

EDITORIAL

New chancellor brings bright hopes

At exactly 4:30 p.m. Sunday the sun split the clouds and kissed the earth of UNCA's campus for the first time all day. Was it a coincidence or an omen that the rains ceased and this benediction fell at the same moment that UNCA's new chancellor, Dr. David Brown, was repeating the words, "I do, so help me God," as he took the oath of his office?

Whichever it was, it was welcome, as is Chancellor Brown. We at **The Blue Banner** congratulate him on his installation and wish him continued success in his leadership of this institution. We look forward to the fruition of the seeds of growth and progress he has already planted.

Among these seeds are a list of goals and objectives for UNCA that the chancellor made known not long ago. The following is an abbreviated list of these goals and objectives:

- To establish at UNCA a rigorous undergraduate program, distinctive in both the state and the nation;
- To establish a "university complex" that provides resources and establishes institutional relationships to address the economic, technological, intellectual, and cultural needs of the area, with UNCA as the nucleus;
- To achieve a sense of community within UNCA;
- To plan for an enrollment of approximately 5000 on campus within the next decade;
- To build a friend-raising and fund-raising capacity and infra-structure;
- To assure that the university has the necessary human and fiscal resources to pursue its mission;
- To enlarge and upgrade the physical plant to accommodate this expanded mission.

A cursory reading of this list leads one to conclude that Brown is nothing if not a lover of challenges. A closer perusal leads to the conviction that he is also a lover of hard work and a man with a vision for UNCA.

It is our hope that the same sun that graced his installation ceremony will shine on his efforts to make this vision a reality.

IN YOUR OPINION

Student defends Counseling Center

Dear Editor:

This letter is in response to the "cartoon" featured in the March 21 edition of our paper. I wonder about Dr. Alan Comer's motivations in creating such a negative impression of the three women involved, and in turn of the UNCA Counseling Center.

Fortunately, I am familiar with all three of the women portrayed in this cartoon, and I am therefore able to discount the vague innuendo suggested by it. I am able to speak from personal experience about the professional abilities of one of the psychologists

involved. My spouse and I have been under her care over the last year, and she has been of great help to us as we seek a better understanding of ourselves and our relationship.

I doubt that Dr. Comer has helped anyone of late. More importantly, I hope he has not discouraged anyone from seeking help at the Counseling Center. I have found it to be a very positive place to go for support.

Amelia H. Taylor
Unclassified Student

Rhoades recommends suite solution

Dear Editor:

The administration has suggested that all corner rooms in the Village be doubled. Furthermore, these double-occupied corner Village rooms will cost the same as the Highrise rooms even though they are not as big or in as good condition. This is extremely unfair. In addition, the administration is suggesting that the Highrise 7th floor become a 24-hour quiet floor for 1985-86. I oppose these two proposed changes.

I understand the administration's reasoning behind these changes; there is a shortage of housing on campus, and there is a need to make our housing more conducive to study. However, the corner room proposal is a return to an old problem. I will address the corner-room issue at this time.

I will cite portions of the **Report of the Institutional Self-Study of UNCA** which was presented in 1982 to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools for re-accreditation.

According to this study, in 1982 the Village dormitories were "cramped, poorly lit, poorly ventilated, poorly soundproofed," and "recognized as unsuccessful for many years. The lack of adequate dormitory space has been a serious hindrance to developing a much-needed base of residential students.

At the time this study was made, the Village was occupied by 232 students in 175 rooms that were "inade-

quate in size and design for the number of occupants." The administration's new plan calls for 249 students in 175 rooms.

Why should we re-create and worsen a problem that has already been recognized and addressed as intolerable?

The administration is considering purchasing \$60,000 worth of furniture for the corner rooms. The Vice-Chancellor for Student Affairs has stated that the doubling of the corner rooms is only a temporary situation until the new residence hall is completed.

I propose the following alternative. Why don't we redirect this funding to the conversion of the village suites to private rooms? These suites are in several Village dorms. This conversion would increase the number of private rooms by 24, at a cost of approximately \$1,500 per room. In the short term this alternative will reduce the housing shortage and more than pay for itself; and in the long term it will provide continuous revenue. This proposal is based on long-term reasoning, not on a short-term "quick fix."

It is unfortunate that the administration did not solicit any student input into this problem. We, as students, should not have to pay the price for short-sighted administrative planning.

Neal D. Rhoades
SCA President

Manns wants aid, no joke

Dear Editor:

On Thurs., March 28, at approximately 1:30 p.m. a student rushed in my office to report that "a man with blood all over his face" was lying on the sidewalk just outside the top level of the Rhoades Science Building. I went to the specified location and found the man face up, passed out, bloody, with cuts on his face. I immediately ran back to my office and called Security, who arrived within five minutes to take the man to the hospital.

Later, the student told me that as she walked from the far end of the Quad toward the "figure" on the sidewalk, she saw MANY people look at the man and

then continue to walk past him. Therefore, she was very shocked to see that the "figure" was a person who obviously needed quick medical attention.

Perhaps these people thought the man, regardless of the blood and cuts on his face, was only playing a joke. This is of personal concern to me because I am pregnant and, as a result, have fainted on occasion. I therefore would like to assure everyone in the campus community that if they see ME lying on the hard sidewalk, with or without blood on my face, it will be no joke!

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