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UNCA waves goodbye to 200 spaces



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The construction of the new North Carolina Center for Health and Wellness breaks ground on April 29. The construction means the loss of approximately 200 parking spaces, according to transportation officials. This move prompted several transportation forums, which invited students, faculty and staff to share ideas about how to ease the university's parking woes.

Administration seeks to solve upcoming loss of 200 parking spaces in the fall

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UNC Asheville rolled out a series of transportation initiatives designed to reduce the number of parking spaces needed on campus during an open forum held March 20.

The new initiatives include the creation of a UNCA campus shuttle, day parking permits, parking scholarships for commuter students, an improved online ride-board and carpool Web site, a commuter assistance program to encourage capping carbon emissions, as well as parking management changes.

"The new transportation programs we hope to offer could make the campus more sustainable, preserve campus green space and reduce the cost of attending college," said Yuri Koslen, transportation director at UNCA. "They could also improve the health and wellness of students by encouraging them to walk and bike, and generally improve transportation equity by diversifying transportation options to meet different groups' preferences."

Recent transportation planning forums in March were open to all students, faculty and staff to discuss changes concerning campus transportation. The forums gave participants the chance to comment on six draft initiatives that could be implemented in the future.

"The transportation planning forums were a success," Koslen said. "More than 100 people participated at both forums and were

given the opportunity to communicate with the campus ahead of time regarding transportation and parking changes."

Senior student Alex Bowser, who participated in the forum, agreed it was informative and successful.

"Quite a few students, faculty and staff showed up to voice their concerns and discuss the future of transportation at UNCA," Bowser said. "However, in order for transportation issues to actually be solved, students need to change their mindset regarding transportation, perhaps giving up the notion that they have to have their car to go to their destination on their time schedule. I'd argue that most students would fall into this category."

One possible change is the removal of parking spaces due to campus construction on the new North Carolina health and wellness building as well as the new science building, according to Koslen. Since these projects will not be completed until 2011, the administration held the transportation forums to get campus feedback on how to reduce the parking demand.

"The construction will mean the campus will temporarily lose about 200 parking spaces," Koslen said. "In holding two transportation forums, we were attempting to get campus feedback on different draft initiatives. After reviewing the comments and suggestions made at the forums, the transportation office will suggest which of the initiatives would both be most effective in reducing parking demand and have the strongest campus support."



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City of Asheville Energy Coordinator Maggie Ullman and senior environmental studies student Harry Johnson discuss alternative transportation means to UNCA students at the transportation forum held March 20.

Transportation options currently in place on campus include the UNCA bicycle shop's practice of renting commuter bikes free to students; the ability for all students, faculty and staff to ride the local bus for free; as well as the ride-board for students to arrange carpools.

"While we have been steadily moving toward having a more environmentally friendly transportation policy at UNCA, I think the school can do more in the future," said Julie Williams, junior com-

muter student. "For example, I think the school should push for students to carpool daily, not just during breaks. If students begin to utilize these options and being environmentally friendly becomes the norm, I think we can help prevent a potentially serious problem in the future."

Although the recent forums were helpful, there are other transportation problems that currently face UNCA that have not been addressed, according to some students.

"I'd like to see the removal of

those hideous brick speed bumps they recently installed," Bowser said. "They don't even fit in with our campus. Also, it would be cool if our parking fines money didn't have to go to the Buncombe County School System, and actually stayed within UNCA."

Other students said the parking situation will only worsen in future years and students should begin utilizing options like the bus or carpooling.

"It is already hard to find a

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Respected teacher departs university

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Danelle Cauley of the drama department fought back tears, anger and disappointment, sitting in the office she has to say goodbye to at the semester's end.

After six semesters at UNCA, the drama department replaced Cauley over spring break.

"I'm really saddened and devastated," Cauley said. "I've had students crying in my office, colleagues calling me and asking what's going on and there is no way I can answer their questions."

Cauley, native of Erie, Pa., took over for Pat Snoyer as visiting assistant professor in Fall 2005, while Snoyer took a then undetermined leave of absence.

Snoyer eventually informed the university she would not return and the position was posted nationally to fulfill a full-time tenured spot in the department.

The department asked Cauley to stay for another year with a demotion to lecturer. An individual can only hold the position of visiting assistant professor for two years, according to university protocol.

"I really like it here, so I decided that even though it's a little embarrassing to take a step backward in your career, I would accept that," Cauley said.

Cauley said she was the only candidate with experience and accomplishments already established within the department.

Cauley directed a performance of *Little House Christmas* in her first year; a performance of *Jungle Book* showcased at the Diana Wortham Theatre last semester and directed and choreographed a rendition of *Cabaret* performed at the Carol Belk Theatre in Fall 2006.

"I was thrilled with the talent that showed up for that audition at such a small university," Cauley said of the *Cabaret* performance.

Cauley specializes in teaching drama to youth audiences, as well as training students interested in drama teaching careers how to provide instruction for the various branches of theater.

"When I got here, there was one senior and one freshman in theater education, now there are nine seniors doing student teaching," Cauley said. "The licensure program has grown immensely."

The position advertised for people who could teach acting, direct theater for young audiences and boost drama teaching licensure.

"These are all things I've been doing since I got here, but I'm sure that's because it was that kind of position, a lot of people applied," she said.

When a full-time tenured position opens at the university level, a search committee is formed and the application and subsequent interview process begins, according to Dean of Faculty Sam Schuman.

Initial phone interviews are conducted with all considered applicants, whether the candidate is local or national.

Those interviews are evaluated and a smaller number of applicants are chosen to visit the

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This Week

Breaking News

Student mugged on campus while returning to Founders Hall.

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Poll of the Week

Should *The Blue Banner* report crime on campus?

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| 64% Yes | 28% Yes, but only if students are listed anonymously |
| 3% No | 6% Undecided |

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