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## Chancellor's installation based on old traditions

By David Proffitt

An afternoon ceremony on March 31 will officially install Dr. David G. Brown as the new chancellor at UNCA.

The traditional ceremony will reflect the ancient legacy he is to inherit, said Shirley Leckie, chairman of the Installation Committee.

"The concept of 'installing' a chancellor in his office is the modern day descendant of a medieval ceremony in which the king 'installed' the president of a university.

"Medieval universities were often fraught with riots, and the royal authority displayed in this ceremony reinforced the role of the president of a medieval university," said Dr. Milton Ready, associ-

ate professor of history and member of the Installation Committee.

Various organizations, such as faculty, alumni, and students "greet" the new chancellor in the same manner important people greeted a new chancellor in the Middle Ages, said Ready.

"All constituencies had to send a greeting then, and this is reflected today in the token greeting other institutions make to UNCA when they send a representative to the ceremony," said Ready.

Leckie planned the weekend's events to demonstrate not only ancient traditions but also UNCA's diverse heritage.

The performance on March 30 by the McLain Family Band, for example, will reflect the influence of

mountain culture; while music by the University Sinfonia will testify to UNCA's liberal arts heritage, said Leckie.

This use of two types of music, formal (the Sinfonia) and the less formal (the McLain Family Band) also finds its roots in medieval ceremonies.

The performance Saturday evening will be the first for the Sinfonia, a group Joyce Dorr, lecturer in music, called "a chamber orchestra."

"The 20-member group will be augmented by the University Community Band for that performance," said Dorr.

The Committee is inviting over 250 colleges and universities across the

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DR. SHIRLEY LECKIE, chairman of the Chancellor's Installation Committee, watches as her husband, William, and Ardith Nieman (not pictured) prepare almost 300 invitations to mail to institutions across the country.

*Staff photo by Donna Obrecht*

## Students can nominate worthy professor

By David Proffitt

A committee of faculty will today begin accepting nominations for the 1985 Distinguished Teacher Award, said Dr. Bill Sabo, political science lecturer and member of the committee.

"This is not an attempt to find the best teacher on campus," said Sabo, recipient of the 1984 award. "With so many hard-working people here, I don't think that could be done.

"The award was instituted to honor one person each year who has earned a reputation for successful teaching," said Sabo.

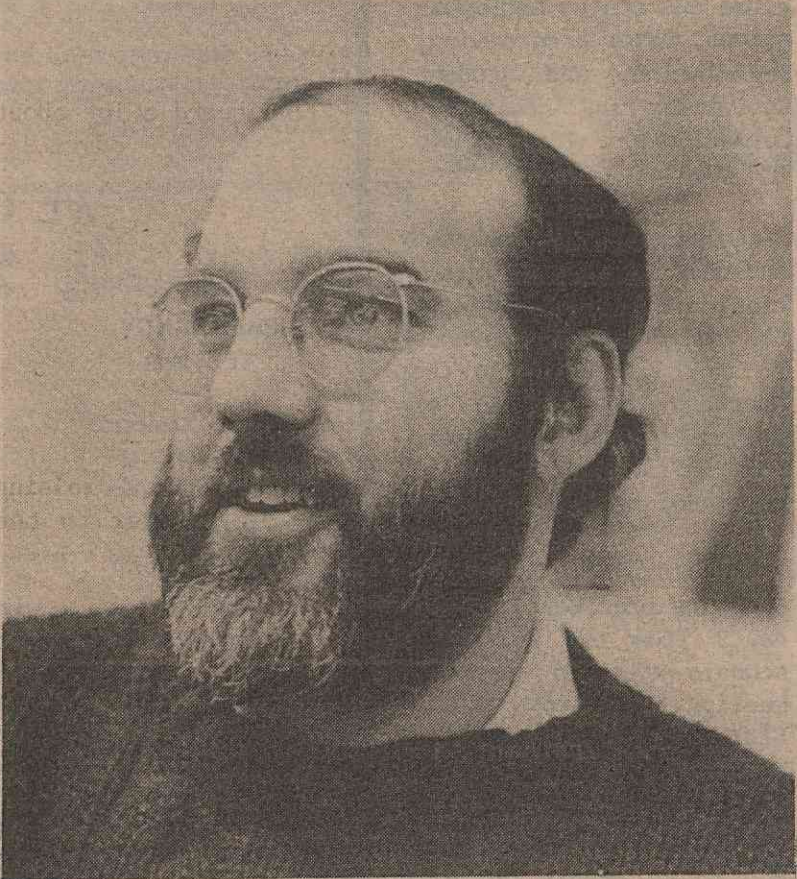
Students or faculty members who wish to nominate a professor for the award must write a letter to the committee by March 31 detailing in specific terms why they believe the instructor should be honored.

Those nominating instructors must sign their letter, and students must

indicate their class.

Professors seldom know

if they succeed in their efforts because they do



DR. BILL SABO, member of the Distinguished Teacher Award Committee, said students are best qualified to measure a professor's ability to teach. The committee will select the 1985 recipient of the Award from nominations received before March 31.

*Staff photo by Sylvia Hawkins*

not see the end product.

"I don't think most of us operate under the illusion that students will remember the substance of the classes they take," said Sabo.

"The real point of college teaching is to try to develop skills that are necessary for a successful and satisfying life, things like problem-solving skills, the desire to question, and the ability to critically analyze (a situation)," said Sabo.

There are no convenient measures for creativity, dedication, or the ability to arouse enthusiasm, said Sabo, "but students are best able to discern what it is about certain people that make them effective teachers," said Sabo.

Dr. Gerald Gullickson, professor emeritus of literature and recipient of the 1982 award, is chairman of the committee.

"We try to consider the professor who has dedicated himself to the class-

room, as opposed to one who has published many papers in journals," said Gullickson.

The number of letters nominating an instructor influences the decision, as well as what the letters state.

"We try to look for professors who appeal to students, and who inspire them to learn," said Gullickson.

Other committee members, in addition to Gullickson and Sabo include Dr. Dexter Squibb, chemistry professor and recipient of the 1983 award; Dr. James Perry, biology professor; Dr. Ted Seitz, psychology professor, and Dr. Charles Bennett, physics professor.

Students and faculty should send their signed letters to any of the committee members before March 31.

The committee will announce the 1985 recipient at the May commencement exercises.