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By Mandisa Templeton y for st at if or egree, a le, but formedi

The current food service contract ith Marriott Dining Services is ith 24 a bout to end, and a special selection ommittee, a part of the food serrally have ice committee, is deciding whether heir tran fr not the school will change diniftheyf le, Whin ng services.

Staff Writer

It's really just time we go out and ee if other people want to give us ich mad opportunities that we don't have re now," said Melanie nodarmer, the selection commite chairperson and a resident diector of housing.

number Every five years, the food service ontract is reviewed. The selection mmittee decides what specificaons the school's dining service MI must have within a certain budget, id sends those specifications to rospective companies.

Then, those companies tell the niversity what they can offer for at particular amount of money. inally, the committee decides which food service can best meet e needs of its students. The selection committee is look-

g for options students do not urrently have, but want.

One of the things we have been lking about in the committee is \$18 cess to the cafeteria for students, or athletes, for people that have) hight classes – a better way to access teria," said sophomore e) hanta Robinson, a member of the elow. lection committee, which is made of three students and several culty and administration repretatives

to go must buy plane tickets to attend.

Ghouls raise hairs, funds

'Goat boys' Tommy Calloway, left, and Tracy Hackney, right, revel in their servitude

to Satan's mistress, Ariel Ashe, in the Haunted House co-sponsored by the student

chapter of the United States Institute of Theater Technology and Pi Lambda Phi.

Students traveled by car to Houston, Texas, in 1996, and to Pitts- opened in the Carol Belk Theburgh, Penn., in 1997

The group came up with the idea tinue until Halloween night. ater Technology (USITT) has of a haunted house as a means of Hours are 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. made a name for itself at the raising the needed funds, estimated

plan to attend the convention.

Calif., meaning students who want the haunted house. "It has worked really well so far.'

The haunted house show, known as "Stage Fright," ater on Monday, and will con-

At \$3 per person, the campus

Registration by computer coming in '98

By Amanda Thorn Staff Writer

After years of standing in long lines to get the classes they want, UNCA students will soon be able to register sitting down, by computer.

"I think most of the students and most of the administration would probably agree that the way we do registration now, with the lines, is a little tedious. It has been a very good system and has served us very well for the time that we have used it. Now, it is time to move on," said Rebecca Sensabaugh, registrar.

Last spring, the university pur-

chased the Web for Student package, an on-line program that will allow students to register for classes via computer, as well as access information about financial aid, admissions, class scheduling, and the course catalogue.

"This is a program that will allow a student, through a personal access number, to go into their account and register themselves on the Web," Sensabaugh said.

Students will also be able to drop and add classes, view their transcripts, bills, and financial aid records. Eventually, students will be able to apply for financial aid over the web

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Faculty, staff send mixed messages about voice mail

By Veronika Gunter Staff Writer

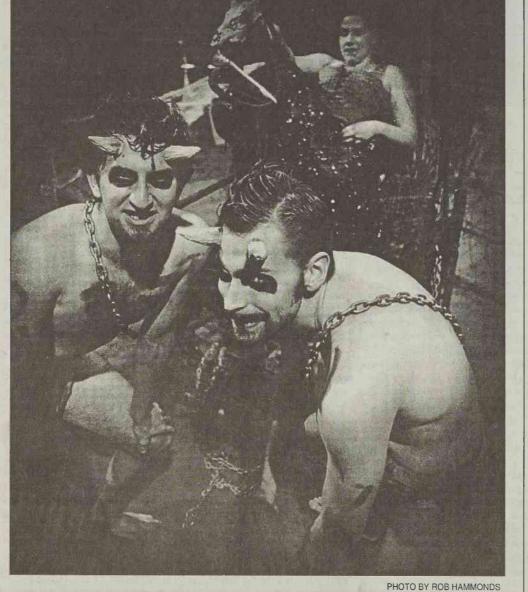
UNCA staff and faculty reported mixed feedback on the new \$94,000 voice mail system installed earlier this month. While many appreciate the new system for retaining messages in their original form and enabling them to receive important calls, two things often missing before voice mail, others cited problems and anxieties about the transition.

training sessions to learn how to use the new system.

