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Decision to end women's soccer program reversed

By Andy Rhinehart
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UNCA will have a Women's Soccer program next year.

Chancellor David Brown announced Wednesday his acceptance and approval of a Faculty Athletic Committee recommendation that the two-year-old program be allowed to remain in the athletic department structure, reversing an earlier decision by athletic director Ed Farrell, that the sport be dropped.

In announcing the decision, Brown said that a women's track program would be added to the athletic offerings, giving the school seven women's sports.

"Ed Farrell and I jointly believe it would be wise to follow the recommendations of the com-

mittee," Brown said. "There will be a women's soccer program next year. At the same time, we do intend to start a women's track program next year. This will be the addition of a seventh women's sport."

In the committee recommendation, the three-member faculty panel called for a review of all varsity athletic programs on campus with the intent of establishing a long-range plan for the athletic department. The goals of the plan, according to the recommendation, would be:

1. To professionalize the UNCA coaching staff by eliminating part-time coaching jobs. The long-range plan should include a schedule and budget for eliminating part-time positions and conducting searches to fill full-time positions.

2. To establish an athletic program which will maintain women's program parity with men's pro-

grams in terms of budget, scholarship and number of participants.

3. To establish an athletic program which will bring publicity to UNCA while also maintaining varsity sports which fulfill the traditional scholar-athlete ideal.

"I guess the important thing for me to convey is that the decision is to continue with women's soccer for next year," Brown said. "No decision has been made beyond that. That awaits the findings of the long-range committee."

"I presume that the (long-range) committee will begin acting in the fall as suggested, and a report will come in at the end of the fall semester that will include a long-range recommendation as indicated," he continued.

Brown added that the amount of women's soccer scholarships will be continued for those pla-

yers currently enrolled.

The recommendation came about after a meeting on Monday of Cohen, Farrell, several players and the athletic committee. In that meeting, Farrell said that, while no precedent had been established for the elimination of a program, his decision to announce the dropping of the program three weeks ago may have been the wrong one.

"I suspect that, at this point in time, the procedure could have been done a little differently, like getting together with this committee and some folks before," Farrell said.

"There is no written policy. That doesn't mean that we shouldn't do something about it and write one. We should. The program was initiated in exactly the same way I went about discontinuing it. There was just no precedent to follow," he said.

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Broadway construction date set for October

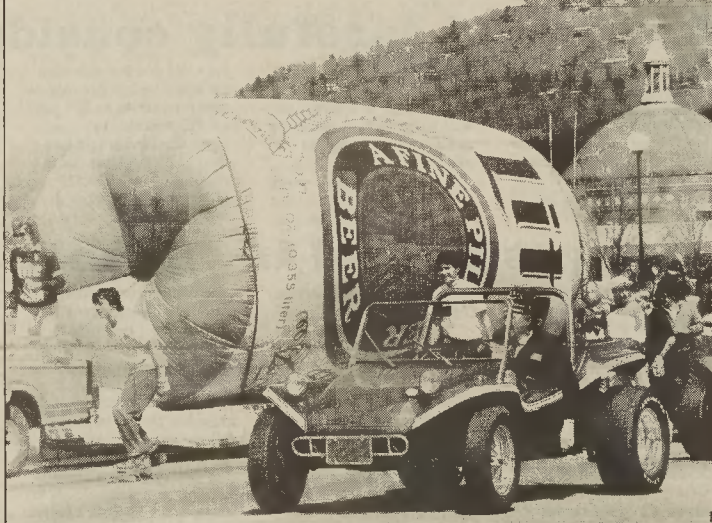
By Jerri Henderson
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The long awaited project of broadening Broadway is scheduled to begin in October of this year, according to Gene Edmonds, division engineer for the Department of Transportation (DOT).

The project includes widening the road from highway 19-23 to the intersection of Weaver Boulevard and could possibly reach Catawba Street. It will be a four lane highway, two lanes in each direction divided with a median, according to Edmonds.

"We've been working for a couple of years to get this project a top priority," said Tom Byers, special assistant to the chancellor.

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Some Asheville residents celebrated St. Patrick's day this year by parading down Patton Avenue. The parade, which was sponsored by Cinjades was held last Sunday.

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EPA overlooks Maas' solution

By Joan Schnyder
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Dr. Richard Maas, UNCA environmental scientist who believes he has the answer to the Champion waste water problem, tried for an entire week to let the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) know about his proposal before they issued the current draft of the waste water permit, according to the associate professor.

"We knew about the idea for one week before the EPA issued the draft permit to Champion, and I tried for that entire time to let them know about the idea," said Maas.

"I called the EPA several times a day during that entire week and left pages of notes with the secretary that included my credentials as a water chemist, as well as a summary of the idea," he continued.

"However, no one from the EPA would return the calls," he said.

