

Congratulations Class of '73

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Record Graduation



Congressman Roy Taylor will address a record number of UNC-A graduates at commencement exercises to be held Saturday, May 12. In addition the university will honor three prominent Asheville area citizens with Distinguished Service Awards during graduation.

Nixon Signs Bill

President Nixon last week signed a bill that provides \$872 million for student aid programs.

UNC-A Director of Financial Aids Jim Almon has indicated to THE RIDGERUNNER Students who have applied for financial aid for the coming academic year should receive award notice by mid-June.

The money is the same amount Nixon requested, but most of it is for programs he called "outmoded and inequitable," while a new program on which he wants to center student aid was cut \$500 million.

The \$872 million student aid

programs package will appropriate \$210 million for the Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant; \$269 million for the National Direct Student Loans; \$270 million for the College Work Study Program; \$122 million for Basic Opportunity Grants. Nixon has wanted to eliminate entirely the National Direct Student Loans Program and the Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant.

Earlier Nixon had requested an increase in the Basic Opportunity Grants from its present level to more than \$622 million. That increase was denied by Congress.

UNCA-UNCW Exchange Slated

The cure for the hum-drum summer has been found if you are inclined to spend time outdoors studying and would like to spend a couple of weeks on the coast of North Carolina.

"Anyone wanting to go along should get in touch with me before time for summer registration, we have room for twelve students, but no more." These were the words of Dr. Harry Johnston when he was asked about the planned exchange-studies program between UNC-A and UNC-W for the first four weeks of the summer. Dr. Johnston urged any student interested in the course to get in touch with his office before

school is out for the summer.

The course will consist of two weeks in the mountains and two weeks on the coast. Students from the two schools will work together. The first two weeks of the course will be spent in the mountains and the last two on the coast. The mountain aspect of the course will emphasize botany and ecology. The early summer flora should be reaching its peak at this time and hopes are high for a good two weeks.

In addition to botany ecology of the mountain woodlands will be studied. Virgin forests, stratification, and planned forestry

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The Class of '73 is the largest graduating class in the history of UNC-A according to figures released this week by Registrar Jo Cadle.

The following are prospective graduates who should have completed all University requirements by the end of Spring Semester:

Adams, James Irwin
Anderson, Kenneth Dale
Arrowood, Mary Alice Joyce
Arthur, Nancy Elizabeth
Baker, Kenneth Erman
Banks, Sandra Gail
Bickford, Betty Jean Burnett
Boyd, Robert Jackson
Boyette, Pamela Rebecca
Bradburn, Josephine Pennington
Brown, Barbara Houston
Brown, Carole Ann
Brown, Daryl Eugene
Brown, Hal Herring Jr.
Brown, Roderick Myers
Buchanan, Jerry Van
Cantvill, Kevin William
Cohen, Isreal Carl
Cohen, Lesley Anne
Conley, Mary Kathryn Brown
Cox, Pearl Cheek
Crawford, Jacqueline Anders
Dechant, Thomas Frederick
DanAdel, Cinthia Seul
Dendy, Henrietta Marianne
Dillingham, Theresa Deane
Duncan, Coy M., Jr.
Dyer, Clarence David
Ellington, Judy Murphy
Farzanegan, Bernadette
Figart, Earl Wayne

Fortune, Virginia Ann
Fraser, Donna Brian
Gaffney, Ralph Leon
Graham, Joseph Edgar, Jr.
Graham, Thomas Paul
Grier, Deborah Jean
Hall, Thomas Vance, Jr.
Harris, Brenda Karen
Hawkins, Albert Donald, Jr.
Heil, Eleanor Meyer
Hill, Ann Michals
Hill, Nancy Eve
Hollifield, Lilly Virginia
Horeeany, Joseph Vincent
Houser, Deborah Ann Ballard
Huffman, Martha Lucille
Huskins, David William
Hutchinson, Ridley Ecta
James, Charles Greene, Jr.
Jarrett, Nora Jane
Jones, Eddie Carroll
Kinsland, Phyllis Stiles
Kiser, Margaret Deavours
Loe, Kathryn Zuvar
Leeder, Patrick Thomas
Leslie, Randall Arisil, Jr.
Lindsley, John Carnell
Lyons, Sharon Cathleen
McCanless, Teresa Katherine
McKibben, John Lloyd
Miller, Edward Franklin
Miller, Nancy Gray
Mills, Marlisa Louise
Moore, Gail Kyle
Moore, Joel David
Moore, Joseph Henry
Napoli, Jacqueline Rose
Osha, Richard Velney
Page, Don Allen
Page, Brenda Gale

Passmore, Barbara Jean
Penland, Shirley Sales
Paterson, Maureen Lambert
Pheasant, James Thomas
Poisson, Frederick Davis, Jr.
Rash, Reba Wright
Ray, Mary Simpson
Redmond, Joseph Lee
Rhymer, Sandra Pope
Ribel, Thomas Ellsworth
Riddle, Patricia Anne
Rogers, Judy Martin
Rogers, Thomas Harmon
Saunders, William Daniel
Schilt, Katherine Yvonne
Sluder, Karen Sue
Smathers, Cynthia Ann
Smith, David Lewis
Stove, Phyllis Sexton
Sturgis, Harvey Alexander
Teague, Robert Douglas
Tebo, Patrick Roland
Thomas, Beryl Smith
Toney, Glen Ellis
Tucker, Sherry Elizabeth
Tweed, David Powell
Wacaster, Grady Lee
Walters, Yolan Johanssen
Weir, Dianne Metcalf
Wells, Gary James
Whitted, Sharon Rhodes
Wilkerson, Andrew Fitzgerald
Withrington, Joyce Peninger
Workman, William Victor, Jr.
Wyatt, Rena Alice
Yancey, Mary Ellen Baxter
Young, Helen Madelyn
Young, Joseph Scott

Wright New SGA President

Student Government Association elections are an annual Spring rite on the UNC-A campus and this week approximately 300 students cast their ballots for a new SGA president, vice-president, and three senators from the sophomore, junior, and senior classes.

Kenneth Wright was elected by the student body to head SGA for the coming academic year. He handily defeated his opponent Howard Sellinger. Wright will take office on the first day after the end of the current term.

David Randall was elected SGA vice-president. He ran unopposed.

For the first time in SGA elections, commutor students selected two senate representatives. Running unopposed on the commutor ticket were Ed Sheary and Dennis Hannan.

Shortly after votes were counted, SGA president-elect Ken Wright released a statement to THE RIDGERUNNER saying: "I would like to express my thanks to all those who voted and also to ask every student to become involved in the functioning of SGA next year. I hope to get out as much as possible in an effort

to serve student needs as well as I am able, but I encourage ideas and criticisms at any time. Next year I intend to work toward increasing student input into University governance especially in the area of academic policies. I fully intend to have a strong

program of social events for students during the coming year. I am also very much interested in increasing the role of women's athletics on campus. I believe next year can be a very exciting and stimulating time, but we will need your support."



Ken Wright, elected SGA president this week in a landslide victory, has pledged to continue work for a stronger student voice in academic policies.