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Weekly Calendar

Aug. 27 - Sept. 1

Wednesday, Aug. 27
Annual Art Faculty Exhibition
Owen 101
9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Non-Violent Sexuality talk with Bob Hall Highsmith - Grotto
8 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 28
Annual Art Faculty Exhibition
Owen 101
9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 29
Women's Soccer v. Wofford
Outdoor Greenwood Soccer Field
3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Men's Soccer v. USC Upstate
Outdoor Greenwood Soccer Field
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 30
Paths Workshop
Reuter Center 102 - The Manheimer Room
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 31
Women's Soccer v. Mars Hill
Outdoor Greenwood Soccer Field
1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Men's Soccer v. Brevard College
Outdoor Greenwood Soccer Field
3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 1
Centers closed for Labor Day



University names new chancellor

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As tensions in Ferguson, Missouri reached a boiling point, much of the United States remained uninformed of the death of an unarmed black teenager at the hands of a police officer. The collective eyes of a nation only turned toward the unjust actions taking place within its own borders after camera crews ran from tear gas, with their equipment dismantled and rights violated.

The lack of information stemming from conflicts in Ferguson during the first days of protests hardly represented a new trend in media coverage. The few journalists on the ground found

themselves reporting on a topic, which would challenge the very foundation of their First Amendment rights. These reporters deserve thanks for their tenacity and ability to make their voice heard where so many others didn't even bother trying.

Freedom of the press in the United States keeps police forces like those in Ferguson from barring the truth from the public. Renowned political commentator Walter Lippmann once wrote regarding the barrier of public from an event, "Without some form of censorship, propaganda in the strict sense of the word is impossible." The truth in this statement remains relevant as ever in an age where

police forces erect barricades and form "press approved areas."

However, the lack of condemnation from President Obama regarding the violation of First Amendment rights of the press, at best, shows a poor attempt to maintain approval ratings and at worst could be misconstrued as consent for what media professionals experienced in Ferguson.

Without the efforts of individuals such as Ryan J. Reilly, Alice Speri and Wesley Lowery, among others, the brutality exhibited by the police in Ferguson might have never gained such widespread coverage. This shows the role of the press at its most necessary: to collect facts

through evidence and honestly disseminate those facts to the public.

The role of Twitter in the coverage of the people in Ferguson indicates the new trend in journalism to connect citizens and their reporters without the indirect channels of editors and publishing deadlines. Retweeting on-the-ground eyewitness events in relation to both police and protesters opened opportunities to gather more evidence than conceivably possible with only one news team.

Live footage streaming on social media allowed for events to be transmitted with as much transparency possible. No editing, no commentary -- just the raw picture

Housing overflow affects freshmen

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UNC Asheville currently houses a record-breaking number of incoming freshmen and new transfer students in non-traditional or transitional living situations, with every double room filled and several lounges and faculty apartments converted into living spaces for new students.

The university was still accepting students up to the first week of classes. At least 14 students were told they needed to find off-campus housing.

Overcrowding occurs when the university estimates a certain number of incoming on-campus students will not show up on move-in day, but the actual number of so-called "no-shows" is less than expected. That's what happened last year, according to Vol-lie Barnwell, director of Housing and Student Life Operations.

This year, UNCA boasted a historically high demand for campus facilities. Less than 20 no-show students were tallied.

"A lot of shows, when they talk about transitional housing, there are some that are thinking about hallways or housekeeping closets or storage rooms and we don't do that," Barnwell said.

Barnwell said living on campus is the best way to transition into the college experience for first-time university-goers.

"I don't want to tell a student, 'We don't have a space for you,' and then a week into the semester we've had cancellations, so we would've had a space for them, but they've already signed a lease off campus," Barnwell said.

Housing and Student Life Operations continues

Construction continues for pedestrian pathways

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Despite the recent opening of Brown Hall, the construction near Karpen Hall continues in an effort to revamp the UNC Asheville campus.

"Before the construction, students from Governors and Overlook Hall only had the parking lot area to get to the Quad, and what we wanted to do was create a walkway," said

John Pierce, vice chancellor of finance and operations.

The area around Karpen once functioned as a visitor's parking lot. The current construction focuses on enhancing pedestrian safety.

"We also created a wider crosswalk next to the bus stop. We had a cramped time frame, but our goal was to have University Heights open before school started. Construction ran

into the last week, but we got it done," Pierce said.

Known as a universal path because anyone can use it, the crosswalk and walkway finished construction and meets the code according to the American Disability Act standards.

The rest of the renovations pertain to the new visitor's parking lot. Only slight changes are being made, but most noticeable is the size of the lot.

"It will be 21 spaces less. The original lot was roughly around 40 and now we will have around 21 spaces. Some of that parking moved up onto University Heights to kind of maintain the same amount of visitor's spaces," said David Todd, director of facilities management and planning.

Faculty and staff parking, originally on University Heights, moved to areas around Weizenblatt and Owen Halls.

Many students initially voiced concern over the demolition of the tree that once stood where the walkway now begins off of University Heights. Some students; however, voiced approval for the changes.

"I like the new pathway, it's nice. It gives a direct path to the Quad. Also, I live in Mills so the new visitors parking on University Heights is beneficial for my friends," said Melissa Benson, a drama stu-

dent at UNCA.

Pierce said the university keeps the aesthetic of campus in mind when completing these projects.

"We will be taking efforts to beautify that area. We try really hard to keep the beauty and aesthetic of these areas. Overlook Hall is a perfect example, it was kind of constructed to fit into the landscape," Pierce said.

According to Todd, UNCA also hosts Tennent