

## Ice turns Stadium Lot into Slip N' Slide

BY TIFFANY KING  
Staff Writer

Several students returned to their cars parked in Stadium Lot Tuesday afternoon to find that recent wintry precipitation created an ice slide.

"Since the ice in the Stadium has started to melt and it has been raining today, several parked cars in Stadium Lot have been sliding out of their parking spaces and some of them have slid into each other," University Parking and Traffic Officer Jackie L. Greene said.

"I am pretty sure that there are 12-15 cars that have slid into each other because of the ice," University Police Officer Timmy G. Williams said.

Several students, including senior elementary education major Angelica L. Hoover, were at the scene, trying to figure out what was going to happen to their cars.

"This parking lot should have been taken care of weeks ago. This is ridiculous. I got a phone call saying my car has slid into another one. I don't know what they are going to do because our cars are so close I am afraid something will get damaged," Hoover said.

Kelly Renwick, whose car was

hit by Hoover's, was also waiting Tuesday to learn the fate of her car.

"They tried to move my car and the side view mirrors touched. The guy who was moving it said 'don't touch the vehicle again; you'll just have to wait.' I was told by Chief Doerr that someone would be sent over by the university to take a report, but there is nothing definite, yet, as to what will happen," Renwick said.

Traffic officers and University Police officers worked all day in Stadium Lot assisting students with the removal of their cars.

Traffic officers on the scene said they were in Stadium to help students move their cars by telling them which way to go and which direction to move their wheels.

Maj. Larry Foster of the University Police said the police were doing the best they could in the situation.

"We are trying the best we can. Unfortunately, these things happen. I don't even think it could be prevented because it is very hard to find a time when it would be safe to scrape, there are so many people parked in Stadium," Foster said.

"The grounds crew on campus

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Jessica Hines | The Appalachian

Physical Plant employees and University Police pull cars apart after they slid together due to the icy conditions in Stadium Lot Wednesday.

## Banner errors cause frustration

### Complication hits staff, student pay checks next month

BY CARRIE BAKER  
Associate Editor  
BY LESLIE RASIMAS  
Staff Writer

"Programming errors" are to blame for a recent trend of snags in the Banner system, which was implemented to handle Appalachian State University's payroll.

Associate Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs Gregory M. Lovins said 314 of Appalachian State University's EPA (Exempt from the Personnel Act of North Carolina) employees and 87 stipend paid employees received notices concerning errors in their paychecks.

EPA employees were overpaid for vacation time on their January paychecks. The money will be collected back from their February paychecks to have the same net effect, Lovins said.

The error occurred because a box indicating paid vacation time in the payroll system field was not properly checked off, he said.

R. Lee Hawkins, observatory assistant in the department of physics and astronomy, said this is not the first problem employees have encountered with the Banner system.

"I think it is very annoying that they blindly send the checks out, and then check on the problems. This affects people's pay, and that is not a minor problem," Hawkins said.

"I called payroll to ask about the problem with my paycheck, and payroll doesn't seem to be very cooperative when you call and ask questions. I think they should be

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## Gov. Easley: tuition increases must stop

BY JUSTIN BOULMAY  
Staff Writer

The Association of Student Governments received another voice of support in their hopes of getting the BOG to vote down proposed tuition and fee increases: North Carolina Gov-

ernor Mike Easley.

"Many families have been hit hard by our national recession and unhelpful trade policy, and argue that increases of this size should not be considered at this time. I agree," Easley said in a letter he sent last week.

Easley said tuition fees will

double for some universities if the University of North Carolina Board Of Governors (BOG) approves the increases next month.

Appalachian State University's Board of Trustees (BOT) accepted the Appalachian's increases in December.

"I will make every effort for my 2004-05 budget to include full funding for enrollment increases, support for financial aid, and pay increases for state employees, including University faculty and staff," Easley said in his letter.

ASG Vice President for Public Affairs Jeremy P. Engbretson said the letter was a huge step in protesting the tuition increases.

"[This letter is] really going to change the outlook on the way the state has to look at education," he said. "It really puts the ball in the students' court."

ASG presented Easley with a copy of the book "The Personal

Stories Project: Faces, Not Numbers," containing over 800 testimonies of students who are facing financial difficulties due to the rise

in educational costs.

The stories were collected from each university's Student Government Association. The Appalachian's SGA collected 101 stories after setting a goal of 100.

