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Search committee names final three candidates for next chancellor

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The UNCA Chancellor Search Committee announced the names of three candidates for the chancellor's position at the Faculty Senate meeting held on March 10. Two of the three candidates are women.

The candidates, Barbara Hetrick of Hood College, Patsy Bostick Reed of Northern Arizona University, and John E. Trainer, Jr. of Lenoir-Rhyne College, will visit the UNCA campus between March 21 and March 29.

Trainer will visit the campus March 21-23, Reed will visit March 24-25, and Hetrick will visit March 28-29. There will be "open sessions" during each visit for faculty, students, and staff to meet the candidates and ask questions, according to members of the search committee.

"We encourage students to attend these meetings and ask questions," said James Banks, search committee chairman.

"I think whoever the chancellor is, they are the symbol of the institution," said Shirley Browning, professor of economics and a member of the search committee. "This institution will be their alma mater when they graduate. Students should be concerned about how it is represented."

Browning said that all three candidates are highly committed to undergraduate education and quality teaching.

"With every candidate that we spoke to formally, the issue of student life and how they relate to students was discussed," said Browning. "We wanted to know how they go about connecting with students."

"I know students find it hard to believe chancellors care about their concerns, but each of these candidates has classroom experience," he said. "In fact, Dr. Hetrick is teaching this semester."

Hetrick told Asheville *Citizen-Times* writer Barbara Blake that she has made a commitment in her administrative career at Hood College to teach at least one course every year.

"It makes me a better administrator by keeping me in touch with the faculty and the students," she said, according to the *Citizen-Times*. "I don't know if I'd be able to do that at UNCA, but I know I'd want to."

Browning said it was difficult to assess the reaction to the announcement at the faculty senate meeting.

"People listened quietly, and really there were no questions," he said. "Since then, based on comments, I would say the attitude of faculty is one of cautious optimism."

Barbara Hetrick is vice president and dean of academic affairs and the Andrew G. Truxal Professor of Sociology at Hood College in Frederick, Md., positions she has held since 1985.

She served as chair of Hood College's department of sociology and social work from 1973 to 1986. She was also named an American Council on Education Fellow, and in that capacity served as a special assistant to the University of Pennsylvania president in spring 1984, and as assistant to Hood College's president, provost and dean of academic affairs in fall 1983.

She holds a master's degree and doctorate in sociology from the University of Maryland and a bachelor's degree from Western Maryland College with majors in French, sociology and secondary education.

"Barbara Hetrick can offer administrative strengths that she has honed during her tenure at Hood College," said Banks. "She has ties with national foundations and other national organizations."

Reed, vice president for academic affairs at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff since 1987, has served as that university's interim president since July 1993. She has also served at Northern Arizona as assistant/associate vice

president for academic affairs and dean of the School of Applied Sciences, College of Design and Technology.

She served as a consultant on the transition of higher education in a market economy at the University of Lodz in Poland in 1992.

She was a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, and holds a doctorate in biological sciences, a master's degree in nutrition, and a bachelor's degree in home economics from the University of Texas at Austin.

"Both Reed and Hetrick were given particularly strong recommendations as team builders with faculty and administrators," said Browning.

"Reed has experience serving as interim president," said Banks.

Trainer is president of Lenoir-Rhyne College in Hickory, N.C., a position he has held since 1984.

He holds a doctorate in zoology from the University of Oklahoma, a master's degree in biology from Wake Forest University and a bachelor's degree in biology from Muhlenberg College.

Previously, he served in several capacities at Jacksonville University in Jacksonville Fla., including vice president of academic affairs from 1981 to 1984, dean of faculties, assistant dean of faculties and biology professor.

"Under his leadership, Lenoir-Rhyne College has gained considerable recognition for national and regional quality issues," said Browning.

Browning said all three candidates are good communicators and good speakers.

"They all have been active in their communities and received strong support from their communities," he said.

After the visits are completed, the information gathered will be reviewed by the search committee and two to three names will be recommended to President C.D. Spangler, Jr. The new chancellor, upon recommendation by Spangler, will then be elected by the UNC board of governors.

SGA holds forums on parking situation

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On March 10, in two sessions, the Student Government Association (SGA) sponsored student forums to discuss preferences for the location of additional parking on the UNCA campus. This week, SGA must present to the administration the student body's choice for the location.

"There has been no real communication between the students and the administration on this issue," said Lesa Trey, commuter senator.

"That's because of bad timing on the part of the administration. The week before the forums, at the regular Wednesday SGA meeting, [vice chancellor for student affairs] Lovacchini sent word that he wanted a choice from the student body in two days."

"This was the first time any of us had heard anything about it. How were we supposed to talk to all the students in two days?" she said. "And the Faculty Senate has unofficially, but without

dissent, already agreed on paving the area adjacent to the Botanical Gardens behind Mills dormitory, according to a memo from [interim chancellor] Larry Wilson."

Three other areas have been selected for consideration. One is the sculpture garden in front of Carol Belk Theater, beside Charnichael Hall.

Another option is to provide parallel parking along the main entrance road. The fourth area is the flat grassy lot along W. T. Weaver Boulevard, between the service entrance and the main entrance.

Of the four possible areas, the Botanical Gardens area is the most controversial, said Trey.

"But it would appear that the administration has already made up its mind about the parking lot's location long before giving any consideration to the desires of the students," Trey said.

Trey has copies of surveys that had been conducted for the paving of that area. The surveys were completed six years ago when the Botanical Gardens area was first considered for parking.

