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UNCA chancellor candidate visits campus

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One of the four final candidates to take over as UNCA's chancellor next fall spoke to the campus and community on Monday in the Owen Conference Center.

"A goal that I've picked up on since I've been here is to review and find ways to strengthen the student affairs program," said Barbara Hetrick, vice president for academic affairs at the College of Wooster in Wooster, Ohio.

Hetrick visited UNCA Monday

and Tuesday, according to a news release from the UNCA Chancellor Search Committee. The other three candidates, James H. Mullen Jr., James T. Harris, and David C. Danahar, also scheduled two-day visits to UNCA. Danahar and Mullen have already visited the campus, and Harris is visiting Thursday and Friday, according to the news release.

Hetrick said she believed it was important that the chancellor work with the board of trustees, as well as others.

"I think it's important that everyone knows what direction we're moving," said Hetrick. "I insist on

a plan no matter what position I'm in. I learned the hard way that without a plan, the budget becomes the plan. I think it should be the other way around."

Hetrick, 53 years old, was vice president at the Maryland Independent College and University Association from 1995 to 1997, according to the release. She filled several positions at Hood College in Frederick, Md. from 1973 to 1995, including vice president, assistant to the acting president, and dean of academic affairs.

"I was at Hood for almost 25 years," said Hetrick when asked about her brief stay at Maryland

Independent College and University Association. "So take that into consideration when looking for longevity. I would stay as long as you would have me, as long as the trajectory was up and positive.

"I am not a job hopper," said Hetrick. "I lived in Maryland all my life except for the last two years. I like to know the people I live with and work with. I like to be part of the local community, I like to see friends at the local grocery store. I don't like being in strange places.

"I would ask the members of the trustee board and members of the

faculty to tell me when it's becoming too long," said Hetrick. "There is no magic number. I've seen presidents stay vital and productive for 25 years, but I've also seen people overstay their welcome and that's not pleasant."

Five years ago, Hetrick was one of the two candidates that was sent to the central administration along with Patsy Reed, UNCA's current chancellor, according to Hetrick. President C.D. Spangler, Jr. chose Reed, but Hetrick said that she had already "fallen in love with the institution."

"I got a phone call from President Spangler that was really nice,

even though he has a reputation for being a hard-nosed businessman," said Hetrick. "I felt very good about what he had to say, but it was still a disappointment because I wanted the position. The next day my mother died, and somehow the people on the search committee from UNCA found out. Sure enough, the first beautiful plant that arrived was from the UNCA search committee."

Hetrick is not only interested in

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Carmichael still looks dumpy

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Carmichael has undergone renovations during the past year, but faculty and students say the building's condition is still not good enough.

"They should paint this building yellow, and write Sunkist on it because it is a lemon," said Milton Ready, professor of history.

The air conditioning and heating system in Carmichael has been under renovation since summer, according to Paul McDonald, chair and associate professor of French.

Since the renovation started, the housekeeping staff hasn't been keeping the building as clean, according to McDonald.

"There is a lot of frustration with construction, dust, debris, the moving of furniture, and footprints on desks," said Steve Baxley, facilities management director. "The project has not gone as rapidly as anyone would have liked it to."

The housekeepers were put on the evening shift, and the renovation contractors also came in during the third shift, according to Baxley.

"Contractors had cleaning responsibilities," said Baxley.

"We tried to get back with the housekeepers and keep the circulation tolerable, but there's no way we could maintain the same level of cleanliness we had before the renovation," Baxley said.

The housekeeping staff wanted to keep the standard of cleaning up, but they had to wait until renovation was done for the evening, according to Baxley. There was not enough time left in the day.

"We tried to explain that to the occu-

pants of Carmichael," said Baxley.

"We worked with the contractors to make sure they were cleaning their mess. We're doing the best we can with our available resources," Baxley said.

The consensus among the faculty in Carmichael is for cleaning services to return to a day schedule, according to William Spellman, chair and associate professor of history.

"At night, the staff is simply emptying waste baskets and doing nominal cleaning," said Spellman.

"That's not to blame them. They are short-staffed," Spellman said.

There has been a cut in four housekeeping positions, according to Baxley. However, the housekeeping staff will continue to work during the third shift.

"We were coming to work at 5 a.m. in the morning, and by 8 a.m. classes were going on," said Baxley. "We had a lot of lost opportunities to go in and do some cleaning."

The housekeeping staff plans to get the cleaning done before faculty and students go to class, according to Baxley.

"Previously, we had personal interaction with housekeeping, and now that has disappeared because they come in the middle of the night," said McDonald.