Appalachian State and North Carolina State University collected the most stories of all sixteen UNC schools.

"I think that what we have is an opportunity to fill up some gaps where the statistical information has failed," he said. "I think it really does add a lot of meat to our argument."

"I cannot stress how big this letter is to this university," Engbretson said. "I cannot express how big this is and what has happened."

"I tell you right now, they are reeling. They understand students are on the offensive," he said.

### Tuition protest rescheduled for March 19

BY JUSTIN BOULMAY  
Staff Writer

The University of North Carolina Association of Student Governments had originally planned to protest tuition and fee increases tomorrow in Chapel Hill.

Those plans were changed last night after the UNC Board of Governors decided yesterday to push their vote regarding the increases to its March 19 meeting.

The protest has been rescheduled for that time as well.

ASG Vice President for Public Affairs Jeremy Engbretson said the postponement was due to the student response to the increases, as well as a letter the BOG received from North Carolina Governor Mike Easley earlier this week that supported voting down the increases.

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Beth Ramsey | The Appalachian

North Carolina Association of Student Governments Vice President for Public Affairs Jeremy P. Engbretson addresses Appalachian's Student Government Association Tuesday night. He brought news of Governor Mike Easley's opposition to tuition increases.

## Panhellenic Task Force, SURE battle eating disorders

BY JENNIFER SCHNEIDER  
Staff Writer

Sisters United Raising Esteem will host "Fat Like Me" Feb. 18 at 8 p.m. in the Price Lake Room of Plemmons Student Union.

"The program is our first event and we hope it will lead to many others in the future," sophomore marketing major Carey Mummaw

said. "We want the participants to know how to be more sensitive to themselves and to others," university psychologist Dr. Denise M. Lovin said.

The group will show a recent television special called "Fat Like Me" and then give participants time to reflect.

"The video to be shown will

inform the viewers of different issues faced by women and the seriousness of health and other risks involved in eating disorders and negative self-image in general," Mummaw said.

Attendees will be given the opportunity to reflect on times they have promoted unhealthy stereotypes and learn how to confront discriminatory friends.


"I hope people walk away more educated," senior public relations major Anna M. Blankenship said.

"One in four women suffers from an eating disorder," Lovin said. "Some groups have a higher risk such as athletic teams like gymnastics and also sororities. With so many girls together there is obvious competition with body image."

Lovin and Trisha Turner came together to form a group known as the Panhellenic Task Force on Eating Disorders, committed to educating sorority women on the prevention and treatment of eating disorders.

According to their mission state-

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**Photography contest begins**  
Outdoor Programs will host the first Appalachian Mountain Photography Competition. The categories are culture, environment, adventure, landscape and flora. The grand prize is \$500. Entries are due March 1. Contestants can get more information at [www.op.appstate.edu](http://www.op.appstate.edu).

**Career development hosts major workshop**  
The Career and Development Center hosts a "Choose Your Major" workshop Feb. 24 from 2-3 p.m. in the Attic Window Room of Plemmons Student Union. Students who are not sure of what to declare as their major are encouraged to attend.

**Teaching Fellows holds parents' night**  
Teaching Fellows are sponsoring the second annual Parents' Night Out Feb. 13 from 6-10 p.m. Any faculty, staff or students may bring their children (ages 2-12) to Edwin Duncan Hall, rooms 02 and 03. The event is free, but donations will be accepted. Call the Teaching Fellows office at 262-6095 before Feb. 11 to sign up.

**Corrections**  
In the Feb. 10 issue "CSIL ofers women's leadership conference," Debra Gawrych was the keynote speaker last year. There is no keynote speaker for this year's conference.  
Also in the Feb. 10 issue "Dean of Education..." the the Ward referred to is Senior Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Wilbur H. Ward.

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has worked very diligently this year to get snow and ice removed, but with the large amounts of snow that we have had this year, it has been very hard," Foster said.

The Physical Plant had crewmembers in Stadium Lot armed with backhoes and towing equipment scraping the ice and moving the cars.

Several students wanted a professional towing company to come move their cars, but police officers such as Lt. William Cornett did not feel that was a good idea.

"Several students wanted us to contact professional towing companies. We felt that it would be better for us to do it ourselves," Cornett said.

