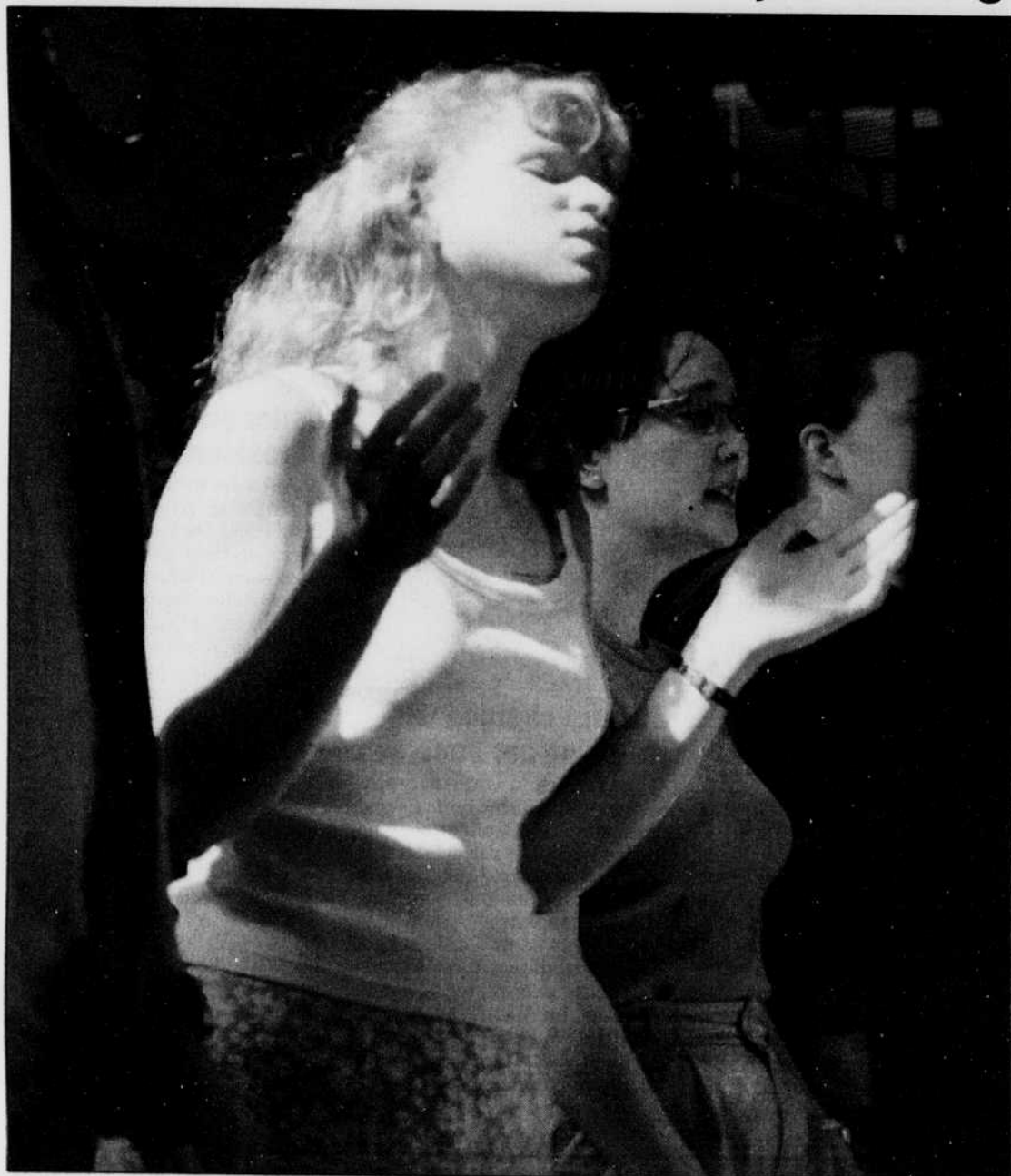


# NCC: Students may earn joint degree through University



NCC students are required to attend chapel services Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

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ucation — is sometimes affected by its vicinity to the diverse population at the University, said Tyson Paoletti, student body president.

"Students are challenged by the environment, but there is a lot of soul searching to do as well," he said. "No one is saying, 'This is what you have to believe, and if you don't, you're wrong.'"

"Some students grow up in Christian homes, and their parents want them to attend," he said. But all students are encouraged to be objective, look beyond what they have been taught about Christianity, perhaps all of their lives, and open to other ways of looking at the world.

The largest group of students at NCC are nondenominational or affiliated with an interdenominational church, said Randy Worden, dean of students. "The younger you are, the less you care about denominations."

As a private Christian institution, the college attempts to integrate academic growth with spiritual development, providing students with a core curriculum of classes ranging from surveys of the New and Old Testaments to an overview of world religions.

"We are encouraged to learn how to communicate with someone with different beliefs," Paoletti said.

Chuck Sturms, assistant professor of cross-cultural communication who teaches the core course, "Living World Religions," said his goal is to "liberalize" students. "I want students to have an appreciation, respect and tolerance for those who aren't like them."

"Some say, 'That's not what I heard in Sunday School,'" Sturms said. "I tell them it's time

to grow up and learn about the world."

All professors at the college are expected to declare their Christian faith and incorporate their world view into their courses.

"With a professor who is not Christian, two plus two is still four — those things don't change," Worden said. "But some historical points are open to interpretation."

NCC students are taught how to incorporate their faith into their daily dealings with the world, and how to apply their faith in the workplace.

"If you think the nature of man is good, you expect a good set of outcomes," he said.

The college offers majors in Bible and Christian ministries studies, pastoral and youth ministry concentrations, business administration, communication, music and psychology. The college also offers courses in elementary teacher education, which attracted students who could not receive teacher certification at the University before its program was reinstated last year.

Some NCC students supplement their core courses with University courses to fulfill requirements for a combination NCC-University degree. Students can choose from more than 30 University majors, such as pre-medicine and pre-law programs, to complete their degree.

The college also offers a graduate program in marriage and family therapy, designed to provide training for future professional counselors who wish to work in the field. A Community Education Program gives University students and others in the community the opportunity to sample any of the college's courses, such as biblical studies and church history.

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