

New Southern Highlands Research Center Opens at UNC-A

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Under the direction of Dr. Bruce Greenawalt, assistant professor of history, the Southern Highlands Research Center, which was established about two years ago by the University's Historical Resources and Archives Committee, officially opened on August 25 in the basement of D. Hiden Ramsey Library. The Center contains historically significant records of individuals, organizations, and groups which will be made accessible to all interested persons and will be especially useful to students of history, sociology, biography, genealogy and folklore.

Professor Greenawalt explained that although the title of the Center suggests a far-ranging collection, emphasis is placed upon Asheville's influence on the region and its part in the development of the Southern Appalachias. Noting the city's role as a regional business and commercial center, he added that the records would be of value to students of economics and U.S. economic history. A second focus is on the religious history of the region, with an emphasis on records from those independent congregations without archival resources.

A third initial focus is the history of the black highlanders, whose important contributions to the region throughout the years often have been overlooked. Professor Greenawalt feels that such a collection will correct the assumption often found in Appalachian Literature that all mountaineers are white. Led by former Asheville educator, Mrs. Lucy Herring, a committee, comprised of local retired educators, has volunteered to research the history of the black highlanders. In the process, they

have gathered a variety of old documents, including books, letters, pictures and other items depicting the life of black people in Asheville during all phases of history.

Records of ad hoc organizations will be preserved by the Center. Professor Greenawalt explained that without action, the records of the Upper French Broad Defense Association, the Beaucatcher Mountain Defense Association, the Buncombe County E.R.A. Committee, and other such groups may be scattered and lost. Additionally, the Center contains a portion of former Congressman Roy A. Taylor's papers, and family and genealogical records—such as letters and memoirs—from the region.

The Center already has in its possession a growing photographic collection. Photographic projects underway by the Center include: Creation of a photographic record of Asheville today. With many familiar scenes of the city's past undergoing change, such as Tunnel Road, Beaucatcher Mountain, Downtown Asheville, and Depot Street, a systematic recording of existing sites and construction projects will be valuable to students in the future.

An important part of Asheville's photographic record will be the various homes expressing the individuality of their builders. There will be a photographic supplement of the Center's growing oral collection, recording the subjects who have been interviewed. Also included is a pictorial supplement of history and sociology papers stored in the Center, including recent papers relating to Asheville's Greek Community and the Upper French Broad Defense Association.

A specialist in both 18th Century British Literature and Afro-American Studies, Dr. Herring will advise in matters of program policy, participate in the selection of panelists and consultants and contribute to development of research tools surveys for the scholarly fields relating to her specific interests and experience.

A graduate of Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, she earned her M.A. and Ph.D. at the University of Notre Dame and joined the UNC-A faculty in 1976 after serving previously on the Notre Dame faculty. She also has held teaching positions at the University of Indiana at South Bend, Johnson C. Smith and schools in Indiana, Vermont, Wisconsin and North Carolina.

Dr. Herring on Leave

A University of North Carolina at Asheville faculty member has been granted a year's leave of absence to work with the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH).

Dr. Maben D. Herring, associate professor of literature, will work with the NEH's Division of Research Grants in its Research Materials Program, according to Dr. Roy A. Riggs, vice chancellor for academic affairs at UNC-A.

Well-Known Sociologist Joins Former Graduate Assistant

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Dr. Arthur Vidich, UNC-A's newest Breman Professor of Social Relations, arrived on campus last week to join his former graduate assistant, Edward L. Knight, now visiting assistant professor of sociology, in teaching a course on Sociological and Cultural Changes in the U.S. Reminiscing about his first meeting with the distinguished sociologist who is a member of the New School of Social Research faculty, Knight recalled he attended a convention of sociologists shortly after finishing his undergraduate work and

heard Dr. Vidich describe his unorthodox research methods. "My eyes, my ears, and my brain," Dr. Knight said Dr. Vidich told questioners who asked about his research tools. "I look at what is there, then combine it in a creative way with theories." Dr. Knight added that he was impressed with Dr. Vidich's humanness.

At the time, Dr. Vidich has just finished his book, *Reflections on Community Studies*, and was preparing to start work on a study tentatively titled, *The Third American Revolution*, which dealt with the



Fall Internship Program Announced

If you are a student interested in learning about the workings of state government firsthand, a program sponsored by the North Carolina Internship Office (NCIO) may be for you.

