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Winless wizard

SGA President Ken Hardy escorted Chancellor David Brown in Saturday's Homecoming Parade. Brown lost the honor of Court Wizard, which went to Dr. Alan Comer at the Homecoming Dance.

Professors receive promotions, tenure

By Angela Pickelsimer
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While the administration has promoted some UNCA faculty members and granted tenure to others this year, many students don't understand what a teacher's title means or how they attain a higher rank.

The university granted tenure to the following faculty members: Dr. Tim Hollingsworth, management; Dr. David Kay, mathematics; Dr. Gary Miller, environmental studies;

Dr. Edward Brotak, atmospheric sciences; and Dr. William Haas, sociology.

Also, art professor Tucker Cooke and history professor Dr. Milton Ready received full professorships.

So what positions do these titles actually describe and how does a faculty member obtain them?

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The administration judges faculty members on their

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Brotak questions liberal arts at UNCA

By Julie Ball
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For the second time in as many years, the administration is replacing Dr. Edward Brotak as director of atmospheric sciences.

That decision has prompted Brotak to openly question the general themes of a liberal arts college, a question which he says is a concern to other UNCA professors who won't speak publicly.

Last spring, university officials agreed to hire Dr. Ray Hoxit as Brotak's replacement, but Hoxit backed out at the last minute after deciding he didn't want the position.

In a letter to the editor in the Oct. 9 issue of the "Blue Banner," Brotak said Dr. Jeff Rackham, acting vice chancellor for academic affairs, told him the administration is replacing him because he cannot get along with his colleagues or superiors.

Rackham declined to confirm or deny Brotak's statement.

"Dr. Brotak is an excellent instructor and fully committed to the success of his program, but after an independent investigation, I feel that the program would be more effectively served with a different director," said Rackham.

He would not comment on the specific findings of the "independent investigation." It

is "inappropriate for me to reveal confidential personnel information," said Rackham.

Brotak's discontent with the current situation in his department has led him to reopen a debate which occupied many minds two years ago when the faculty senate changed the general education



Dr. Edward Brotak

requirements.

Brotak maintains that UNCA is not heading in the right direction, and that the university is leaning too far toward the liberal arts and neglecting the technical sciences where he says much of the growth in recent years has occurred.

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