

Brown installed in Sunday Ceremony

By Mike Norris

In a colorful and inspiring Sunday afternoon ceremony in Justice Center, Dr. David G. Brown officially assumed his position as the second chancellor of UNCA.

Several hundred students and members of the community looked on as Brown took the oath placing the reins of the university in his hands, then accepted the Chancellor's Medallion from outgoing Chancellor William E. Highsmith.

Inspirational music provided by the University Community Band and Choruses kept the assembly in a festive mood - a mood already set by a procession of administrators and faculty members and academic officials from UNCA and universities across the nation.

Each member of the procession wore the cap and gown of his alma mater and degree of academic achievement.

Speeches by several dignitaries preceded the installation of Brown. Dr. William C. Friday, president of the University of North Carolina, spoke first, welcoming the public and guest speakers to the ceremony.

James E. Ellis, chairman of the UNCA Board of Trustees then introduced Dr. Clark Kerr, former president of the University of California. Kerr, a long-time friend of Brown, spoke about the challenges faced by a new campus administrator.

Coming into an institution of higher learning as a new chancellor constitutes the "greatest learning experience in life," said Kerr. "Someone in this position faces the often formidable tasks of familiarizing himself with new budgets, traditions,

and staff members, many of whom can be too eager, always sure that their problems are most important."

A new period of leadership should be looked upon as a "springtime" for a school, said Kerr, a time for trying new ideas and establishing traditions.

After Kerr's speech, Kenny Cagle, former student government president; Asa Spaulding, former student of Brown; Alan Comer, chairman of the faculty senate; Norma Messer, president of the alumni association; Philip Carson, chairman of the board of governors; and Robert B. Jordan, North Carolina lieutenant governor, made short statements welcoming the new chancellor to the community.

Dr. Alan Comer, representing the UNCA faculty, delivered a welcome speech in which he expressed the hope that Brown would come to see the members of the faculty as stepping stones to the future of the university at least as often as he viewed them as stumbling blocks.

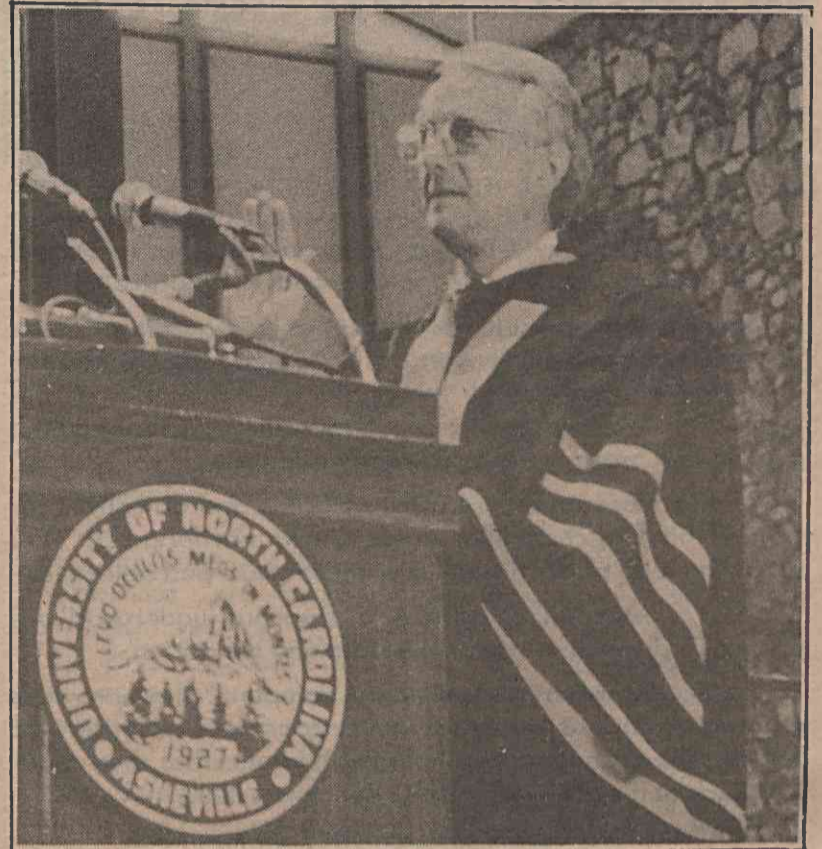
Comer then recounted some of the chancellor's activities during the past year, emphasizing the main purpose of these activities - the betterment of the school and its reputation in the community.

In conclusion, he said, regarding future relations between the faculty and Brown's administration, "I think we can share a vision."

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RUTH McLAIN RIOPELE AND NANCY ANN McLAIN of the McLain Family Band perform Saturday night in an installation weekend concert honoring UNCA's new chancellor.
Staff photo by Sylvia Hawkins



DR. DAVID BROWN takes the oath of office Sunday to become the second chancellor in UNCA's history. (See related interview on page 7.)

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GE vote slated for April 11

By Chris Streppa

The Faculty Senate completed its deliberations on the general education curriculum March 28 when it rejected an ethics requirement and adopted a bibliography proficiency requirement.

Members will vote April 11 on the complete package which boosts the required number of general education hours from 45-47 to 55.

If approved, the changes will be in effect by fall 1986 and will apply to all new students entering UNCA from that point on.

In some cases, students will be able to fulfill certain general education requirements with courses also required by their majors.

But it's also possible that the combined requirements will leave some students with few "free" hours left to fill as they wish.

For example, students must successfully complete

a minimum of 120 hours to graduate. If required courses for chemistry majors total 59 hours and general education requirements add up to 55 hours, only six hours remain for electives.

But Dr. Alan Comer, chairman of the Faculty Senate, argues that the more extensive general education curriculum "is not really limiting students that much."

He points out that it's the "rare student" who graduates with only 120 hours. Most, he says, have taken more than the minimum number of hours required by the time they receive their diplomas.

Comer adds that students usually don't "sample broadly." An art major, for example, is likely to fill elective hours with courses that pertain to art.

Therefore, he says, general education requirements that expose students to disciplines as diverse

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