

Academic Accolades

Five UNC faculty members in education, government, music and political science have been promoted to professors.

New professors are **Michael Smith**, Institute of Government; **Pamela Johnston Conover**, political science department; **David Dill** and **George Noblit**, School of Education; and **Brooks de Wetter-Smith**, music department.

The promotions will be effective July 1.

Ten incoming UNC law students have been named inaugural Chancellor's Scholars.

The Chancellor's Scholars program is designed to bring the nation's best and brightest students to UNC to study law.

North Carolina recipients of the all-expenses paid law education

are **Jennifer Cleland** of Winston-Salem, a UNC graduate; **Ann Hester** of Wake forest; **Elaine Madison** of Durham; **Lee Potter** of Chapel Hill; and **Laura Woodworth** of Fayetteville.

Out-of-state scholars are **Elizabeth Eggleston** of Baltimore; **Kennan Flippin** of St. Albans, W. Va.; **Larri Hunt** of Concord, N.H.; **Paul Schwartz** of Spring Valley, N.Y.; and **Christine Wichers** of New York City.

John McClain, a graduate student in political science from Asheville, has received the John Patrick Hagan Award for 1989. The award is given annually to the outstanding graduate student teacher in the political science department.

Council to vote on academic minor

By **AMY WAJDA**
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UNC's Faculty Council will vote Friday whether to approve a proposal to add an academic minor that would be optional for each UNC academic department or school.

Faculty and staff basketball seating and a resolution on state employees' salaries will be among other issues addressed at Friday's meeting. Council election results will also be announced at the meeting.

The educational policy committee will propose the academic minor in its annual report to the council. "The questions of instituting and administering minors should be decided by each school or college individually and ultimately, by departments," the proposal said.

John Anderson, educational policy committee chairman, said Wednesday that the council will probably

support the proposal.

But recent state cuts in UNC spending may pose a problem for the proposal at Friday's meeting, he said. "The economic state of the University may affect the thinking of council members on Friday."

Smaller departments may feel they cannot spare the time, money or personnel to plan a minor, Anderson said. "There would be some departments that might be undermanned and feel they might not be able to consider this at this time."

If the council approves the proposal, it would probably take another year for the academic minor to become a reality, Anderson said. "If approved by the council it would go to each college, and each college would need some kind of mechanism to put it into its structure."

Ruffin Hall, chairman of student government's academic affairs

department, said students should be involved at the departmental level in deciding the minor's format. "I don't want to see it be as hard as a major. Hopefully we'll be able to set some guidelines."

Anderson said students might be involved in the planning of minors. "In most decisions about departmental affairs, students are sometimes purposely, or not purposely, excluded because it is seen as the realm of experts. I hope they could be worked in."

The council will also consider the report of an ad hoc committee appointed to review the faculty and staff basketball ticket priority system.

The committee will propose changing the formula used to determine seating priority to add weight to the number of years an applicant has ordered tickets. The other factor in the priority formula is a rank number based on the State Personnel Act (SPA) job grading system.

In the committee's proposal,

Exempt from the Personnel Act employees' rank numbers, including the rank numbers of faculty members, would be equated to those of SPA employees with similar salaries.

The committee will also propose freezing retired faculty and staff members' seating priority when they retire from UNC to increase faculty and staff movement to better seating.

In addition, the council will consider a resolution supporting legislation in the N.C. General Assembly that would establish a state employee minimum wage equal to or higher than the federal poverty level.

According to the resolution, about 1,300 state employees are paid below \$11,612, the federal poverty level for a family of four in 1988. More than 200 of these employees are UNC-CH employees, the resolution said.

Anderson, the resolution's sponsor, said although the resolution is a one-person effort, faculty members have already told him they support it.

Student Stores shows off improvements

By **JAMES COBLIN**
Staff Writer

When construction workers dismantled the wooden wall in front of the main entrance to the Student Stores this week, some of this year's renovations were evident.

