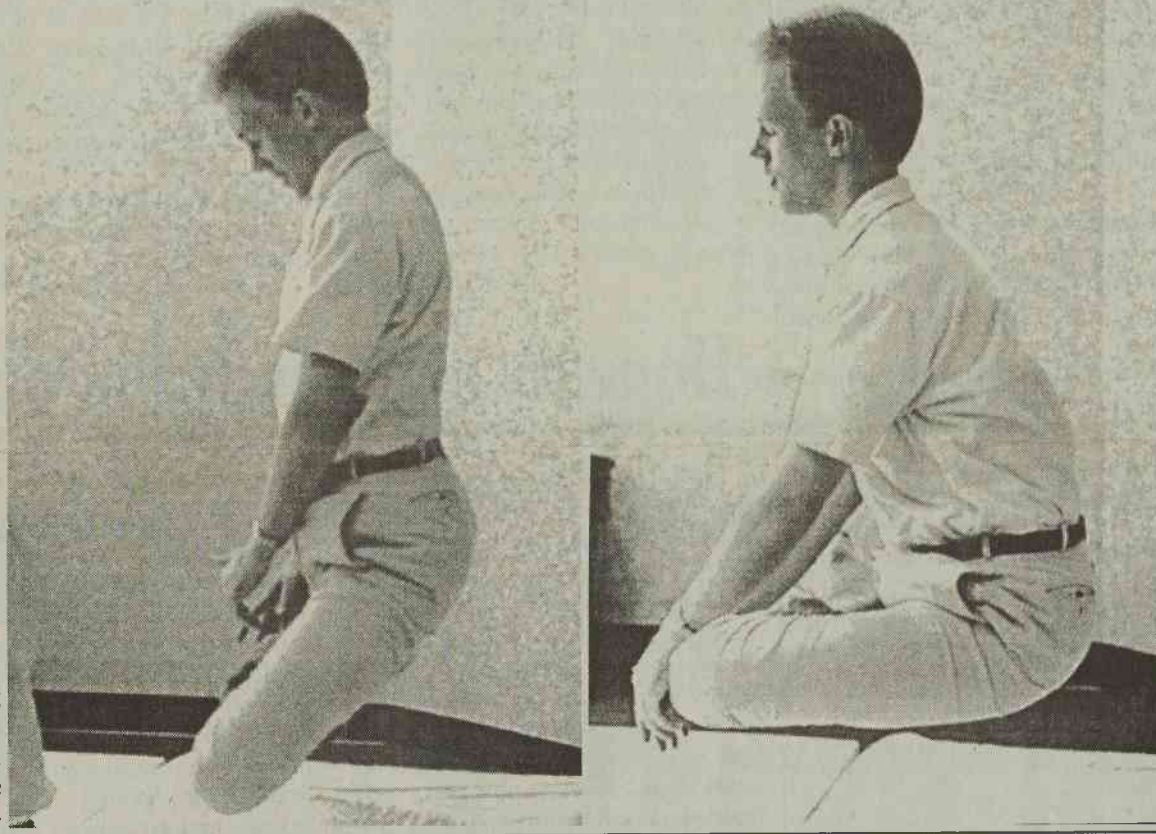
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First, they meditate. Then, they hop. And they promise that if 7,000 people join them, they can change the harmonial balance of the world by tapping into the natural energy field of the universe to effect positive changes in everyday society.

They are the yogic flyers of the Natural Law Party (NLP), and they arrived at UNCA on Sept. 24 to demonstrate the first level of transcendental meditation (TM), which is the basis of the Natural Law Party's political platform. Joining the two yogic flyers, Michel Teboul and John Butler, were a slate of the party's candidates running for North Carolina offices, including UNCA student Scott Lamb, a candidate for Buncombe County commissioner.

"If we want perfection in government," Lamb said, "we need look no farther than nature itself. I really believe our political process can bring about change. The government should teach individuals how to self-govern in accord with natural law."

Lamb said the NLP offers three things to voters: hope, prevention-based solutions, and a proven method of change that is rooted in TM. The hopping demonstrated by the yogic flyers at UNCA is only the first stage of the process,



John Butler exhibits his yogic flying technique in front of Ramsey Library during a rally for the Natural Law Party last week. Photos by Jennifer Thurston

Lamb said.

Victor Pardo, the party's U.S. senatorial candidate for North Carolina, explained that TM is a method for accessing a powerful, expanded consciousness that forms the basic source of the manifest universe's energy. When many people use the method collectively, Pardo said, TM can neutralize stress and the root causes of social problems throughout the world, also called the Maharishi effect.

"The point of access is our own consciousness," Pardo said. "(TM) represents an advanced form of

percent of the world's population, and when this number of people gathered together in Iowa to practice TM in 1983, the world's crime rate and health problems decreased, Pardo said.

"Nothing could be further from the truth," Markovsky wrote in a letter to the *Daily Iowan*, the University of Iowa's student newspaper, after the Natural Law Party visited that campus. "The case for the NLP's and TM's paranormal beliefs is far from conclusive. The results are questionable."

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Weekend rally to bring music, timely message to UNCA

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The Student Government Association (SGA) is conducting a "Rock the Vote" campaign to get students out into the polls on Election Day, according to the appointed legislative liaison.

"We have the 'Rock the Vote' campaign to encourage students to vote and to provide entertainment as a reward to those who participate in the 'Rock the Vote' program," said sophomore liaison Jonathan Freeze. "We are trying to get as many students as possible to register and participate in the elections."

The campaign is attempting to assist students to register to vote, obtain more information on absentee ballots, and get more material on the candidates running for office.

"Voting is very important," said Freeze. "We want to get students registered to vote so they may be able to voice their opinion in the community's

politics.

Freeze said that he remembers reading some statistics that said only about 30 percent of college students voted in the 1992 elections.

"Through our 'Rock the Vote' campaign, we hope to draw out as many students as possible," said Freeze.

Some students said that they are already registered to vote and that they, too, feel that it is something that everyone should take time to do. They also said they hope that UNCA's "Rock the Vote" campaign will get more students into the voting booths. "I am a registered voter and I plan to vote," said junior Shelly Stone. "I feel that it (voting) is important because when you vote, you are voicing your opinion. I also think that it is the duty of every citizen to vote for their politicians."

"This is a democracy," said Stone. "Our government was set up for the people to vote, so we all need to. I hope that the 'Rock the Vote' campaign will get more students to vote

this November."

Some students said they are unsure about the steps in receiving absentee ballots. Absentee ballots are available for those voters who know they will be away from the state or county in which they are registered to vote on election day.

Many students said they want to vote, but are afraid they may not be able to since they are registered in their hometowns and not here in Buncombe County.

"I am a registered voter, but in my hometown" said sophomore Abby Ijames, a drama major. "I want to vote, but I am not sure on what I need to do so that I can vote on election day."

Freeze said that UNCA's "Rock the Vote" campaign can assist students who are unsure of the necessary steps needed in order to vote on Election Day.

"Overall we want to make sure that UNCA's 'Rock the Vote' has three parts to it. They are registration,

education, and mobilization," said Freeze. "In the registration step, we want to make sure that we register as many students as possible, and we want students to know the steps in requesting absentee ballots if they need them."

"The second part is education," said Freeze. "We want to make sure that the students know about the candidates that are running for office."

"In the mobilization step, we want to reach out to students before election day and make sure that they are going to vote," said Freeze. "We will provide transportation for students on election day if they do not have cars, or if for some reason, they can't get to the polls."

Some students said it is important that those people who will be voting in the upcoming election know the history of the candidates who are running and their platform.

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