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

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Actions of Search Committee questioned

Memo announcing Carroll's withdrawal, page 10

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As the Search Committee narrows the number of candidates for the chancellorship, some members of the university community still question the exclusion of Roy Carroll, interim chancellor, as a finalist for the position.

In a memo dated Mar. 13, Carroll said he had notified the committee in writing two weeks earlier that he was formally withdrawing his name from consideration as a candidate.

"I assured the Search Committee that I would respect their judgment and accept graciously whatever decision they reached. I do, and I have," the memo read.

According to Carroll, he officially withdrew his name after learning he was not one of the three finalists, which were announced by the committee on Feb. 25.

Yet, according to Jack Cecil, who chairs both the

Search Committee and UNCA's Board of Trustees, Carroll voluntarily chose to withdraw his name from consideration before the announcement of the finalists.

"Dr. Carroll withdrew his name on his own free will," Cecil said. "As he said in his memo he sent to the faculty, he was no longer a candidate for the position."

On March 6, 28 senior faculty members signed a petition requesting a meeting with the Board of Trustees to discuss the candidacy of Carroll for the position. In response, Cecil chose to meet with UNCA's faculty senate to address any additional concerns of the university.

At the March 21 meeting, Cecil said the committee had done its best to find acceptable candidates for the chancellor's position.

"We've tried to be objective. We've tried to be a consensus-builder," he said. "We've tried to find candidates who fit the (university) mission statement. We've thrown the net as wide as possible."

At the meeting, Malcolm Blowers, university librarian, said there is no sense of agreement among staff and faculty members on the worthiness of the candidates.

"I have yet to detect any consensus," Blowers said. "We should look at least at two more candidates. The actual number of three was inadequate."

According to Deryl Howard, chairman of the philosophy department, the faculty senate meeting did not sufficiently address the candidacy of Carroll for the chancellor's position.

"There is a great sentiment on campus to have Roy Carroll seen as a final candidate, not that he be the final candidate, but to compare him to other people," said Howard, who was also a member of the committee who brought David Brown to the campus seven years ago.

"It seemed that he (Carroll) was elbowed out of the running from the beginning," he said.

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Carroll

King addresses cultural diversity

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The notion of America as a great "melting pot" of cultures is only a myth, according to Yolanda King.

King, eldest daughter of late civil rights pioneer and Nobel laureate Martin Luther King, Jr., told an audience in Lipinsky Auditorium April 2 the myth lies within the social fabric of our culture.

"It (the myth) is the notion that being on American shores allows people coming from throughout the world to forget -- or reject -- their unique ancestries and traditions," said King.

King said the United States has a tradition of cultural diversity that dates back to early days. She said that tradition endures because people want to retain their cultural heritage. "America has always been home to settlers from many different countries, different languages, religions, political outlooks, manners, and customs."

"The vast majority of those settlers -- contrary to the 'melting

pot' theory -- made determined efforts to maintain as many of those traditions as they could," said King.

Underdog Productions produced King's appearance in Asheville, her second in the past five years. An earlier February appearance was canceled because of snow.

The African American Student Association, Encore, the Office of Academic Affairs, the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs, and the Student Government Association jointly sponsored the event.

King's campus appearance came in the midst of Diversity Awareness Month. Diversity, said King, has given America a unique cultural perspective.

"In my view, there is no universally accepted American cultural tradition," said King. "After all, as countries go, we are still relatively young. Perhaps we simply have not had time yet to transform our collective experiences in this country into a

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Photo by LeeAnn Donnelly

Yolanda King brings her message to an audience in Lipinsky Tuesday night.

Campus receives 'substantial' grant from donor

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Staff Writer

UNCA recently received a gift from an anonymous donor, Roy Carroll, interim chancellor, sent a memo about the donation March 22, said Alex Miller, director of development and alumni relations.

The memo discussed the fact that the donors gave a substantial amount and that they wanted to remain anonymous, said Miller.

"Their names will go on the New Classroom Building, so it will be pretty obvious who it is," said Miller.

"They are folks who are very close to the university and very involved in its life," said Miller.

Although Miller said he knew the amount of the gift, he did not release it.

The donation will be used in two parts, said Miller.

One part will name the NCB and set up an endowment. "You have to have a minimum of \$5,000

to set up an endowed fund," said Miller.

A second portion of the money will renovate and complete the Honors Library, said Miller.

"It will no longer be called the Honors Library," said Miller. "It will actually have a name of its own."

The new library will be something like an Oxford reading room, said Miller.

"It's going to be a fine place," said Miller. "The new library will have book-lined walls, comfortable furniture, a kitchen, a built-in fireplace, and an outdoor terrace," said Miller.

Miller said the final agreement on the gift is in the process of being signed.

"Commitment has been made. We are in the process of getting signatures," said Miller.

The process requires the signatures of the donor and the chancellor, said Miller.

New general education science courses offered

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For the Fall 1991 semester, UNCA will offer three more courses to satisfy the five-hour general education requirement. The new courses will be Astronomy 105, Geology 105 and Atmospheric Science 105.

"I think the problem that we ran into was that it still seemed like Biology 105 had the most students and Chemistry 105 and Physics 105 weren't very popular. You sort of want something that is popular for the general education students. So in the past year the Faculty Senate and the administration decided to try and open up the general education science requirements and include three more five-hour courses," said Randy Booker, assistant professor of physics.

"I think a lot of students feel compelled to take Biology 105 because the other two alternatives

aren't very attractive. The Chemistry 105 and Physics 105 have both been developed so that there is minimal math. So really students shouldn't be afraid of those, but they have been," said Booker.

These new courses will not affect those students who have fulfilled their five-hour general education requirement.

"Now we have six to choose from. Chemistry 105 and Physics 105 will still be there. And hopefully this will just give more options to people who have to take the five-hour in the future," said Booker.

The Faculty Senate passed these courses last fall.

"It certainly seems like there is a lot of interest for astronomy. Geology, I know has gotten a pretty good draw the past semester. The atmospheric science [course], I think, that's a

new one also, but it certainly seems to invoke some interest. Hopefully, a lot of students will be taking this," said Booker.

Booker will be teaching the astronomy course.

This course will include the history of astronomy and some philosophical questions about the universe, said Booker.

"Dr. Ruiz is also going to be helping me with the astronomy course. He is teaching the recitation section and doing some of the lab sections. He has taught it here before at UNCA. It will be team taught," said Booker.

The physics department will not be reducing the number of physics courses offered because of astronomy, said Booker.

"The astronomy course has been on the books, but it really is a new course for us because it's been a while since we taught it," said Booker.



Photo by Miranda Wyatt

Spring scenery
Spring blossoms decorate a tree on the Quad across from the New Classroom Building.

Bowen says culture affects media

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Americans often forget that the media is a product of the American culture, said Wally Bowen, director of public information, at the April 1 Great Decisions lecture held in the Owen Conference Center. The eighth lecture in the Great Decisions series was titled "How Media is an Instrument of United States Policy."

"American journalists are products of their culture. Try as they might to be objective, skeptical and analytical, they are still subject to fundamental cultural assumptions about the United State's role in world affairs," said Bowen.

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