"If a professional company towed them, they would just tow them somewhere and charge them. This way we can pay careful attention to damages and know exactly what happens with each situation. We are just out here trying to help people out the best we can," Cornett said.

Most cars sustained only minor damage including a broken side view mirror and a dented front bumper. All students were able to move their cars after they were



Jessica Hines | The Appalachian  
Chris Ernst surveys the damage to his Jeep Cherokee Wednesday.

towed.

"If a car did have any damage, the student should definitely file

a report and the university attorneys and insurance companies can handle it," Foster said.

## Tuition protest rescheduled for March 19

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"We have an added commitment from all schools, especially ASU [because of the letter]," ASG President Jonathan L. Ducote said Tuesday.

Engbretson, along with SGA president Rachel A. Johnson, Chief of Staff Heather A. Robertson and Rules Chair Dorothy M. Andrews, addressed SGA Tuesday evening with news of the vote postponement. The decision to move the protest was not made

until later that evening.

Appalachian State University's SGA has advertised for the protest through emails, posters and signs on tables in Cascades Cafe, Johnson said Tuesday evening.

SGA had received interest in attending the protest, but did not have a definite number as of Wednesday as to how many students would definitely attend, Robertson said.

"What we need to do ... is basically support what Governor Easley wrote in his letter," Eng-

bretson said.

"I am expecting ASU to ante-up 1000 students at this meeting," he said.

Engbretson said students from all over the University of North Carolina system are planning to attend, and he expects one-thousand from Appalachian State University to show their support.

"[This is] to let the BOG know that it does matter what students think and we're not a group of people that's here for a free ride," he said.

## Campus construction: updates & schedules

BY LESLIE RASIMAS  
Staff Writer

The Plemmons Student Union Solarium construction will officially end by April, approximately 18 months behind schedule.

Director of Design and Construction Dr. Clyde D. Robbins said the solarium was a multi-prime project, meaning there were four independent contractors on the job.

"One of the contractors went bankrupt, so we had lots of problems coordinating the work, and replacing the bankrupt company with a new company," Robbins said.

The University Bookstore addition, which was scheduled for completion one year ago, should be finished by June, he said.

"Once the new bookstore is finished, it will take about six to nine months to renovate the existing bookstore," Robbins said.

According to the most recent Design and Construction project status report, the University Bookstore, after all renovations are complete, will be a "40,000 square-foot facility for the 21st century."

"Both the bookstore and solarium are excellent projects, and will add much to the campus. We've just had some difficulties finishing them," he said.

Robbins said the Central Library Complex, with a \$47 million budget, will be completed in 2005. A 320-space parking deck will follow as part of the project sequence in 2006. The parking deck will be built where Whitener Hall is presently located.

"We can't build the parking deck until we build the new library, move the people from Whitener Hall to Belk Library and then tear down Whitener and build the

parking deck," Robbins said.

Allison Kemp-Sullivan, civil engineer and project manager, said some projects have been put on hold due to weather.

"We're building six new tennis courts above the [Red Lackey] baseball field. We've stopped building right now because of bad weather, but they should be finished within 60 days once we begin again," she said.

Kemp-Sullivan said discuss and shot put areas will accompany the new tennis courts.

New soccer fields are under construction at State Farm Fields, but bad weather has caused more delays, Kemp-Sullivan said.

Residence halls will have a musical chairs feeling for the next few years while ventilation, sprinklers, fire alarms, painting and furniture are replaced and updated, Robbins said.

Doughton Residence Hall is scheduled for completion no later than April. At the end of the semester, White Residence Hall will be emptied and renovated, followed by Lovill Residence Hall, Robbins said.

Project Manager W. Kelley Ingram said there is an expansion of the Annas Student Support Building, which includes the University Post Office and Counseling and Psychological Services Center.

Ingram said 2,500 post office boxes are being added to the University Post Office, and additional rooms will be built for counseling.

Phase III of the Turchin Center for Visual Arts is on budget and schedule, and has a tentative completion date of late this year, Ingram said. Phase III includes building additional gallery space, support areas and a large classroom.

## The Appalachian Forecast for Boone and surrounding areas

### Local 4-Day Forecast

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**Saturday**

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## Panhellenic Task Force, SURE battle eating disorders

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ment, they try to increase awareness of the recovery resources available on campus, promote health attitudes about self and body image and increase the understanding of unhealthy body images.

