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Minorities

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"There could be more (done) to make the school more integrated," Hall-Campbell said. "(They could include) more African historicism in the humanities. That's part of a better education."

The only organization UNCA has on campus directed toward African-Americans is the African-American Student Association. They have no

minority sororities, and if the administration wants more blacks to attend UNCA, they should have more areas in which minorities can express themselves, said sophomore Cerise Glenn.

"I think the school (could) speak with money (if they want to attract minorities)," said Gaither.

"They could get more things toward

minority interests like other schools have," said Gaither.

Miller said every group on campus complains of not having enough social activities especially for them, and adding more just for minorities will not work because they all have indi-

vidual interests. Harrell said more minorities would

come to UNCA, not if there were more activities on campus for them, but if there a greater chance of them getting jobs in the area or in Asheville. This, according to Harrell, would require a cooperation between the university and the local community.

"To have that kind of effort between the university and the city would have to be part of an effort to open up the town in general," said Harrell. "That's not going to happen."

"There's too many variables involved," Harrell said.

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Summer

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"It is especially good for people who are attending summer school but live too far away to go home, because it's so close to the end of the school year," the student said.

According to Registrar Rebecca Sensabaugh, the timing of the terms was set up with specific intentions to assure access to various groups, as well as to expand the access for students who will be attending summer school.

Information from the registrar's office said terms were structured so that students could choose to take an intensive course in the May term and still enroll in five-week classes.

The timing of the five-week term was designed to allow public school students and employees access to at least one term of summer school.

The timing of the terms and the fact that they have been moved forward to accommodate an expanded fall semester has upset many students, particularly in relation to the effects this will have on their summer plans, as well as the added stress of a longer fall semester.

"With the quarter system at tech schools and community colleges, that'll f--k all the people who are transferring," said Ribar. "If it had been that way last year, I wouldn't have transferred here."

"(What about) people with summer jobs? Who's going to want an employee who has to leave three weeks early because their university system can't keep up with the rest of the country?" said Purchase. "This is ridiculous."

"I don't really mind it because most of the time by the end of the summer, I'm ready to come back to school anyway," said sophomore Danielle Almeida.

"However, it will drastically cut back on my employment opportunities," Almeida continued. "It'll cut where I can work and

how much I can work this summer. I really don't like that."

"I'm not going to start school the first week of August just to keep the president of the North Carolina University system happy," Purchase continued. "They don't need to be moving school back."

Some students added that the additional stresses the changes will make on the fall semester are unnecessary.

"I don't like the idea of lengthening the fall semester," said Almeida. "It's stressful enough as it is the way it is now. I'm not sure I could take much more stress."

"Summer school is fine, but they don't need to be changing fall semester, that bugs me," said Purchase.

Some students were indifferent to the matter, saying that the changes really weren't worth caring about.

"It doesn't really matter to me. I mean, if we're going to start two weeks before Labor Day anyway, who cares about another week or two?" said junior Michael Darnell.

Sensabaugh said that the fall schedule was pushed up anyway, and that the summer school schedule was a response, allowing more time for the university to get ready for the fall semester.

She continued by saying that this schedule will allow students access to a wider variety of courses from the different departments, including different types of courses.

The traditional five week term will be from June 9 to July 11, with registration on June 6.

The traditional eight-week term will be held from May 27 until July 18, with registration on May 23.

The eight week term overlaps both the three week term and the five week term, and the entire summer program will be completed on July 18, after which the university will begin to prepare for the fall 1997 semester.

SGA and NCSL are sponsoring a Used Book Co-op in the Private Dining Hall in Highsmith from Monday, Dec. 9 to Thursday, Dec. 12. They will be open from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 4 to 6 p.m.

The Blue Banner is currently accepting applications for weekly columnists for next semester. If interested, please submit samples of your writing to the Banner office in Carmichael 208, or call 251-6586 for information.

The Blue Banner Weather Weekly

As a Nor'Easter forms this weekend along the coast of the Eastern United States, we can expect some rain to move into the area as the storm gets organized. Temperatures should be seasonable with highs in the 40s and 50s.

WEEKEND WEATHER FOR ASHEVILLE

Thursday night	Partly cloudy with the low near 31
Friday	Partly cloudy with the high near 55 and low near 33
Saturday and Sunday	Increasing clouds with rain likely, diminishing by Sunday evening Highs in the upper 40s and lows near 35

WEEKEND TRAVEL FORECAST

City	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Atlanta	60/38 ps	54/39 cld	52/36 ps
Charlotte	55/35 ps	49/40 r	50/36 ps
Greensboro	53/33 ps	48/35 r	45/32 ps
Raleigh	54/37 ps	51/40 r	46/36 ps
Wilmington	60/41 ms	57/43 r	51/42 cld

s=sunny ms=mostly sunny ps=partly sunny cld=cloudy r=rain t=thunderstorms sn=snow
For more information, call the UNCA Weatherline at 251-6435 or check out our homepage at www.atms.unca.edu.

Courtesy of Bryan Farr and Jamey Singleton of the Atmospheric Science Department

Is being an RA worth free room and board?

(CPS)-Being a resident aide (RA) on a college campus used to mean acting as a big brother or sister to younger students.

Duties used to include refereeing disagreements over loud music, hand-holding homesick freshman, and reprimanding such drunken mischief as cherry bombs launched down a commode.

Today, with increasing social problems and violence on campuses, RAs are dealing with problems such as drug abuse, rape, and, in rare cases, murder. Earlier this fall, Jay Severson was doing his job as an RA at Purdue University when he was shot to death. He reported freshman Jarrod Eskew to university police for cocaine possession. Eskew shot Severson and then committed suicide.

This incident, while extreme, has shaken up many RAs and has them questioning whether the job is worth the free room and board.

"Quite honestly...it scared the s--t out of me," says Kelly Messick, a resident director who supervises RAs at the University of Oregon. "I look at my staff and think, 'They are there 24 hours a day and we ask them to be a part of their students' lives.' There is so much uncertainty about what could happen from day to day."

Violence on campuses is increasing. A national study by the *Chronicle of Higher Education* found a 26.3 percent increase in homicide in 1994, the largest increase for any crime on campus. Just this year, a student was killed by a sniper at Penn State University, another was murdered, allegedly by a spurned boyfriend at the University of Colorado-Greeley.

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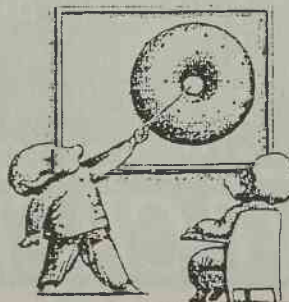
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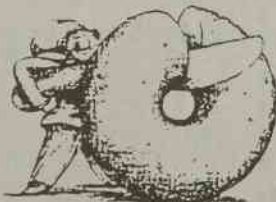
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