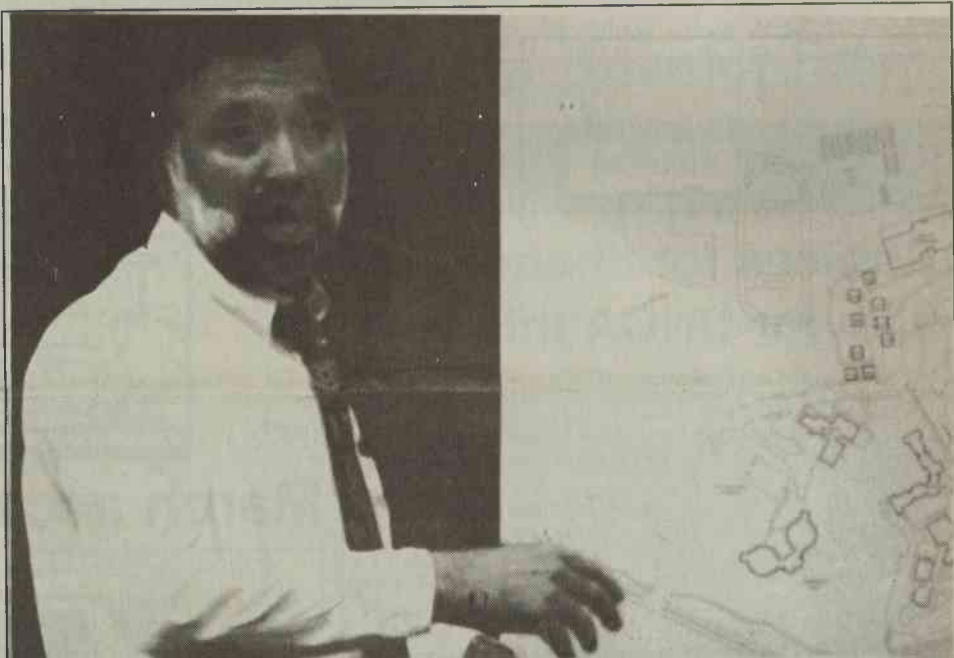
That idea was abandoned as a result of heated protest, said Trey.

"I fear that the administration will take the easy route, since there are already plans drawn up, and pave that area without really hearing how the students might feel about this," said Trey.

As a spokesperson for the SGA, Trey says she has had very little time to spread the word to students and receive feedback.

"There is probably only five percent of the student body that is even aware that the Botanical Gardens are threatened. The administration only told a few people about their plans to hear a student vote on an area to use for additional parking. Instead of telling the whole student body, they have relied on a few people to spread the word in a very short time," said Trey.

The area along W. T. Weaver Boulevard is the one Trey feels is the least controversial or disruptive to the environment. Trey says she has spent many hours researching the implications of each option.



Staff Photo By Annemarie Riley

Eric Lovacchini, vice chancellor for student affairs, attended the forum on parking sponsored by the SGA on March 10.

Health Promotion Program to sponsor wellness day events

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UNCA's Health Promotion Program will target not only faculty, staff and students, but also their families, at its first-ever Family Wellness Celebration scheduled for Saturday. The event will last from 2 to 4 p.m., and take place at the UNCA track and adjacent field.

Organizers hope the day not only attracts adults interested in living healthier lives, but also have included fun and games for children, said Elise Henshaw, a spokeswoman for the Health Promotion Program.

"Health or wellness is a whole-family concern, and we thought that we'd like to do something for the entire UNCA community," Henshaw said. "This is one of the few things that have been aimed at faculty, staff, students and families."

For adults, local businesses have agreed to set up booths and discuss their products, including roller blades, step-aerobics, yoga, whitewater rafting and mountain biking, Henshaw said.

For children, there will be clowns,

aces, face painting and an assortment of games.

Also, a UNCA fraternity, Sigma Nu, will hold an Easter egg hunt for children during the event, Henshaw said.

"It will all be health related, but it is more of just a fun day," Henshaw said. "We hope to show families and children that it's never too early to start thinking about healthy living."

UNCA's Health and Student Services also will perform fitness assessments, including percentage of body fat, and flexibility and hand grip tests, Henshaw said.

The fitness assessments will be similar to the ones offered during the required health classes.

"The fitness assessment is to let people know at what point they are at in their physical fitness," Henshaw said. "Then they can make a decision on whether they want to do something about this or whether they are pretty happy with the results. It just gives people something to go by."

Depending upon the success of the health celebration, the Health Promotion Program may turn it into an annual event, Henshaw said.

In a health-related issue, the Health Promotion Program will hold its semi-annual cholesterol testing on March 30, and 31.

The testing period is from 7:45 a.m. to 9 a.m. and participants must fast 12 hours, drinking nothing but water, for more accurate results.

The cholesterol screening will check blood for glucose, triglycerides and HDL, the so-called good cholesterol, and LDL, or bad cholesterol, Henshaw said. The cost is \$10, which covers laboratory work, she said.

High LDL-type cholesterol may be an early indication of cardiovascular problems, Henshaw said. Both younger and older people can have high cholesterol, she added.

For younger adults, a cholesterol screening may help someone with high cholesterol make changes in their diet or lifestyle early on, before problems strike, she said.

The cholesterol testing will take place in the Weizenblatt Health Center.

Persons wanting to have the screening should call Henshaw by March 25, at 251-6513 to tell her which day they want the screening done.

Elections

The Student Government Association will hold elections for the 1994-95 school year on March 30 and 31. The polls will be open from 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

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