Through PTFED, SURE, a group of 35 women that includes at least two girls from each sorority on campus, meet once a month to talk about problems and what they think can change.

"We are also trying to bring fraternities in because they usually do not realize how comments they make can affect women," Blankenship said.

"We are trying to work on ways women interact with each other," Lovin said.

"SURE helps promote positive self-esteem and self worth, raises awareness and informs others of the issues faced by women today. Most importantly, it creates a support system to help women facing these and other similar health problems," Mummaw said.

The group is devoted to making changes and getting out of the habit of being so critical about body image.

"At our first meeting we had to go around the room and say one attractive thing about ourselves and one about the girl sitting next to us," Blankenship said. "It was amazing how much easier it was to find something I liked about the other person than something I liked about myself."

The girls involved in the SURE

program then create a resource center for their sorority for anyone looking for more information on eating disorders.

"I have enjoyed working with the sisters in this organization. It has already been a blessing to many of its members and we have shared its benefits and information within our other organizations. We look forward to reaching out to all of the women on campus," Mummaw said.

"I want people to know that just because sororities started the program we are not bound to the Greek system. We are a group of sorority women but we come together to help all women on campus," Blankenship said.

For more information, visit the Counseling Center.

## Job Campout



Matthew Brown | The Appalachian

Sandy Schenck (r) from Green River Preserve Camp speaks with sophomore outdoor education major Joel W. McCombs about the summer camp experience at the Summer Camp Jobs Fair this week.

## Tax back ups weigh down pay

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more responsive, and be able to tell me how this will affect me," he said.

"In general, there seems to be a lack of understanding of the [Banner] system," Hawkins said.

Kinney R. Baughman, director of the Appalachian Regional Development Institute, said, "Frankly, I didn't worry about it too much. It

was an honest mistake. I will get less pay in February, that's all I'm worried about."

The 87 stipend paid employees affected by the error received a letter notifying them of an "overpayment."

"What happened is a code was entered wrong onto the [Banner] payroll system. It kept taxes from being withheld from stipend checks. We have to go back and fix that," Lovins said.

Lovins said the programming error could probably be attributed to human error.

"We're not perfect. We have made some mistakes," Lovins said.

Lovins said the error has since been corrected, and he does not expect to encounter the problem again.

"We don't want anything to happen to employees' paychecks," Lovins said.

Lovins said the "overpayment" mentioned in the letter sent to employees is taxes not withheld from January paychecks. This amount will be split and taken from the February and March checks for these employees.

"We're taking it out over two months so it's not so hard on students," Lovins said.

Appalachian Popular Programming President Ashley L. Blackmon said all stipend paid

employees working with APPS received the letter.

"I don't like receiving a random letter that says, 'Hey, we're taking money back,'" Blackmon said.

"I realize there is very little I can do about it. In the end, we will get it back," said Peter Van D. Schoick, stage shows chairperson for APPS.

Van Schoick said while he did use the money from his APPS paycheck to pay his monthly cell phone bill, he doesn't expect the extra money taken out of his next two paychecks to make a large difference.

"I'm concerned about it, but I haven't lost a lot of sleep over it

yet," Van Schoick said.

Lovins said the error did not affect all university employees paid by stipend, only those with a recently converted job status.

Lovins said any new program comes with a learning curve, but he has no way of knowing when Banner's learning curve will end.

"The sooner the better," Lovins said.

Lovins said even with the Banner errors, the program would not be changed if the trend continues.

"The system won't be changed, but maybe the way we manage it or the way we're doing our work would change," Lovins said.



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## Burglaries, assaults, vehicle thefts, drugs rise over year

BY ANNA OAKES  
Staff Writer

In a report released Jan. 22, the Boone Police Department reported several increases in crimes committed last year, including rises in burglaries, assaults, vehicle thefts and drug violations.

"There were increases in many areas of reported crimes from 2002 to 2003," Boone Police Chief Bill Post said.

"I don't believe this means Boone is not as safe as it has been in the past. Rather, all of the areas of increase ... are at normal historical levels."

"This does not mean Boone Police Department is comfortable with the level of crime," Post said. "Working with the public, Boone Police officers strive to ensure Boone remains a relatively safe place."

"We're doing the best job we can do," Sgt. Jim Harrison said. "I believe that us being more aggressive in terms of reducing crime is favorable."

Increases in calls to Crimestop-

pers last year was also effective, Harrison said.

