

New AD named

Tim Dillon has been selected to replace Ed Farrell as UNCA's athletic director.

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There will be many major events during the fall semester.

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Weather

Fairly cloudy skies through the weekend with highs in mid-80s and lows in mid-60s. WCA a 20 to 30 percent chance of afternoon showers.

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"Where there is an open mind, there will always be a frontier." — Kettening

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Cause of fire eludes officials

Physical Plant damages estimated at \$200,000



Photo by Michelle Newton

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Fire and smoke damaged the physical plant on July 3, but officials have not released the actual cause of the blaze.

Physical Plant employees have now moved back into the Physical Plant Building after a fire on July 3 forced them to relocate in the Side Door.

The fire was discovered about 5:30 pm by Paul Braese, Building Systems Engineer, when he saw smoke coming from the building.

"No one was sure exactly where the fire was coming from and they broke into probably three or four doors on the back side of the

building before they discovered the fire was coming from the paint shop," said Jim Efland, Physical Plant Director.

According to Efland, the actual flames were confined to the paint shop and the roof above it, but smoke, heat, and water damage was significant and extensive throughout the rest of the building and the administrative offices. The carpenter's shop was almost totally destroyed as well.

Even though the official report from the State Department of Insurance as to the exact cause of the fire has not been released, "We are pretty sure the fire started from chemical combustion from a bunch of rags we had been using to stain lecterns for the New Classroom Building," said Efland.

Along with the lecterns, all the equipment stored in the paint shop burned as well as a lot of in process material in the Carpenter's

shop which was being used to build new bookshelves for the New Classroom Building said Efland.

Efland estimated the clean up costs to be between \$50,000 and \$60,000 and the actual building reconstruction costs to be somewhere between \$50,000 and \$100,000. Added to those costs is the cost of equipment and supply

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Interim chancellor appointed

Vicki McCoy
Editor

learned a lot from mountain people."

C.D. Spangler, president of the University of North Carolina system, has appointed Roy Carroll as UNCA's interim chancellor.

Carroll, who as vice president of planning is responsible for the development of academic programs, says he is excited about working with UNCA.

"When Dr. Spangler asked me if I would be interested in this position, I said 'yes' immediately because of my long-term interests in the institution," Carroll said.

Carroll says he was personal friends with the Highsmiths, after whom the student center is named, and knows they were committed to education.

Carroll, 60, comes to UNCA with a background of teaching in this area of the state. Prior to his serving 11 years in his current position in Chapel Hill, Carroll was the chairman of the department of history at Appalachian State University in Boone.

Carroll says he enjoyed working in the mountains of Western North Carolina. He also says he has been involved with mountain families doing histories and genealogies.

"It's good to be back in the mountains," he said. "I know a lot of the history of the area, and I've

Carroll also said he is glad to be working with students again, adding he misses teaching and being involved in campus activities.

"I love to teach freshmen in particular, and I miss not being on a campus," he said. "I've always enjoyed being with students."

He says his primary emphasis will be in undergraduate teaching.

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Carroll

Bookstore receives facelift

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UNCA has named Michael D. Small of Pennsylvania director of the campus bookstore, according to UNCA officials. Small was the former bookstore director at Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Small will be responsible for developing the UNCA Bookstore into a full-service bookstore for the campus community. Small will also be responsible for developing merchandise for students and alumni bearing the UNCA logo.

He will also coordinate use of the UNCA logo by area merchants on clothing and other novelty items. UNCA is currently offering the logo to local merchants at no charge.

At UNCA, Small will supervise the design and renovation of the UNCA Bookstore during the upcoming expansion of the Highsmith University. Small is also responsible for all vending services on the UNCA campus.

"I saw tremendous potential for this store when I walked in," said Small. "It has a beautiful physical set up, perfect location, adequate selling space and good people working here which was proven by them keeping the store together for a year without a store manager."

There is a chance that the bookstore could get larger as the expansion of the Highsmith Center takes place. Small said there is more money than thought for the bookstore, yet not as much as people would like.

"I got the felling after talking with faculty and the administration that this is something I could be on the ground floor with. I want to help the store grow and let the store be part of UNCA's growth," Small said. "I see the institution growing in stature."

The rearranging of the bookstore had a lot to do with the flow of people during the crowded text book buying time, according to Small. This year there were no dead ends in the store. The books were arranged flowing circular path.

By moving the books around into an orderly, efficient fashion, all of the other "special areas in the bookstore were able to be enlarged.

