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## UNCA named as "mentor" in the humanities

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The Association of American Colleges and the National Endowment for the Humanities have chosen UNCA as one of the nine "mentor" colleges to help other American colleges and universities strengthen their core curricula for teaching Western and non-Western cultures.

The NEH granted \$359,000 for the AAC to select 27 "planning" schools that wish to strengthen their core curricula. UNCA and eight other colleges will serve as mentors for these selected schools.

According to Merritt Moseley, associate professor of literature

and director of the humanities program, there are several activities involved in the project.

One activity involves Moseley and Peg Downes participating in a conference held in New Hampshire this summer.

The next step will take place in the fall when the "planning" colleges will visit UNCA. "They will come to UNCA to observe how we're working, so obviously a lot of people who are involved in the humanities program will be coordinating with those people," said Moseley.

In return, UNCA representatives will participate in site visits. During these site visits, the representatives will observe the school's present program and

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possibly make suggestions for improvement.

According to Moseley, the reason for the added attention towards strengthening humanities curricula revolves around various factors.

"One is that the NEH has been publicizing the need for a strengthening in humanities curriculum. The other is sort of a reaction to the publication of two books, one is called *The Closing*

this idea," said Moseley.

In addition, Moseley said the project reflects national concern

over students' understanding of their cultural inheritance and that of other cultures, past and present.

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What this means to UNCA is the recognition of a program which is well organized and of great value to institutions, Moseley said.

In Moseley's opinion, one of the reasons UNCA's humanities program has been successful is its

persistence.

"I think our program is one of the most persistent, by which I mean that ours has been going on for 25 years. Twenty five years ago

there would have been more programs like this, but a lot of them were cancelled or altered during the 60's and 70's, whereas ours has been altered but not due to reaction," said Moseley.

The other mentor colleges chosen by ACC are Queens College in Charlotte, Columbia University, the University of Denver, Queens College in New York City, the University of Kansas, Washington State, Earlham College, and Mount St. Mary's.



Photo by William Allen

Markus Roeders delivers his farwell speech to the SGA on April 11 in the Highsmith Center.

## Roeders says thanks and farewell to SGA

John Schoultz,  
Gigi Leaks  
open 22nd  
SGA senate  
session

By Jami Shipe  
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Markus Roeders ended his term as SGA president with a farewell speech during SGA's general meeting on April 11.

Roeders began by thanking everyone for coming to the inauguration of the new officers.

He then pointed out some of SGA's accomplishments over the past 13 months with issues such as parking, condom machines, bus service, budget cuts and cable television.

"It's been a great year with many long Wednesday nights," said

Roeders. "It's been a tremendous experience for everybody."

Roeders said he now feels very knowledgeable about the university and would not exchange his experiences for anything.

He extended thanks to the UNCA community on behalf of the SGA.

"We received a lot of positive feedback," he said.

He also thanked the senators, commenting that he had formed relationships with them that go beyond SGA.

Roeders then wished the new president and vice-president, John Schoultz and Gigi Leaks, luck during the upcoming year.

"I hope they will work for the students to come up with new and better ideas," said Roeders.

He concluded his speech with some final comments about his SGA experiences.

"Not everything can be done in one day," he said. "I just hope I

can come back one day and say 'I think I've made a difference.'"

After a short break, Schoultz, Leaks and the new senators were inaugurated.

The 22nd senate session, with the newly elected members, then proceeded. New business included the assignment of new office hours to SGA members and the announcement of an office tour on April 18 at 8:30 p.m.

The following people were appointed to new positions:

Kevin Frazier - Sec. of Interior

Robert Straub - Dir. of

Operations

Beth Estep - Sec. of Treasury

Haywood Spangler - Sec. of

Exterior

Josh Bernstein - Student Affairs

Chairman

Marlus Harding - Public

Relations Chairman

Mark Johnson - Academic

Affairs Chairman

Darren Poupore - Rules

Committee Chairman

Brian Corbin - Legislative

Chairman

## Brown to undergo performance review

By Vicki McCoy  
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A performance review of Chancellor David Brown will be held April 25 in the Whitman Room of Ramsey Library.

According to Eric Iovacchini, vice chancellor of student affairs, all university students and employees can make an appointment to share their confidential observations about how Brown is doing in his job and how he might improve.

Reviewer Joseph Kauffman, a private consultant, will conduct the interviews.

"There's a time when anyone can sign-up with the consultant," Iovacchini said. "The information will then be given to the Board (of Trustees) for review."

According to Iovacchini, this is the first time a review of the chancellor has been done.

"We've never done this before," Iovacchini said. "The Chancellor

brought it up to the board himself."

Jack Cecil, chairman of the board, agreed, saying the review was a "collaborative effort" between the board and Brown.

"We are the first one (school) in the 16-university system to do this.

We are taking the initiative," Cecil said. "The chancellor was interested in it, but it was more of a collective effort."

Both Iovacchini and Cecil said the objective of the review was to identify the strengths and weaknesses of the chancellor so improvements can be made in his performance.

"It's really a way to assess the performance of the chancellor and the board and making sure we are working in concert together, fulfilling the mission of the school," Cecil said.

Cecil said the rapid growth of the school prompted the review.

"The school has gone through such a transition in the past five years," Cecil said. "We have

increased the buildings and the caliber of students. We figured it would be the best time to reassess the performance of the total operation."

According to Cecil, Kauffman is currently a consultant to colleges, universities and state agencies concerned with higher education. Kauffman was professor emeritus of Educational Administration at the University of Wisconsin at Madison from 1973-1987.

Iovacchini said he felt Kauffman was qualified to conduct the review.

"This man has done this on several occasions. He is very well qualified," he said.

The information Kauffman compiles, which is confidential, will be relayed to the board for their consideration. Kauffman will also interview faculty and administration who relate directly with the chancellor, Iovacchini said.

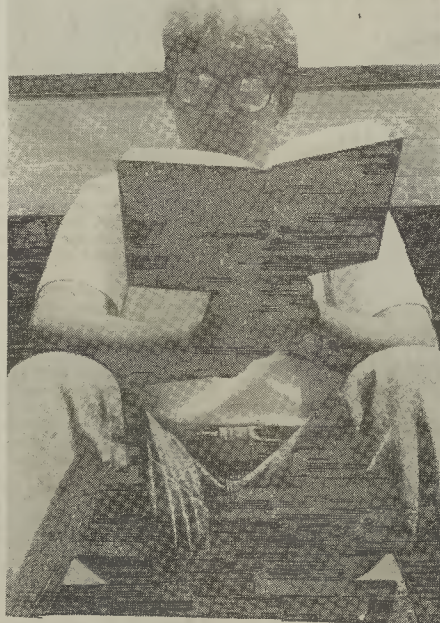


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Don't bother me

Jay Ford relaxes outside Carol Belk Theatre on a sunny afternoon while reading *The Firebugs*.

## Forums promote voter awareness

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By Jami Steele  
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"Spend Wednesday Evenings with the Candidates" is the theme for a series of forums to be held in April by the League of Women Voters.

The League has invited all the candidates running for local, state and national offices on May 8 to participate in these forums.

"I urge all of the citizens of Buncombe County to attend these forums," said Susan Fisher, LWV president. "Only by listening to the candidates and asking questions, can we be informed voters."

On April 11, citizens met with the candidates for U.S. Congress and the N.C. House and Senate at the Great Smokies Hilton.

On April 18, the LWV brought to the Holiday Inn Central the candidates from the 28th Judicial District running for the positions of district attorney and district court judge.

On April 25, at 7 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel, the third and final forum will take place. Citizens will hear from candidates for

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