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SGA makes a plea for local coffee

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The Student Government Association Senate passed a resolution of support for a local coffee shop in the Appalachian State University Bookstore with a vote of 19-6-4 Tuesday night.

The controversial bill passed after three rounds of debate. Sen. Clark C. Anderson and student Evan N. Moody introduced the bill, which was sponsored by the Student Affairs Committee.

The legislation expresses opposition to plans for a Starbucks coffee shop in the University Bookstore.

"The purpose [of the bill] is to limit the corporate presence on Appalachian's campus and to improve students' choice," Moody said. "It's not to oppose all Star-

bucks, just limit the degree to which Starbucks is seen on campus."

Moody said students consulted local coffee shops before writing the legislation.

"The bottom line is, local businesses do not want a Starbucks," he said.

In February, SGA President Miriam N. Makhyouon, along with other students, conducted a survey of 486 people from a Plemmons Student Union contact table asking students if they favored a franchise or a local business on campus, Moody said.

Moody said 86 percent favored a local business.

Several senators questioned the legitimacy of the bill's research. When asked by off-campus Sen. Jason A. McAllister, neither of the

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Monk's art cultivates love, compassion

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Compassion filled the air this week at the Turchin Center for Visual Arts as the Tibetan Monk Lama Tenzin Deshek worked on the creation of a sand mandala.

The word mandala, which means "circle" in Sanskrit, sometimes symbolizes the universe as well as the perfection and harmony in nature. Tibetan monks create sand mandalas symbolizing the residence of enlightened beings in order to help people imagine the vast and profound enlightened state.

The arrival of the Lama Tenzin Deshek tied directly into the Turchin Center's current exhibition, titled "The Capture of the Temporal." The exhibit, which uses film and photography to capture ephemeral moments, can be seen as closely related to the creation of a mandala, which is created only to last moments and is swept away once it has been completed.

"Like all of the visual creations presented at Turchin Center, this work offered us an opportunity to learn about materials, techniques and design," director and chief curator of the Turchin

Center Hank Foreman said. "However, what may be the most important lesson for the broader population is learning about the subjects, the process and the meaningfulness of the work that may offer some application to our daily lives."

Deshek expressed his goals to an audience at the opening reception.

"My main purpose is to cultivate love and compassion," Deshek said. "That is my religion. If there is no compassion, there is no religion, no world peace and no individual peace."

"It was a very unique experience and a true cultural treat for Lama Tenzin Deshek to be brought to Appalachian's campus as part of the Diversity Celebration," assistant curator at the Turchin Center Brooke A. Greene said. "His participation and his willingness to share his talents and disciplines with the Boone community, was very exciting and we were honored to have him spend his time at the Turchin Center."

The week itself was composed of several events. On Tuesday, from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Lama Tenzin Deshek worked on his sand mandala with permission for the public to come in and watch.

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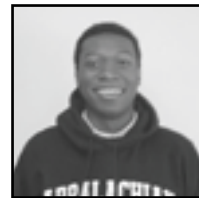
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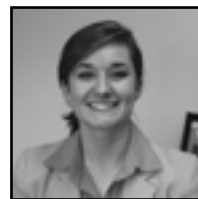
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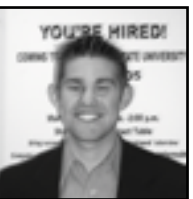
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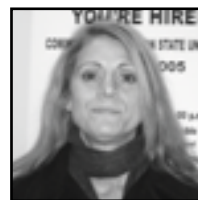
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Who will be ...

The Candidate?

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Ronald Frump has invaded Appalachian State University's campus.

Dr. Dana Clark, associate professor in the department of management, will step in as the firing fiend in "The Candidate," Appalachian's version of the popular NBC reality show, "The Apprentice."

"The purpose is to give the students a great learning experience and make a positive impact on the community and to give our employers a fun way to interact with our students," Career Development Center's internship coordinator Patti H. Stanford said.

The program, sponsored by Appalachian's Career Development Center, divides 15 students into three teams vying for a variety of prizes.