An EPA spokesperson was unable to find out the particular reason for this failure to

return Maas' telephone calls, however, she did say that the permit was only a proposed draft and that the organization is still open to suggestions about the problem.

"We put a draft permit out and opened it for public comment. That is part of the purpose - to get help in addressing the problems and new information that is available," said Charlis Thompson, the spokesperson for the EPA.

However, "everyone (North Carolina, Tennessee, Champion) is on the record as being comfortable with the draft permit as it is written today," according to Max Haner, environmental chemist with the water quality section of the division of environmental management.

"The key is economics, and if it is financially feasible and technically achievable for Champion, they have expressed their willingness to do anything," said Haner.

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News In Brief

The dangers of alcoholism will be dramatized Thursday, March 24 at UNCA in a one-man show portraying Welsh poet Dylan Thomas's unsuccessful struggle with drinking.

Set for UNCA's Humanities Lecture Hall, the 7p.m. and 9p.m. shows will be performed by Tom Murray, the Asheville-based writer and actor who overcame alcoholism and now shares his insight into the problem with college students nationwide. Admission is free.

Inside

There are a number of incorrect listings in the Fall 1988 class schedules. Corrections for the humanities and mass communication departments can be found on page 10 of this issue.

A review conducted last fall by the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights found the UNC-Asheville athletic department lacking in the amount of financial aid offered to its women athletes in comparison with funds being offered to the men.

In 1987-88, each male athlete at UNCA received an average of \$1,018.55 more in financial aid than did female athletes for the Bulldogs.

Following a random check made at the school, the OCO in Atlanta notified Athletic Director Ed Farrell in December that its Title IX compliance review had found a disproportionate amount of aid being offered to male athletes, according to Louis Bryson, director of post secondary education in the OCO Atlanta office.

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SGA organizes second election

By Sharon Joyce
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UNCA's Student Government Association (SGA) is staging another election for 1988. The posters are back up and the candidates are campaigning again.

The lack of planning and the rushed nature of the first election was the reason for its failure, said both Geoff Cabe, the election commissioner for the first election and Athena Fox, the current elections committee commissioner.

The Senate decided to get the first election out of the way quickly, and the price the student body had to pay was a shabby and defunct election, said Geoff Cabe, who resigned after the first election.

"It was a rush job. It wasn't planned very well," said Fox. There were a number of specific problems with the first election, said Fox.

The two main problems in the first election were that the polling places weren't open for the proper amount of hours as specified in the SGA Constitution and students who voted were not marked off of the registrar's list of students when they voted. Therefore, it is possible that some people could have voted more than once, said Fox.

It is also "very possible" that

nomination forms for the first election could have been lost, she said.

This election is somewhat "better because there are more people running for office," she said.

The election will be held March 30-31. There will be opportunity to hear the candidates speak on Thursday at 11:30 in the Highsmith lobby or luncheon and Friday at 11:30 in Carmichael lobby.

In addition, the North Carolina Student Legislature is sponsoring forum of the candidates on Tuesday, March 29 at the Owen Conference Center (third floor).

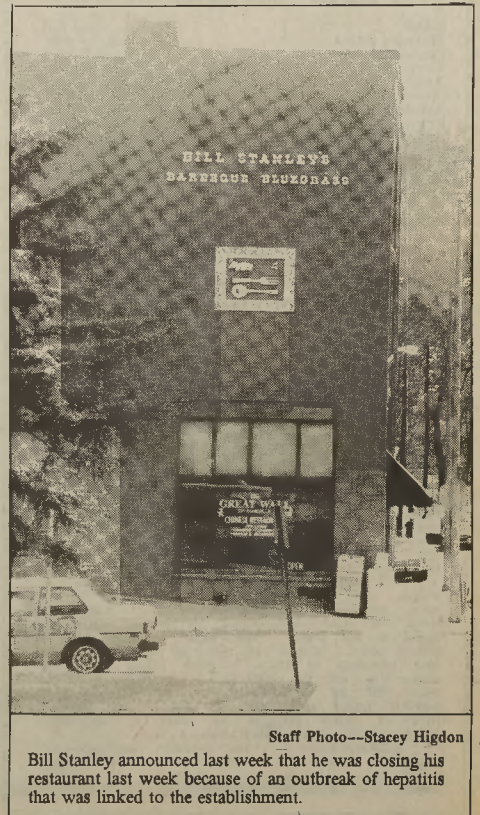
Another problem with the first election was the lack of an absentee ballot. The problem has been rectified this time and absentee ballots will be offered, according to Fox.

Cabe said that he warned the Senate of the problems that would result from rushing the election, but they didn't listen.

"I told them going in that, if you rush the election like this, you're going to have a terrible election. And what did they end up with? A terrible election," he said.

"I had everything set up for the middle of March, and the Senate wanted to go ahead and

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Bill Stanley announced last week that he was closing his restaurant last week because of an outbreak of hepatitis that was linked to the establishment.