Small said this year all the paper products and school supplies can be found all in the same place. Cards, glassware, stationery, clothing and books each have their own section where they can be found.

Before, merchandise was all over the store. "By departmentalizing the store as we did, you get a natural order," Small said.

There is a wider selection in the bookstore this year with the space made available by shifting and rearranging. Small said he thought the bookstore was in an identity crisis when he first came to UNCA. "We didn't need to compete with K Mart or sell other universities



Photo by Miranda Wyatt

Under the direction of Michael Small, the campus bookstore has a new look and offers more services to students.

novelties."

"Our mission is to sell quality UNCA merchandise. We are on a quality mission not only in clothing but in all UNCA emblematic merchandise," Small said.

UNCA items will also be able to be purchased in stores around the community. Champs in the Biltmore Square Mall is now carrying merchandise with the UNCA logo. "We want to advertise UNCA as much as we can. The more advertising we do the better off the university will be," Small said.

This year the UNCA Bookstore will be offering cross pens with the UNCA logo, glassware, eight categories of trade, and general interest books, reference book section, best seller section and Hallmark cards.

Residence hall space at a premium

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Due to an increase in the number of UNCA students wanting to live in the residence halls, some students were placed in temporary living spaces as the fall semester began.

About 40 students who sent their housing applications in very late in the summer were placed in the lounges of four halls in the Governor's Village and in triple rooms in the Highrise.

"We purposely overbook not to deprive students in any way, but to ensure a 100 percent occupancy

rate and to ensure that as many students as possible who want to live on campus can do so," said Pete Williams, Director of Housing and Residence Life.

Having to overbook results mainly from students waiting until the beginning of school to cancel their room assignment even though they know well in advance they won't be returning to the residence halls.

"The main problem is students who sign up for a room and don't come back and don't let us know. This puts a burden on other students because we have no way of knowing that those spaces are

going to be available," said Mr. Williams.

"We are technically full starting the first part of July, but students continue to cancel at the last minute or just don't show up. If we started turning people away for housing in July we would end up turning away probably 100 people and then end up with 100 spaces in the residence hall," explained Nancy Williams, Assistant Director of Housing and Residence Life. "It's foolish to turn students away who want to live on campus and then have empty spaces."

Crowded housing isn't a new problem at UNCA. Last year the

same sort of overbooking was done to deal with overcrowded residence halls, it was just handled differently and the students in the temporary spaces were much less visible than this year.

"Last year we doubled more corner rooms in the Governor's Village and tripled more rooms in the Highrise rather than putting students in the lounges as we did this year," said Mr. Williams.

"What we found was, people saw the corner rooms doubled and said I'm not going to live in that

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After six years, Brown resigns

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Editor

According to Brown, the growth of the university over the past few years has enhanced its image.

"The university has grown greatly - the quality of student, the rigor of the curriculum, the physical facilities. For all of these reasons, these have been immensely gratifying years," he said. "It (UNCA) is one of the best educational bargains in the United States."

Brown says he feels his job here at UNCA is complete. He also says this would be the best time to leave, both in his personal life and in the life of the university.

When he took the position six years ago, Brown says he was determined to "complete a task," and when he felt his job was finished, he would then decide whether or not to stay at UNCA.

"I came to the conclusion that I could provide leadership for the next three years, but after nine or 10 years, I could run out of ideas," he said. "I then I would be too old to move to another position."

According to Brown, his greatest accomplishment was enhancing the image of the university.

"I wanted to enable the entire UNCA community, locally and state-wide, to recognize the potential of UNCA in becoming the national

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After six years of service to the UNCA community, Chancellor David Brown resigned this summer to take a position at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem.

Brown, 54, will fill the position of academic provost at the university, a job he says is similar to that of UNCA's vice-chancellor of academic affairs.

"I will be responsible for the campus in the absence of the president," he said. "The deans of the law school, graduate and undergraduate business schools, the arts and sciences, all will be reporting to me."

Brown says his experiences as chancellor have been fulfilling, mainly due to the people of the university.

"Professionally, the last six years have been the most gratifying and rewarding of my life, and it's the people who have made it that way," he said.

Brown said both students and faculty have helped make his years as chancellor "one of astonishing achievement."

"The students are super. They are earnest yet fun-loving. They are all ages and come from a broad diversity of backgrounds. They are up for new adventures," he said.

"And the faculty are very responsive. They are a student-centered faculty who really care a lot about the quality of education," Brown said.