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Lot controversy continues

by Scarlet Bell

News Editor

Chancellor David Brown has asked a Faculty Senate committee to review the plans for a parking lot that environmentalists say would destroy the buffer zone between UNCA property and the Botanical Gardens.

Last week, *The Banner* reported that 500 students and 100 faculty members have signed petitions against the proposed lot near the Highrise dormitory.

Dorothy Sulock, lecturer in mathematics and a member of the Faculty Senate committee, said, due to the controversy surrounding the construction of the lot, her committee would review the situation and submit a recommendation to Brown.

"Members of the committee (Sulock, Biology Associate Professor Alan Comer and Mathematics Assistant Professor Steve Patch) are sensitive to the one-of-a-kind nature of the Botanical

Gardens, so anything that would hurt a real prize possession of UNCA should be seriously thought about," Sulock said.

"We're an objective, environmentally conscious committee. We are sensitive both to the needs of the environment and the student."

The committee will submit its recommendation, and the Faculty Senate will vote to approve or disapprove the report, on April 13, one day before the chancellor will accept bids on the new parking lot, according to Sulock.

Though the recommendation has no overriding authority, Sulock said Brown would not have asked for the committee's recommendation if he had not sincerely respected their decision on the issue.

"And, I certainly think that's to his (Brown's) credit," Sulock said. "But, I rather doubt the chancellor will listen exclusively to the

(faculty) senate."

Though Sulock said the parking lot was already "in the making" with plans approved to build the lot, "there's the potential to remove it from the planning stage," she said.

Sulock said that anyone in the UNCA community who has suggestions or alternatives for the construction of the new parking lot should contact her at Rhoades Science Hall, room 32L.

A bill proposing a referendum vote on the parking lot issue was presented to the Student Government Association Senate during a closed meeting on April 5, according to Kevan Frazier, aesthetics committee chairperson.

"I think if the administration saw enough students against it, they would reconsider it - particularly residential students. We needed to know

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Staff Photo--Susan Dryman

Rosalee Hart (left) comforts Gigi Leaks at the Red Cross Blood Drive on April 5. UNCA Fraternity Theta Chi won the Student Government Association's blood challenge with 48 percent of the total participation.

One award not enough

by Michael Gouge

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The Distinguished Teacher Award is the only award UNCA gives for teaching excellence. The award, despite its esteemed image, does not actually weigh heavily in the evaluation of a teacher's performance, said Dr. Milton Ready, professor of history.

Ready is in charge of accepting the written nominations for the award. The deadline for nominations is 4 p.m. Monday, April 10.

Ready said, "The award, to me, means that the university is committed to the concept of teaching excellence." The award is "the only teaching award and the only award given to faculty members at commencement," Ready said.

"The university promotes the fact that its primary purpose is teaching, yet in fact, in

terms of promotions, raises and tenure," research and published writings are more important, Ready said.

The award, with its \$1,000 prize, is given only to full-time teachers. A teacher can only win the award once, Ready said. The amount of money a professor could receive in raises could exceed \$1,000. "I think it needs to be more," Ready said, the amount has not been raised since the award was created seven or eight years ago.

"The award, in itself, is not enough. They shouldn't give one award for teaching; there should be other awards for teaching," Ready said. Awards for new teachers, for example, should be given to recognize the efforts of teachers who otherwise might not win the Distinguished Teacher Award, Ready said.

Dr. Dexter Squibb,

professor of chemistry, has won the Distinguished Teacher Award. He shares Ready's view that the award is a great honor, but is not valued enough by the university.

"I feel very honored to have won. I feel it's a step in the right direction when they recognize good teaching," Squibb said.

"We need to do even more; there are a lot of good teachers who haven't been recognized. I'd like to see them expand the program," Squibb said.

Squibb agrees more awards and recognition should be given to excellence in teaching. The importance of the award, in regard to career advancement, Squibb agrees is not recognized by the school.

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UNCA replenishes supply

by Tina Moore

Staff Writer

The Red Cross sponsored a blood drive on campus April 5 to help replenish the community blood supply.

Dr. Ann L. Weber, associate professor of psychology at UNCA, is chairman of the Aids Education Task Force for the Red Cross and is a volunteer advisor in the administration.

"The goal here is to replenish the blood supply and increase the awareness of AIDS," said Weber.

"We want to stress to everyone that AIDS cannot be contracted by donating blood," said Weber

Students and faculty gave blood between the hours of 12:30 and 4 p.m. in the lobby of Lipinsky Hall. "Sixty people have already come in, and our goal was seventy five," said Harriette Winner, director of volunteer services.

The Red Cross receives a large amount of blood from colleges and schools in the region.

"I was amazed at how easy, painless, quick and cheap it is. It is one of our only opportunities to help the community without having to spend money" said Weber.

Weber is responsible for developing community outreach, education and

information programs to increase awareness of AIDS while keeping up the community blood supply.

"We're trying to counteract the threat to the supply by informing and educating people. We encourage them to respond with intelligence, activism and generosity," said Weber.

"This drive at UNCA may be over, but it is important for those who want to donate blood to contact the Red Cross," said Weber. "The community blood supply is vital."

Bill Pott retires in June

by Melissa Church

Staff Writer

Bill Pott, vice chancellor for finance, will be retiring on June 30 after being with UNCA for 20 years.

As vice chancellor of finance, Pott is responsible for 200 different funds: the Physical Plant, the personnel department and the bookstore. He also has a hand in deciding what money goes where.

Pott said he has always enjoyed working at UNCA. "Most of the time it's been fun. Sometimes it's not fun because the nature of the job sometimes gets students mad at you. Also you have to make recommendations that people be fired."

Pott said he has witnessed

many changes during his 20 years at UNCA. "The way one can best see this is the technological changes."

"For example, the complicated nature of my aspect of the university's operation," Pott continued. "It used to be a manually pen and ink situation of keeping the financial records. They were in the process for going to what was called, at that time, the National Cash Register Bookkeeping Machine when I started working here. A number of years after that we went to the first computerized system."

He also noted the increases along with the amount the state appropriates to UNCA, according to Pott.

Pott was born and raised in Connecticut. He attend Duke University and received a Bachelors Degree in Accounting. He is also a registered Certified Public Accountant (CPA). He is married and has four children and four grandchildren.

In 1959 he went to work for the state of North Carolina as an auditor. While in this job he audited Asheville-Biltmore College. He came to work at UNCA on July 1, 1969, the same day that the college was inducted into the University of North Carolina system.

When asked why he was retiring, Pott said, "I said when I came here, and have

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A mischievous squirrel lunches on discarded french fries in a UNCA trash can.