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discuss their positions

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UNC Asheville's Student Government Association has a new incomadministration. ing

Over the course of a hectic week of cam-paigning and debates, candidates contended for positions including president, vice presi-dent and a number of senatorial seats. Students cast their votes through a website on March 4-5, and so decided on their new student govern-ment representatives. Student participa-tion in the elections was relatively low. Last year's elections attracted about 800 voters, while barely a quarter of that number participated this time. Leigh Whittaker, senior vice pres-ident at the UNC Association of Student Governments, expressed disappointment with the turnout. Whittaker said a

opinion common among students is the association is not particularly important. But s pointed out one of the student government's greatest areas of influence, by occupying a seat on the Board of Trustees, is in decisions regarding tuition and fees, which students would do well to take an interest in. She said she can understand the per-ception, and that it is not unique to UNCA. Elections tend to attract less voter participation as they become more localized, with presidential elections achieving a far greater turnout than municipal elections, and student governments sitting even lower on that to-



Photo by Daniel Hall -News Staff Writer 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 inaugura-tion will take place at the end of the month, at which point the member-elects will effectively transition 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-Safrom Winston-Sa-lem, 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 appointing include executives devoted to a number of distinct areas, and serving as a voting member on the Board of Trustees. One of her top prior-SEE SGA ON PAGE 4

SGA candidates | 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 retirement. his

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 af-ter 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 Divi-sion 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 per-



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."

site 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 pros-ecutor, and just slow

down for a little bit."

Jeremy Gower, ju-nior, commented on

what he hopes Gore

will take away from

being at UNCA, say-

ing that he has been

son 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

have a major impact on our lives.

often these days, much like updating the webless 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

- Jeremy Gower

and his fiance, Adrian Etheridge, senior.

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an inspiration to him SEE RETIREMENT ON PAGE8

Students progress with PRO(TECH)T

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After winning the Social Entrepreneurship Conference, Madi-

er, sophomore, used their prize money forward to move with PRO(TECH)T. "We have opened an official PRO(TECH) T bank account with son Eddings, junior, the prize money and to move forward us-and Ben Eisdorf- personal funds," Ed- SEE PRO(TECH)T ON PAGE 7

dings said. "I think it's going toward mostly prototyping costs." The invention could have been a completely conceptual idea, but the pair decided

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

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Hall Ridge room Sunday morning. UNC Asheville Police and Asheville Department Police 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 828-251-6520. at UNCA campus police will provide an oncall counselor if services are needed outside of normal hours.

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