

## Budget not a concern, according to officials

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State funding has decreased in the last five years as unemployment has increased, leading to speculation that the university is in financial trouble because of cut-downs in student worker wages and a decrease in money for student organizations.

"If you thought that the cutback to 20 hours was because we were trying to cut the student temporary wage budget, that wasn't it at all," said Pat McClellan, associate vice chancellor for academic and student affairs. "The money that is going towards student wages has not decreased. We are not in financial trouble. We are not attempting to cut student employment wages."

UNCA implemented the 20-hour work week this fall. It is very common at academic institutions, according to McClellan.

"This is the school's way of trying to control students to focus on their studies. I would assume that there has been a trend of students working overtime and their grades suffered," said David Cox, sophomore student. "I don't think there is any way that the school is limiting it to 20 hours because of financial reasons; I think that would be a very public issue."

In 2000, there were 1,903 first-time freshmen, according to the Office of Institutional Research Fact Book. By 2004, there were 2,571 first-time freshmen.

"As the economy worsens, people stay in school longer," said Steve Honeycutt, university budget officer. "This means we have an influx of students, but the state has a decrease in tax revenue."

The 20-hour idea is that if the student is full-time, then that is their full-time job, according to McClellan.

"There are some students that are RA's and student senators," said Tarik Glenn, senior management student and president of the Student Government Association. "If they do not get that waiver to work more than 20 hours, they will have to cut down on something."

"If I were to guess the reason for its implementation, there have probably been several students who had worked more than 20 hours and they were on academic probation."

In 1997, 12.1 percent of revenue came from tuition and fees. By 2004, 18.5 percent came from tuition.

"You can follow the economic shifts in how much money we get. The state support we are getting is declining. The opposite is true of tuition," Honeycutt said. "The amount of money we are getting from tuition is going up."

"This means that we will hear that unemployment is going up, and a little after that the tax revenues will come in at less than expected. The students will tend to stay in school because there are no jobs."

A small amount of scholarship money comes from the state, and most of the money comes from private donations, according to Honeycutt.

"I have heard about so many people getting turned away from financial aid and not getting helped at all," said Cayce Ward, sophomore student. "This makes me think that the financial aid office does not have enough money to help us."

The budget for student organization is derived from campus commission, a panel of eight to 10 people. A student organization goes to the panel before the school year is out.

"This year we got 16,000. In the years past we got 16,500," Glenn said. "The new administration wasn't in office in time to submit a budget. Fortunately, Robert Straub gave us the same amount as in previous years."

## ACLU-NCLF sues Woodfin

*Civil liberties group calls sex offender ban unconstitutional*

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In March, the town of Woodfin set up an ordinance that makes it illegal for registered sex offenders to be on or about its public parks. On August 26, the American Civil Liberties Union of North Carolina Legal Foundation (ACLU-NCLF) filed a complaint with Buncombe County.

"I feel this ordinance is justifiable. The safety of our citizens is number one," said Brett Holloman, Woodfin's chief of police. "In today's times I feel parents should have their guard up regardless."

The challenged ordinance, Section 130.03, exempts the presence of a registered sex offender on or about public parks. The consequences of being caught in the parks as a sex offender are at least 30 days in jail or a \$500 fine. The three entrances of Woodfin's public parks have official signs posting this information.