"That personal touch has been lost," said Spellman.

"As soon as the contractors finish, we'll go back and, hopefully, make our customers happy," said Charles Shivers, housekeeping administrator.

The renovations are almost complete, according to Baxley. They are testing the air conditioning and heating system.

"The dirty work is done," said Baxley.

"The challenge now is with housekeep-

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Class times may be extended



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Art and science labs may have scheduling problems if classes are extended to later in the afternoon

New scheduling will minimize conflicts for students who have day classes offered at same times

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UNCA's academic affairs committee is considering scheduling changes that would allow classes to be more spread out throughout the day. However, some students are concerned that longer class days will make it difficult to have other, non-school-related commitments.

"We want to try to make scheduling easier for the students by spreading classes throughout the day," said Tom Cochran, associate vice chancellor of academic affairs.

Spreading classes out throughout the day may create problems for non-traditional and part-time students, according to Kay Patrick, a senior biology major.

"I do not think it would work for non-traditional students because it does not take into consideration that we have only so much time to spend at school," said Patrick.

The proposed scheduling changes could also make it difficult for students who have to work part-time jobs after school.

"Personally, it would hinder me because I have to work in the evening, and it would prolong my day and make it harder to work," said Laura Best, a junior biology major.

However, the rise in full-time enroll-

ment means classes will have to be offered on a more spread-out schedule to allow students to take the classes they need to graduate, according to Shirley Browning, associate vice chancellor of academic affairs.

"There is a tendency for both the students and faculty to bunch the classes up in the middle of the day," said Browning. "As we get larger, it is obvious that we can't have all the classes between 9 a.m. and 2 a.m., you would never graduate from here."

"I think it would help out a lot," said Damion Brookshire, a senior industrial engineering and management major. "I have problems with making my sched-

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Lack of support taking a toll on athletes

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The lack of priority-class scheduling and consistent fan support may be the two biggest disappointments for student athletes attending UNCA.

"Athletes spend a large amount of their time practicing, traveling, and preparing for games," said Mike Matthews, a senior management major. "It is extremely difficult for an athlete to arrange a workable class schedule without some form of priority-class scheduling."

"In addition, it can be very disappointing not to see more of the

community and students support the athletic programs," said Matthews, a four-year player.

Matthews said he does not believe that the general student body is aware of the huge amount of time and work required of the student athlete.

"Classes are only a part of an athlete's daily routine," said Matthews. "His day begins in the early morning and ends in the evening, after hours of conditioning and practicing. Fatigue and exhaustion make classwork and studying a real challenge."

Matthews said he is disappointed that the athletic teams at UNCA have not received more student and community support.

"It seems as though the commu-

nity has never really gotten behind the teams at UNCA," said Matthews. "Even with a pretty good team my junior year, there were only a couple of sellouts. The fan support this past season was no better. Actually, it was even less than last year."

Matthews thinks the negative publicity surrounding the Nick Perkins case may have discouraged some fans.

Perkins took part with several others in a sexual offense against a teenage girl in his Georgia hometown. UNCA administrators chose not to withdraw the university's basketball scholarship to the high school senior. Perkins' court case was resolved earlier this year after he pleaded guilty to a lesser charge.

Perkins has remained in school at UNCA, according to Matthews.

"There was a lot of talk around campus about Perkins," said Matthews. "I think it was mostly negative. Also, I think the community took a somewhat negative approach to the university after the school honored his basketball scholarship following the incident back in Georgia."

Perkins was a good player, teammate, and a very likeable person, according to Matthews.

"I have gotten to know Nick as a player and a person," said Matthews. "From my association with him, I think he is a good guy. He was never able to really concentrate on basketball this past season. It was an unfortunate situation."

Though disappointed with student and community support for UNCA athletics, in general, Matthews is appreciative of those faculty members and students whom have been loyal and supportive for the past four years.

"There has been a very loyal group of faculty and students whom have been in attendance at almost every UNCA basketball game, especially at the Justice Center," said Matthews. "A number of professors, like Dr. Phyllis Lang and Dr. Wayne Lang, have been very supportive of UNCA basketball and UNCA athletics. There are a number of other faculty members whom have been equally supportive, as well as some very loyal students."

Matthews had hoped fan support

for this past season would have increased from the positive signs that appeared during his junior year.

"There was reason to believe that fan support might be building following my junior year, especially after pretty dismal support my first year," said Matthews. "However, it seems that the community and many students have returned to being very lukewarm about supporting UNCA athletics."

Matthews is discouraged by discussions of one other topic that seems to be popping up more often in the last couple of years.

"It is really disappointing when I

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