The teams have two weeks to renovate rooms at the Hospitality House, OASIS and the Watauga Youth Network.

"The best part is that it helps deserving community groups," senior political science and Spanish major and "The Candidate" member Jonathan D. Kappler said. "This is a win-win situation for students and the community."

Non-profit agencies, community members and fellow teammates will evaluate the projects.

A team and an individual winner will be chosen. Each member of the winning team will receive \$200 American Express checks from The Vanguard, \$20 gift certificates from Target as well as gifts from Sara Lee, Branded Apparel, Newell Rubbermaid and Moen.

The chosen candidate will receive \$1,000 from Berkline Furnishings, \$1,000 in travel vouchers and a paid corporate internship from Enterprise Rent-A-Car.

"Initially, I got involved with the competition because of the prizes," Kappler said. "However, the competition now is less about winning and more about doing the best we can do for our non-profit organization."

Those involved expect the week to be intense, but also very gratifying.

"The Candidate has great potential to inspire others to be involved in service learning," senior French major and student body president Miriam N. Makhyouon said. "This project caught my attention immediately as a way to be involved with the community first-hand with a serious team as well as a chance to partake in something completely formative."

Participants were chosen through on-camera auditions. Each student was required to have at least a 2.5 grade point average and submit a resume.

The Candidate has all of the basic concepts of "The Apprentice."

The three teams will meet for five "boardroom meetings" within the two weeks.

The public is encouraged to attend the boardroom meetings, held in Crossroads Coffee House in Plemmons Student Union.

The meetings will be tonight, April 12 and April 14 from 5 - 6:30 p.m.

"The Career Development Center is one of the best resources the students have on campus and 'The Candidate' is one of the more exciting programs they have come up with," senior interior design major Betty "Sam" Webb said. "I think it is important for the university to sponsor these types of events because they allow students to interact with one another on a completely different level. There is so much potential for a great learning experience in many different ways."



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Pudgy, a three-year-old mutt from the Watauga Humane Society, stands outside Welborn Cafeteria. Watauga Animal Guardian Society (WAGS) is fund-raising to support animals like Pudgy.

Students, faculty, staff head to state legislature today

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A group of students traveled to Raleigh in February to voice their concerns to state legislators.

Today, a group made up of students, faculty and staff will again go to the capital, this time to discuss proposed university budget cuts.

The "Save Our System" rally was organized by the Association of Student Governments, a student organization consisting of student government representatives from all 16 University of North Carolina system schools.

The rally will take place at 11 a.m. on Halifax Mall and will be followed by meetings with legislators.

"I don't think there's anything more important happening than this rally on Thursday," ASG Senior Vice President Victor T. Landry said.

According to the ASG Website, the proposed budget cuts for the 2005-06 academic year total \$107 mil-

lion. If the proposals are implemented, universities may have to lay off some of their employees to make up for the loss.

"In totality, we may have to eliminate over 900 positions of faculty and staff if these cuts go through, so this is bad all the way around," Landry said. "This rally is important because we need to remind our legislators of the importance that our universities play in the state."

Appalachian State University has handled cuts in the past by not filling vacant positions, Associate Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs Gregory M. Lovins said.

Under the proposed budget cuts, Appalachian would face a 4 percent cut, or \$3,649,946, in next year's budget. To compensate, the university would choose not to fill 30 vacant faculty and staff positions, which will amount to \$2.5 million. The rest would come from reducing non-personnel budgets across the university.

"Where we look is, what

kind of vacant positions do we have," Lovins said.

While budget cuts will be the primary focus, Landry said the issue of a student vote on the Board of Governors is another topic that will be discussed.

The Board of Governors has one student on the board. That person, ASG President Amanda M. Devore from North Carolina State University, does not have voting power.

Landry said students should have a voice since they help pay for higher education.

"It seems kind of ridiculous that students can't have [a voice], and they pay 17 percent of the cost," he said.

Devore said she hopes the rally will have a strong impact.

"I feel that the legislators will be receptive of students and faculty and staff voicing their opinion, reminding them of the importance of the university for the state of North Carolina," Devore said.