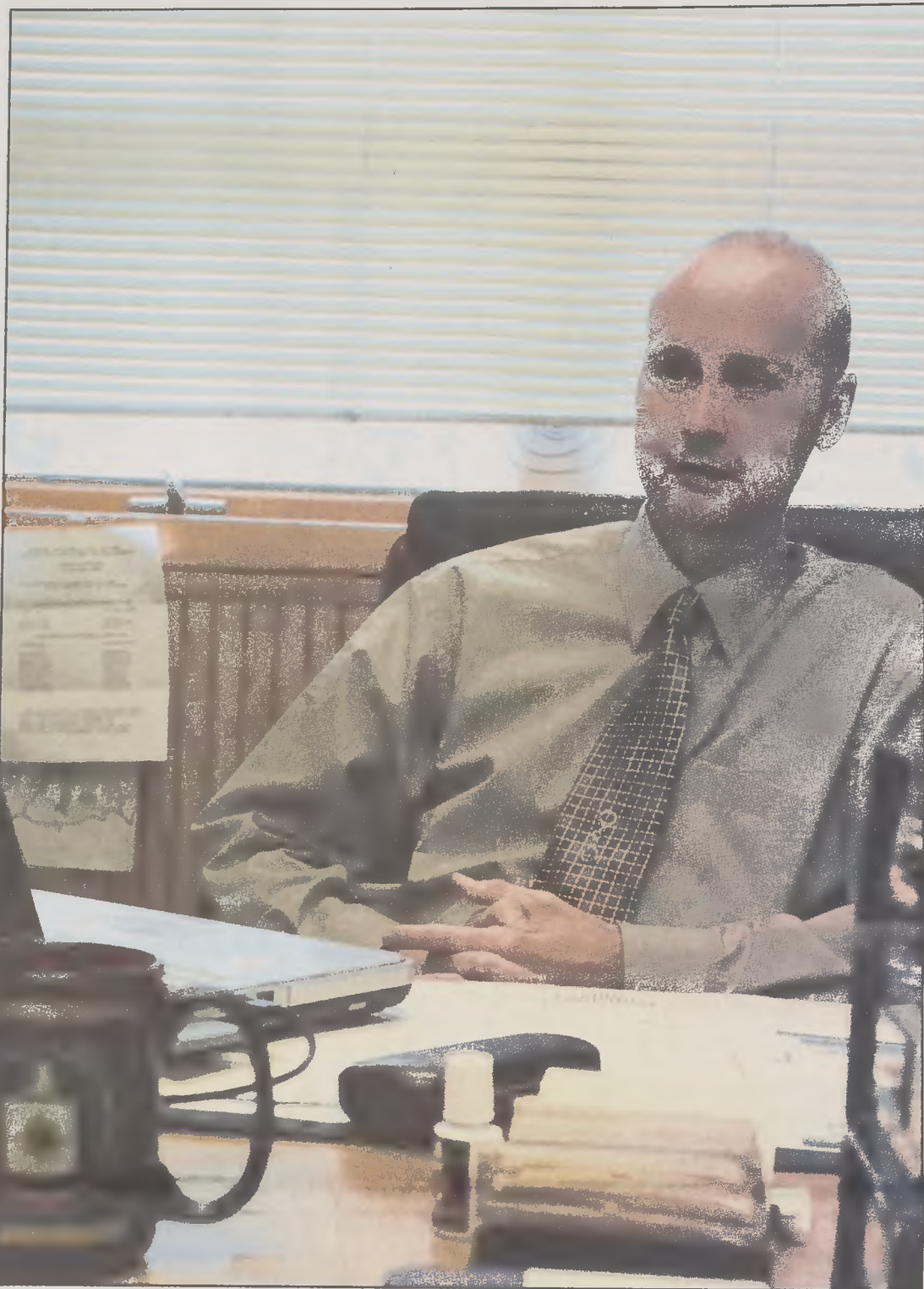
"I think when one passes the sign, it puts people on notice," said Jason Young, Woodfin town administrator. "Truthfully speaking, there's no magic barrier you can put up."

The police department uses this ordinance as a device for the deterrence of registered sex offenders from town parks. Another tool that police and citizens can use to safe check individuals who seem suspicious can be found at the North Carolina Sex Offender and Public Protection Registry, <http://sbi.jus.state.nc.us/DOJHA/HT/SOR/Default.htm>. On this Web site you can search by zip code for offenders and you will receive their picture, address, other personal information and convictions with sentence time served.

"We thought this would be a good tool," Young said. "If observed known pedophile were seen at a park doing something suspicious, we can now remove that person from the park. There have been numerous parks where sexual assaults have taken place. We want to enhance the citizens' awareness of this."

Police officers are not going to have constant surveillance on the parks. Offenders do not wear identification stating who they are. People should stay as alert for suspicious activity at all times.

"We have familiarity with the local sex offenders," said Young. "We have an uncomfortably high number of them. The truth is that there are a number of offenders



Woodfin Police Chief Brett Holoman, above, says he believes the ban on sex offenders in public parks to be a necessary and protective measure. A sign in a woodfin park, below, spells out the specifics of the ban which ACLU-NCLF has called into question.

not listed at the correct address. Many people have been able to plea-bargain their name from the list. Ultimately, the parent has to be on the lookout."

The complaint came after a registered sex offender called attention to the ACLU. The offender, hiding behind the pseudonym John Doe, and the ACLU-NCLF are alleging that the ordinance violates constitutional laws.