Students at UNC-A are eligible to apply for six-week internships slated for this fall, according to Jim Caplanides, Director of NCIO. "The program this fall will run from October 10 through November 16 and the student can work in most any area of the state, including Raleigh," Caplanides stated.

Students do not receive a stipend for the internship, but are expected to arrange to receive academic credit as a result of their internship experiences.

"Most schools in the state encourage learning experiences of this type," said Caplanides; "And the staff at the NCIO office can aid interested students in setting up these arrangements with departments at the school."

In most cases, interns will be required to spend 15 hours per week 'on the job' with a maximum of 20 hours a week.

Caplanides said that students may work with the NCIO staff in gaining an internship at a location near Asheville so they can still live on or near campus and take regular courses, if they so desire.

Brochures explaining the fall internship program are available at the placement office on campus. Deadline date for submitting an application is September 15 and all applicants will be notified of acceptance or rejection by September 30.

For more information, students should obtain a brochure at the placement office or write the NCIO, 401 N. Wilmington Street, Raleigh, North Carolina 27610.

Each internship is designed to provide the opportunity for students to learn about government and public service professions by doing actual work in a field related to their academic or career interests. Each student is matched with an internship on a case by case basis so that both the student and the government agency can obtain the maximum benefit from the program.

growth of bureaucracy, industrial technology, and urbanization after World War II. Dr. Knight, who earned his B.A. at the University of Michigan and his M.A. at the University of Detroit, began his doctoral work at the New School of Social Research and ultimately became part of the editing team on Dr. Vidich's latest book, *The New American Society*.

In addition to Dr. Vidich's credentials as a sociologist, Dr. Knight feels that his doctoral adviser is a fine historian, particularly in such areas as the Franklin D. Roosevelt administration, the New Deal's impact upon the country, and the impact of the World War II. "He is probably one of the most brilliant men I know," Knight said, noting that Dr. Vidich's expertise extends to such areas as anthropology and linguistics. He also served with the U.S.

HUMANITIES PROGRAM REVIEW

The University of North Carolina at Asheville will take a long look at its humanities program, one of the cornerstones of its liberal arts curriculum.

Dr. Robert S. Trullinger, Jr., director of the UNC-A Humanities Program, said Friday that the study will be financed by a \$4,253 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) to bring a consultant to the campus.

Dr. Max Kele, director of humanities and assistant dean at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, has been named to the consultant's post, according to Dr. Trullinger.

"Dr. Kele will review our humanities program to determine what we are doing right, what we are doing wrong and provide any suggestions if improvement is needed," Dr. Trullinger said. "We have had long experience with the program but feel an evaluation by a competent outsider could help us institute improvements."

Dr. Kele's appointment as consultant comes as UNC-A prepares for its fall semester with registration in Justice Gym Monday from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. and 7 to 8 p.m. and Tuesday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Classes begin Wednesday.

The Humanities program is a 16 semester-hour sequence required of all students with courses investigating ideas and values in the contemporary world and in the history of civilization from an interdisciplinary perspective. Students draw materials from the areas of history, literature, religion and speculative thought as well as, to a lesser extent, from the fine arts, natural sciences and social sciences.

Term I Humanities 111 (the Contemporary World) sections bear such diverse titles as *The Time of Your Life, Leisure and the Arts, The Consciousness of the Seventies, Southern Appalachia Today, Family of Man, Toward the Year 2000, and Question of Values*.

Faculty members involved in the first term offerings include Dr. Bruce Greenawalt, assistant professor of history; Dr. Frank Edwinn, associate professor of music; Miss Dorothea Moser, lecturer in humanities; the Rev. William Edwards, lecturer in humanities; Dr. Shirley Browning, associate professor of economics; Dr. James S. Vinson, professor of physics, and Dr. Trullinger.

Marines in the Second World War, providing him with background on the South Pacific.

A native of Minnesota, Dr. Vidich is a graduate of the University of Michigan and earned his M.A. and Ph.D. at Harvard. He was a Fulbright Scholar at University College of the University of London in 1950-51.

On Monday, August 29, Dr. Vidich spoke in the Humanities Lecture Hall on "American Society and the Crisis of Capitalism." His address examined the tensions and conflicts likely to arise as capitalism finds itself less able to sustain in its present form. On Wednesday, September 14, he will discuss "The Changing Role of the United States in World Affairs," a study of the long-term implications of relations with Russia, China, and the Third World Countries. The address will be open to the public, free of charge, and will begin at 7:30 p.m.