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SGA candidates discuss their positions

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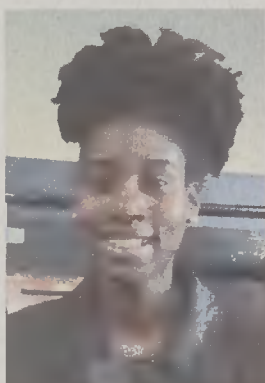


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Maya Newlin, the SGA president-elect, smiling pretty for the camera.

tem pole. Though she noted this pattern does not make a lot of sense under scrutiny, as the more local a government is, the more likely it is to have an appreciable effect on the voter's life.

A private inauguration will take place at the end of the month, at which point the member-elects will effectively transition to their new roles. A public event will be held on April 15, open to anyone who wishes to attend.

The new president-elect is **Maya Newlin**, a junior from **Winston-Salem, North Carolina**, studying **political science and sociology**, who plans to pursue hospital administration upon graduating. She is a student ambassador, founder and president of **Shades of Color**, an online multicultural newsletter, and is involved with the **Black Student Association**. As president, her powers include appointing executives devoted to a number of distinct areas, and serving as a voting member on the Board of Trustees.

One of her top priorities is to see the SGA ON PAGE 4

Pillar of UNCA community retiring

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After 28 years of service for the athletics department at UNC Asheville, **Mike Gore** has announced his retirement.

Gore, who acts as associate director of athletics for external affairs as well as an assistant for sports management for the department, will retire effective April 1.

According to Gore, a friend presented to him the position at UNCA a few years after he graduated from Appalachian State University in 1984.

"Way back in 1986, a friend of mine had this job opportunity as a sports administrator here and I thought it would be a great opportunity since UNCA was going to be going to the Division I and all," Gore said. "I was working at the Hendersonville Times-News at the time. It was just a chance I took and I've been here ever since."

Janet Cone, who has worked alongside Gore as athletics director for 12 years, has known him since her coaching days at Mars Hill in the early 1980s.

Cone said Gore is a leader for the university and she has enjoyed seeing him at work every day during her tenure at UNCA.

"Working with a person who always has a smile on their face when you come in and always asks, one, 'How are you?' and, two, 'What can I do to help you?' makes him a champion and leader to this university, the students, coaches and community," Cone said. "It's been a joy to work with him. Mike's a problem solver, a friend and he loves the university. You don't see the kind of unselfish and loyal person Mike is very



Mike Gore warms up for a baseball game.

Photo by - Michael O' Hearn

"I wish Gore the best and I hope that he and his wife get to travel as much as they can stand. Thank you for being a mentor and a friend to both Adrian and I in our young lives. As we transition into our new lives as a married couple, I can only hope we are as pleasant, friendly and caring as you and your wife Lisa have been to us. You may not realize it, but you have a major impact on our lives."

- **Jeremy Gower**

often these days, much less someone who has sustained a job for almost 30 years."

Because he felt 30 years as a director is a long time for a career, Gore said that he believed that now would be the right time to retire, at age 52.

"That had always been the thought in the back of my mind, to retire after 30 years," Gore said. "This job has been seven days a week doing things

like updating the website and taking care of games and it has been intense, even during the summer time. Beyond that, I really want to spend time with my wife Lisa, who is a prosecutor, and just slow down for a little bit."

Jeremy Gower, junior, commented on what he hopes Gore will take away from being at UNCA, saying that he has been an inspiration to him

and his fiance, **Adrian Etheridge, senior**.

"I wish Gore the best and I hope that he and his wife get to travel as much as they can stand," Gower said. "Thank you for being a mentor and a friend to both Adrian and I in our young lives. As we transition into our new lives as a married couple, I can only hope we are as pleasant, friendly and caring

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Students progress with PRO(TECH)T

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After winning the Social Entrepreneurship Conference, **Madison Eddings**, junior, and **Ben Eisdorf**,

sophomore, used their prize money to move forward with PRO(TECH)T.

"We have opened an official PRO(TECH)T bank account with the prize money and personal funds," Ed-

dings said. "I think it's going toward mostly prototyping costs."

The invention could have been a completely conceptual idea, but the pair decided to move forward us-

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UNCA student dies in dorm

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The Blue Banner staff regrets to announce the death of a student and member of our community.

Sam Sporn, senior and Durham native, was found in his West

Ridge Hall room Sunday morning.

UNC Asheville Police and Asheville Police Department have ruled out foul play but the details of his death have not been released. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Sporn's

friends and family.

If you or someone you know is in need of counseling, services are available at 828-251-6520. UNCA campus police will provide an on-call counselor if services are needed outside of normal hours.