These laws include due process, the right to travel and the right of criminals not to be subjected to retroactive punishment once the terms of a sentence are complete.

"The ban is overbroad and does not actually increase safety. We do believe that the blanket ban imposed by Woodfin violates numerous constitutional rights," said Jennifer Rudinger, the executive



director of the ACLU-NCLF. "If someone intends to commit a crime, that person will not care about this ordinance."

"Our opinion is that a zoning ordinance wouldn't withstand constitutional muster," Young said. "In looking at our parks, which are subjected to a degree

of oversight, we feel we are on safe grounds."

"We want to establish a safe place for families. I don't believe this ordinance violates the constitution and is justifiable."

The defendants for this case are the Town of Woodfin and Holloman.

## Community ponders plan for chancellor residence

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Concerned faculty and Montview-Hillside residents attended a meeting Monday evening to discuss university plans for the chancellor's new residence.

"Biology and environmental studies faculty were consulted in this process, but the consultation was perfunctory and appeared to be directed more toward co-opting rather than consulting the faculty," said David Clarke, biology professor and resident of the Montview-Hillside neighborhood. "How does the university intend to consult stakeholders in the future?"

Charles R. Tolley, UNCA board of trustees chair, hosted the meeting. According to Tolley, the board located the residence in the most appropriate place.

"I don't know how much coordination we could have done prior to selecting a site," Tolley said. "The chosen site is on the south side of Weaver Boulevard, and we put it on that tip, number one because it would be closer to campus, number two, it would leave the rest of that area alone."

Siting the house on the edge of a parcel is a central principle when designing areas for preservation according to Clarke. He said this minimizes the creation of edge.

According to The Landscape Restoration Handbook, edge areas are basically the place where one habitat ends and another begins, for example where the edge of the forest and a roadway meet. Edge areas have known negative impacts on wildlife and plants, inhibiting their ability to move about in search of mates, food and territories and making them significantly more vulnerable to predators.

Clarke suggested siting the facility on the existing temporary freshman parking lot as one way to create less edge.

"I'm familiar with the parking lot," Tolley said. "I don't know of any plans to demolish that parking lot, or to abandon it, but that may come in time. I don't know how long temporary is."

According to Kitti Reynolds, environmental studies professor, this is the second research area she and her students have lost due to construction.

"My main interest in coming to the meeting was to make known my interest and that of other people in our department to have land set aside within the overall boundaries that could be used for outdoor lab space," Reynolds said.

"This doesn't mean having anything developed at all, it just means leaving it alone so that we could go back there year after year with our classes and do some basic ecological studies. We have our little spots. Now if we could just keep some of them."

## Moog

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work together," Kirby said.

According to Kirby, Moog "taught electronics, he taught electronic music, and he taught a seminar in electronic music composition."

Even after departing from the faculty, Moog continued to contribute to the UNCA community. "He came back on a regular basis," said Kirby. "He attended my students' concerts - the students in electronic music would present concerts at the end of each semester and he was very supportive."

"He came and met all the students. He's come and given talks here for the Humanities program, the Arts and Ideas program, further programs on campus over the years."

As recently as last spring, Dr. Moog could be seen visiting the university, often driving his unique, old-model Toyota,

whimsically hand-painted by his daughter.

Moog's spirit continues to live on at UNCA. Yesterday Kirby presented a lecture and demonstration of theremins and other instruments designed by Moog.

According to Kirby, the UNCA Music department recently purchased "virtually all of the equipment that Moog Music makes right now," including "a series of processors that are used commonly for guitar players and keyboard players, Moogerfoogers. Basically they're exactly the same as the modules in his modular synthesizers from the late 60s and early 70s and also the electronics that are in the Minimoog."

The department will also receive "the new Voyager Minimoog with all those oscillators and all the Moogerfoogers which have some features that

the Minimoog doesn't have. Also a breakout box so we can access all the individual components of the Minimoog," said Kirby. "My students will start working with it this semester, then we're going to have a full-blown electronic music course for students with the necessary prerequisites in the spring," he said.

Moog was the subject of a documentary film, "Moog," featured at the 2004 Asheville Film Festival. Filmmaker Hans Fjellestad was one of many in attendance at Moog's public memorial, held August 24 at the Orange Peel.

"I once asked Bob if he thought his instruments could remember him," Fjellestad said. "He answered that yes, he supposed his inventions could carry a memory of their inventor. I agree."

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