The store's front entrance opened again Tuesday after being closed since the end of the fall semester.

Building renovations are about half completed and should be finished in the first week in July, Rutledge Tufts, Student Stores general manager, said Tuesday.

Although the main entrance has reopened, construction on the front of the store is not complete. Carpets, fixtures and theft detection devices have not been installed yet.

The store is more open and traffic flow has improved now that the front

entrance is open, said Minnie Blackwood, Student Stores sales manager. Students also seem to like it better, she said. "We have gotten a lot of nice comments."

The new entrance also makes rush hours easier, said Sylvia Ridenhour, a freshman from Concord. "During class changes things are a lot more open. There is more room to move around. Things are still hectic, but that is to be expected."

Working conditions for employees have not changed much since the front entrance opened. "There is more room and you can breathe better, but overall, things are about the same," said Malinda Minor, a cashier.

Other changes that have come with the opening of the front entrance include the return of the indoor post

office and check-cashing services, Tufts said. "They are now upstairs in their new quarters."

The computer store has also been reopened at its full size in a new upstairs location, said Calvin Phillips, Student Stores maintenance coordinator. Customer service has also moved upstairs, and office supplies and cards will be located where the Bull's Head Bookstore is now, Phillips said.

Other future renovations include asbestos removal at the old side entrance and the installation of new cash registers at the front of the store.

Renovations were scheduled for completion by the middle of June, but unexpected delays moved the completion date back. Keeping the store open during construction

caused many of the delays. If Student Stores could have closed during the construction, the construction would have taken about half the time, Tufts said.

"We are not supported by taxes. We must remain open like any retail business to generate money and to pay salaries."

Recent state budget cuts in non-personnel expenditures may affect the progress of renovations through loss of sales, Tufts said. UNC does buy many office supplies from Student Stores, so cuts in University spending might affect revenue, he said.

The total cost of renovations has not been determined yet, Tufts said. About \$900,000 was budgeted for renovations, and estimates place the actual cost close to that, he said.

Senior Day to offer fun before graduation

By **BRENDA CAMPBELL**
Staff Writer

Senior Day will give seniors and their parents a chance to celebrate graduation on May 13, the day before commencement, with a party on Ehringhaus field.

"We wanted to give the seniors a chance to get together one last time," said Sami Winter, co-chairwoman of the senior class commencement

committee.

Three local bands will be featured at the event: Mary on the Dash, The Veldt and Dillon Fence. The bands are scheduled to play from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"We chose the bands on the basis of familiarity," said Joe McCall, co-chairman of the commencement committee. "All three originated in Chapel Hill."

Representatives from organizations that provide services to graduates have also been invited to attend, McCall said. "Representatives from the Ram's Club, University Career Planning and Placement and the General Alumni Association will be there to answer any questions about the services they provide to graduates."

The goal of the class of 1989 has been to revive traditions, McCall said. Senior Day once featured Greek and Latin speeches, the presentation of the senior class poem, politicians' speeches and a baccalaureate ceremony.

Senior Day last year was just a picnic, but the bands are a special addition this year, McCall said.

"We are fulfilling another goal by bringing back Senior Day," he said. "We have done so much already that Senior Day is going to be like icing on the cake."

The day is not planned to have a specific structure, McCall said. "It is

going to be a very impromptu-type thing," he said. "It is a chance for seniors to get together before graduation and deflect the party from the actual ceremony on Sunday."

Winter said Marriott Corp. will sell picnic food at the party.

Posters and flyers around campus will advertise the event next week, Winter said. "There will also be a big spread in the senior newsletter that is going out next week."

Some seniors who have already heard about the event are making plans to be in Chapel Hill, said Anita Gillis, a senior from High Point.

"I am coming back from the beach in time for the party," she said. "People should come and bring their parents."

Charles Clark, a senior from Ft. Washington, Md., said, "I will probably go down and see everyone one last time because I will be leaving town the next day."

The Chancellor's commencement committee is sponsoring Senior Day.



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