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A-B NOW UNC-A

Wednesday's registration will be the first since this campus became The University of North Carolina at Asheville.

The recently past summer session was a split sort of personality by beginning the term as Asheville-Biltmore College and winding up as UNC-A. The group of students participating in the courses offered in the Oxford trip suffered from a multiple personality complex. They started as students and faculty of A-B Collegestudyingat Oxford University and returned to UNC-Asheville.

As UNC-A launches on its first official academic year, it can look back to the past month and a half in which hefty changes have taken place since Asheville-Biltmore College became UNC-A.

Even before July 1, people were referring to the campus as the western branch of UNC. On April 23 of last spring, the North Carolina legislature approved the affiliation of A-B with UNC. Concerning this vote of approval, Dr. William E. Highsmith, then president of Asheville-Biltmore College commented, "The action of the Senate today brings to a culmination seven years of intense pursuit of an educational dream. The Act of the General Assembly making us The University of North Carolina at Asheville opens prospects for the future that heretofore we could not even dream of. It will result in benefits to all people in this area and all over the state. We should recognize the tremendous work and support that came to this College from so many people from so many walks of life. Without that support, this would not have been possible."

UNC-ASHEVILLE DAY

UNC-Asheville Day was July 1, proclaimed by the Asheville City Council. Manly Wright, as chairman of the A-B board of trustees, formally transferred the institution over to the Consolidated University of North Carolina.

As the fifth campus of UNC, UNC-A has the same status as Chapel Hill, Greensboro, Charlotte, Wilmington or N. C. State. All are under the same board of trustees which consists of 100 persons elected by the general assembly of North Carolina. The Chairman of the board of trustees is the governor, Robert E. Scott.

The president of UNC-A, as well as the rest of the UNC campuses, is William Friday. President Friday and his staff are located in the central office of the UNC system in Chapel Hill. His basic function concerns the general problems and programs of coordinating the six campuses.

In promoting the affiliation of A-B with UNC, Dr. Highsmith brought about the change in his status with the college himself. He is now the chancellor of UNC-A. Each of the UNC campuses has a chancellor as its chief administrator. The chancellor is under the jurisdiction of both President Friday and the board of trustees.

BASIC CHANGE

The fundamental change in the institution is that it is no longer a separate and independent entity. It has exchanged its independence for a position in the prestigious

University of North Carolina. The image of the consolidated university throughout the nation is that of quality.

This factor will have the greatest impact for the large number of out-of-state students. Although A-B was a college with high academic standards, its name was not circulated nationally. Possibly the sole exception to A-B's comparative unknown was A-B's basketball team last season which carried the Bulldog banner through parts of the midwest to Kansas City. They even may have engraved the image of A-B in absentia on Grambling, La.

ADVANTAGES

One of the greatest advantages to the new status of UNC-A is the fact that it has a voice in the planning of the programs for all the campuses. UNC-A, as well as the other five branches, sends nine faculty members to participate, 54 member Advisory Council of UNC. This council gives advice on the overall UNC program.

Another advantage is that there will be a freer flow of faculty between the six campuses. The undergraduates will be exposed to graduate professors and vice versa. Along with the "freer flow" concept, there will be a tremendous amount of communicating between the central office and the branches and between the branches themselves.

This internal communications is an important aspect of being part of a consolidated university system. The new ideas and the fresh approaches will channeled from institution to institution.

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Present at the First Convocation of the University of North Carolina at Asheville on July 1 were, (left to right), Manly Wright, former chairman of the board of trustees of Asheville-Biltmore College, Gov. Robert Scott, and former president of A-B College, Dr. William E. Highsmith.



MEYERS



GOODWIN



BROOKSHIRE

SGA '69

The Student Government Association officers for the academic year, 1969-'70 are: Donald H. Meyers, President, Ron Goodwin, Vice-President and Barbara Brookshire, Secretary.

Meyers, senior — philosophy, is a native of Asheville.

Goodwin, senior — economics, has been an active member of the campus for three years. As member of Sigma Delta Upsilon fraternity, in which Goodwin served as treasurer, as well as having been a member of Circle K. He has served as chairman of the Inter-fraternal Council and was Freshman representative to the Judicial Board of the SGA.

Miss Brookshire, junior — history, has also served in many capacities. She was secretary of Homecoming '68 as well as being business manager of THE RIDGERUNNER. Miss Brookshire has also been a member of the Baptist Student Union as well as a participant in both the Homecoming and Miss Asheville-Biltmore College Courts.

According to Meyers, the SGA has been hard at work all summer to assure an active year, and many projects are in the offing. For example, the Special Programs Committee of the SGA

has already set up a schedule of movies for the year as well as a number of other projects that will help the UNC-A student feel that his activity fee is being well spent.

Other new plans include a vending machine service for the students which should begin by mid-first term, as well as color television by cable for the TV room in the Student Union Building and Vance Hall.

Meyers stated that the SGA will have a more business-like organization with a newly-revamped finance commission under the guidance of Wayne Bradburn. Included in the new plans are new offices for the publications, leaving office space for the finance commission and the secretary of the SGA.

Meyers told THE RIDGERUNNER, "The general idea is to get everyone doing something... to get all the doing spread around." But he also acknowledged the extreme lack of help on the UNC-A campus and added "we need a lot of help with Homecoming and we really need a lot of help with organizational activities."

The pride of the Meyers administration is the revised constitution that has been prepared. Under the hand of

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