Robberies increased from three in 2002 to five in 2003, according to the crime report.

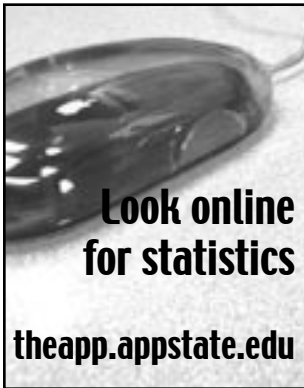
Serious assaults increased from eight in 2002 to 19 in 2003.

This number is in line with an average year in Boone, according to the crime report.

"We have noticed an increase in domestic-related assaults, and that's troublesome," Post said.

An increase of 22 occurred in misdemeanor assaults, from 58 to 80. In 2001, there were 76 of these assaults. Alcohol was involved in most of these cases.

"We had several cases where an ASU student would be at a bar and an assault would take place," Post said. "Students need to know that if they're out at a bar late at night it increases their chances of being



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a victim of a crime."

Burglaries increased to 72 in 2003, 15 more than in 2002. Police attributed this to a rash of break-ins to business outbuildings.

Vehicle thefts also increased, from 18 in 2002 to 23 in 2003.

"Most often [these vehicles] are recovered within a week," Post said.

There was a 24 percent increase in vandalism, from 184 in 2002 to 228

in 2003. More than half of the vandalism was to vehicles, which Police attribute to the increase of a rash of vandalism in the Watauga High School parking lot, the crime report said.

The number of property damage vehicle crashes increased from 1,026 to 1,079, and the number of crashes with injuries increased from 108 to 117.

The widening of highways such as 321 and 421 are a concern because it provides better escape routes for criminals, Post said.

DWI arrests increased by 18, from 180 in 2002 to 198 last year,

and drug charges increased from 105 in 2002 to 203 in 2003.

"This does not necessarily reflect an increase in violations," according to the crime report, "but a continued commitment to enforcement in those areas."

"Any increase in crime concerns us," Capt. Curtis Main said. Main is the Patrol Division Commander at Boone Police Department.

"We try to see if there's any common denominator involved with the increase and we then implement programs [to address it]," Main said.

Programs include educating the public and increasing patrolling where there are problems, he said.

Rachel Moore is a senior at Appalachian State University living off campus.

"I feel pretty safe [living in Boone]," Moore said.

Junior Will Bucher also lives off campus. "I feel perfectly safe," Bucher said. "I don't lock my doors or anything."

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# NEWS

## 'Poster Boy' makes overachieving cool

BY KELLY GARREN  
Intern Writer

Joel D. "Poster Boy" Edwards, a junior at Appalachian State University, is highly influential and respected by students and members of the community alike for his leadership skills and multiple involvements both on and off campus.

A graduate of Watauga High School's class of 2001, Edwards was born and raised in Vilas, on the outskirts of Boone.

In addition to being a full time student and double majoring in computer information systems and marketing, Edwards is tour coordinator for the Appalachian Student Ambassadors, Servant Team Leader of Alliance College Fellowship and a resident assistant in Gardner Residence Hall.

He teaches swim lessons and helps coach the Watauga County Swim Club. On top of all this, Edwards is an aspiring professional magician and has conducted several shows on campus.

Edwards' busy schedule didn't start when he came to ASU; he was highly involved at WHS. In addition to his regular class schedule Edwards was a valued member of the WHS swim team.

His swimming career was dampened after a severe car wreck midway through his senior year, but

despite the "mental damages," Edwards said he was captain of the team that year.

Edwards joined The Playmakers, a highly competitive, audition-only theater program. Roughly 100 students auditioned for the team but only a dozen were lucky enough to make it.

"The Playmakers was a blast," Edwards said. "We took our play to competitions and actually won the highest ranking which was quite an honor."

Edwards earned an award for best actor in the fall of 2000.

Edwards currently serves on the executive committee for the Ambassadors and exercises his leadership qualities as a tour coordinator.

Ambassadors is a student-led organization renowned for their dedicated work with the Alumni Association, University Admissions, the Office of the Chancellor as well as being responsible for making incoming and prospective students feel at home at Appalachian.

Despite his natural leadership skills, Edwards said he felt he was not challenged enough until his induction into the Ambassadors last February.