According to Sophie Mills of the classics department, the new system is easy to set up and very userfriendly.

"An hour and-a-half training session was too long. It could have been half that," she said, due to the simplicity of the system.

Mills said the colleagues she's spoken to like it, and the ones having problems often missed the training sessions. French professor Cathy Pons may disagree. She has a problem with her voice mail, but said she attended the training sessions. Though she can hear herself saying her name on the playback, incoming calls don't hear it.



'If more people can get to the eteria within the hours it is open,

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organization's annual national at around \$6,000, or \$600 per stu- haunted house is a good deal, conventions in the past, win- dent for around 10 students who according to DeLorm. ning first place in 1996 and second (as well as Techie of the Year) in 1997, and plans to do so again this year. First, how-

By Catharine Sutherland

News Editor

UNCA's student chapter of the

United States Institute of The-

This year's national convention will be held in Long Beach,

ever, they have to get there.

and we decided to do it this year because of the cost involved," said junior drama major Del DeLorm,

Other local haunts cost at least "It was a group idea that had been twice that much, he said, and kicked around for a couple of years, the theater's version offers a much more impressive night of terror

who serves as a ghoulish guide in See HAUNT on page 10

The new system, which began operating in all campus offices on Oct. 15, includes 3,000 voice mailboxes, 600 of which are currently in use by the university's faculty and staff. All faculty and staff were scheduled to attend 90-minute

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UNCA student attends Million Woman March



PHOTO COURTESY OF TERRY WHITMIRE

Between 300,000 and 1 million women from around the country atended the Million Woman March in Philadelphia on Saturday. Despite blustery weather, the event was inspiring, one UNCA student said.

By Catharine Sutherland

News Editor

Hundreds of thousands of women took to the streets in downtown Philadelphia on Saturday to participate in the Million Woman March. Among the throngs of predominantly African-American women of all ages, plus a few dozen men, stood UNCA student Terry Whitmire.

"Through the rain and the wind, we were there," said Whitmire, who attended the march with two friends from her earlier college career at UNC-Charlotte.

Whitmire first heard about the event last August at the Black Arts Festival in Winston-Salem, and immediately decided to attend.

"My girlfriends and I said we just wanted to be a part of it," she said.

The blustery day began early for Whitmire, who began assembling with others for the march around 4:30 a.m. Crowds started to proceed through the city about 6:30 a.m., following a route that ended at the steps of the Philadelphia Museum of Art on Benjamin Franklin Parkway, where most of the day's events and activities took place.

The early day also proved to be a long one. Speakers and activites began around 9:30 a.m. and lasted until 7 p.m.

The main emphasis of the march, which attracted be-

tween 300,000 and 1 million women, according to police estimates, focused on the family unit, Whitmire said.

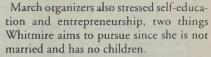
"The focus was on things that are happening within our con-

trol and in our

Terry Whitmire

own households," Whitmire said. Speakers focused on the wife and singleparent households, urging the mother of the household to pull the family together, she said. Many speakers offered concrete advice to mothers, such as getting drugs out of the house, without relying on police interference; taking the family to church with her; and acting as the primary educator of her family.

"The general consensus was, 'It has to start with my house first," Whitmire said,



"My thrust will be the education part and the economics part," Whitmire said. She already holds a degree in English from UNCC, and is currently working toward her master's degree through Western Carolina University.

Whitmire, a native of Asheville, is enrolled in a copy editing class at UNCA, a course she hopes will aid her in her job with Mountain Housing Opportunities, an organization that provides affordable homes for low-income, elderly, and disabled people in Buncombe County. She said she plans to look into starting her own business.

The most fulfilling part of the march for Whitmire was the opportunity to interact with so many people of diverse backgrounds. During the march, she stood in front of a group from St. Croix, in the Virgin Islands, and also met marchers from Connecticut, Washington, D.C., Atlanta, Ga., Chicago, Ill., and Charlotte.

All 50 states were represented in the national roll call, Whitmire said.

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