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## Maas announces research partner

By Joan Schnyder  
News Editor

Dr. Richard Maas and retired engineer Philip Neal believe they have developed a process that will remove 90 percent of the color units from the Pidgeon River, said Maas, associate professor of environmental science.

UNCA will receive a \$12,000 grant from Hansel Enterprises to fund their research on this process. Hansel Enterprises was set up around the patent to fund the process, said Maas.

At a press conference scheduled for 12:30 today Maas will announce Neal as his partner in the project. Neal has remained anonymous until now. Maas will also announce the amount of the research grant and its source.

"UNCA is going to be using this funding to research the process. The research will involve Maas and Neal and two UNCA students who will be hired to do research through the Environmental Quality Institute this summer," Maas said.

"The main purpose of this arrangement is to involve students in the research, we are interested only in doing the research not in the application of the results, said Maas.

However, in relation to the Champion/Pidgeon River "the local application of the process is totally obvious," according to Neal.

The Pidgeon River problem provided the stimulus for the idea, according to Neal.

"During the media coverage of the controversy over Champion International pollution

problem, I began to think about things I had seen in my years as a research engineer that would be applicable to the Pidgeon River," said Neal.

"The idea for this solution came to me after analyzing these things, and I contacted Rick (Maas) about the process. Ever since that time the project has been a collaboration," said Neil.

The controversy over Champion's polluting of the Pidgeon river began when Tennessee residents complained that the plant was polluting the Pidgeon River, thereby preventing the development of the tourist trade.

Residents sought the help of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), which issued a draft permit requiring Cham-

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Compliments of Public Information Office

Two students leave a seemingly deserted campus as spring semester winds down and preparations begin for final exams.

## Commission allots funds

From Staff Reports

A large portion of student fees were recently divided up among university organizations when the Campus Commission for Student Services allocated funds to campus organizations.

Underdog Productions (UP), the organization in charge of campus entertainment received the largest portion of the funds.

The Commission allocated a total of \$60,000 to UP for the year.

"A group like Underdog, which

serves 3,400 students, basically gets half the pie," said Dr. Cissy Petty, director of student development.

In addition to the UP allocation, the Commission allocated \$4,500 to the Club Officers Council, \$11,000 to the Student Government Association, \$5,100 to the Fury (literary magazine), \$6,000 to ENCORE (organization for non-traditional students), \$3,200 to the SGA Judiciary, and \$15,000 to the Banner, making all allocations a total of almost \$105,000 for the coming academic year.

Dr. Eric Iovacchini, vice

chancellor for student affairs, reported at the meeting that the remaining fund balance was approximately \$20,000 and that "the university anticipates collecting approximately \$126,900 in Campus Commission fees for the 1988-89 academic year," according to the minutes of the meeting.

From 80 percent to 90 percent of Underdog funds go to "producing student events and advertising those events," said Paul Simmons, chairperson of UP.

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Staff Photo—Stacey Higdon

Many students spent an afternoon sifting through the variety of books available at the Ramsey Library Book Sale last week.

## Contract isn't renewed

By Julie Ball  
Editor

UNCA's vice chancellor of academic affairs has recommended that UNCA not renew Dr. Marketta Laurila's contract, according to Robert Dungan, Laurila's lawyer.

Dr. Lauren Wilson recommended to Chancellor David Brown that Laurila not be reappointed, according to Dungan.

"Wilson has confirmed to my client that she will not be reappointed," said Robert Dungan, Laurila's lawyer.

"She's now got her walking papers," said Dungan. Laurila has one more year on her current contract at UNCA, according to Dungan.

Wilson could not be reached for comment, however, Tom Cochran, associate vice chancellor of academic affairs, confirmed that the recommendation not to renew Laurila's contract had been made.

Cochran said the recommendation was not simply rubber stamping the recommendation made by Dr. Henry Stern,

chairman of the foreign language department.

Stern recommended to the Committee of Tenured Faculty and Wilson that Laurila not be reappointed. Wilson then made his recommendation after consulting with the Committee.

Although this decision was not rubber stamped, Cochran said that the recommendation of a department chairman is rarely overruled by the vice chancellor of academic affairs.

There have been "one or two cases in the last two or three years when the vice chancellor has not followed the chairman's recommendation," said Cochran.

Now the recommendation must be approved by Chancellor David Brown and the university's Board of Trustees. From there the recommendation is sent to the Board of Governors and President of the UNC system.

Laurila recently filed a suit in federal court charging sexual discrimination against Stern and Dr. Marcel Andrade, professor of Spanish.

Laurila charged in the suit that Foreign Language Depart-

ment Chairman Stern jeopardized her chances for contract renewal by not recommending that her three-year contract be renewed.

The suit charges that Stern and Andrade "have acted in concert to deprive plaintiff (Laurila) of her rights to be free from discrimination on

account of her gender." The suit states, "As a tenured track assistant professor, plaintiff (Laurila) had a reasonable expectation that her contract would be renewed for at least three additional years."

The suit also claims that Laurila's first amendment rights to freedom of speech were violated.

The suit mentions political activities Laurila has been involved in and charges, "Defendants (Stern and Andrade) were aware of these activities and openly expressed their hostility toward these activities."

Laurila came to UNCA as an instructor in 1984. She was appointed a tenured track assistant professor in March of 1986, according to the suit.