"The Ambassadors has really given me a chance to grow in so many areas of my life," Edwards said. "I've never been given this much responsibility or been this accountable to anyone before this

point. I have learned to strive for excellence and not quit until I have achieved it. I consider myself very blessed."

Edwards recently began his time consuming and mentally taxing job as an RA in Gardner Hall. He plans to continue being an RA in Mountaineer Apartments next year.

In addition to his contributions to ASU, Edwards has been highly involved with his home church, Alliance Bible Fellowship. Edwards, along with Brent W. Wright, a recent ASU graduate, began a non-denominational Christian group called Alliance College Fellowship. As Servant Team Leader Edwards works hard with several adults and students, leading meetings and coordinating events for the college students and helping ensure the group continues to stay in good club standing.

One of Edwards' favorite hobbies is magic. Edwards got his start with simple card and coin tricks eight years ago and has continued to hone his skills as a professional entertainer. Edwards explains that the key to successful magic is simplicity.

"Magic is about making the impossible look possible. If you are going to achieve this effect you have to perfect your performance," Edwards said. "The easiest way to do this is to perform simple tricks. Your audience, whether on stage or

passing in the street will be just as amazed if you can pull their card out of their pocket than if you can make an elephant disappear."

"The only way you will succeed in a career in magic is if you love what you do. Remember to stay simple and most of all have fun," Edwards said.

Edwards has performed several times on campus and has more shows lined up at different universities later this month.

Edwards is affectionately picked on by his friends as being an overachiever, but Edwards says the reason he does all these things is not merely for his own personal fulfillment.

"The reason I do these things is because I have a real heart for reaching college students," Edwards said. "This is the time in their life when they'll be become who they will be for the rest of their lives. These are the best ways for me to meet people and make the most impact."

After he graduates, Edwards hopes to take the road less traveled and pursue a career in magic for a few years before finally settling down.

"I don't want to just chase my dreams," Edwards said. "I want to live them. What better time to do that than right after college while I'm still young."  
"No regrets."



Jacque Lenz | Chief Photographer  
Senior information systems and marketing major Joel Edwards relaxes in the Student Ambassadors lobby of the JET building.

## ASU Sweethearts invite women for 'Ladies Night Out' Feb. 18

BY ELIZABETH ASHFORD  
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Appalachian State University service club, ASU Sweethearts (Ladies of Black and Gold) will host a "Ladies Night Out" for all Appalachian females.

"We wanted to have a night where females of all ethnic backgrounds, academic study areas and regional areas could get together and actually discuss some things as far as topics that dealt with women," ASU Sweethearts

President Alexandra Elliot said.

Elliot said in the past topics have been those relating to black females because African-American women were usually the only ones attending the event, but ASU Sweethearts would like women of all races to attend.

Topics in past meetings have been religion/spirituality, family values, reflections on friendships, and leadership roles for women of color, Elliot said.

Ladies Night Out will be Feb. 18 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Mac-

rae Peak of Plemmons Student Union and will hopefully become a monthly meeting for women, Elliot said.

"We're basically here to support the Appalachian community through service and through academic commitment," Elliot said.

Elliot said the group has worked with the Humane Society and helped Ladies Elite serve Thanksgiving dinner at the Hospitality House.

"One of the main things I love about being in ASU Sweethearts

is the sisterhood. We truly are the epitome of sisterhood," ASU Sweethearts member Erin D. Moore said. Ladies Night Out is an opportunity to get to know females of all races and know the things that we all go through, Moore said.

The night will enable women to find out that there are other women on campus who are struggling with the same problems as they are and that they are not alone, Moore said.

ASU Sweethearts primary focus

is to unite women of all colors on this campus, Elliot said.

"If we can build stronger ties with women all across campus, I feel like we can get a lot of things going."

"One of the things that we often talk about while we're there is co-sponsoring other diverse groups on campus," Elliot said.

ASU Sweethearts have co-sponsored BGLAAD in the past and have attended forums by other groups who were speaking on topics that affect women, Elliot said.

"I think ladies should come out to the event to express their feelings or concerns that they may have about being a woman and a student of Appalachian State," ASU Sweethearts member Nakeidra C. Daniel said.

ASU Sweethearts meet every Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m. in the Rhododendron Room of the student union, Elliot said.

Anyone interested in ASU Sweethearts can call club secretary Bettina Campbell at 266-8111.



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