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Search for new vice chancellor continues

Whitney Setser
 News Reporter

UNCA is searching for a new Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs to replace Thomas Cochran, the current acting VCAA.

"It is really important for students to care (about the VCAA search) because their whole curriculum could change," said Julie Shaddix, a senior history major, president of Student Government Association and member of the VCAA search committee.

Tom Cochran, who is the current acting VCAA, is the chief academic advisor of the university. He is responsible for the university in the chancellor's absence.

Being the primary steward of the curriculum, the role of VCAA is critical to student experiences, according to Tracy Brown, professor of psychology and chair of the VCAA search committee.

"We need a new VCAA with a deep understanding of the liberal arts and the knowledge and vision to guide our continued development as a first-rate liberal arts university," said Brown in an e-mail.

"It is important that the new Vice Chancellor keeps in mind the interests of the faculty, staff and students," said Holly Georgalis, an undeclared freshman.

Not only is this position important to students, but it is also important to faculty and staff, according to Brown and Shaddix.

"We need a VCAA who can lead the faculty on important university initiatives such as diversity, the general education program, and service learning," said Brown in an e-mail.

The VCAA is in charge of evaluating faculty for reappointment, tenure, promotion and compensation.

The VCAA also works with the department chairs, program directors and the committee of tenured faculty, according to the position description for VCAA, posted on the UNCA Web site.

"The Vice Chancellor position is focused on faculty," said Shaddix.

The 15-person search committee consists of members of the faculty, staff and student body. They are focusing on finding a VCAA who can work well with our Chancellor, in order to keep fulfilling the liberal arts vision and help UNCA move forward, according to Brown.

"It's a critical hire for UNCA," said Brown in an e-mail. "Major administrative searches require an extraordinary level of care in finding, recruiting, electing, and screening of candidates."

The search has been going on since advertisements were posted for the position in October of the fall 2001.

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UNCA's capital campaign exceeds goal by \$3 million

Elizabeth Moe
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UNCA raised \$11,140,625 in Campaign UNC Asheville: Moving to First in Our Class, UNCA's first comprehensive capital campaign. The campaign committee

began the fundraiser about five years ago with the goal of raising \$8 million for the university.

The university celebrated its success with a concert by David Holt, Grammy award-winning folk musician and storyteller, at Thomas Wolfe Auditorium Feb. 12.

"This was a thank you to everybody, a thank you to students, to

faculty, to donors, to the community (and) to everyone who participated. That was the spirit that we put into it," said Linda Nelms, campaign executive committee member, celebration planner, associate professor of management and director of undergraduate research.

Campaign UNC Asheville: Moving to First in Our Class, pioneered

by a team of 25 individuals from the faculty, the UNCA Board of Trustees and the UNCA foundation, began in 1997.

The campaign executive committee, nicknamed the "A-team" for campaign architects, identified a number of priorities for the campaign.

The "A-team" wanted to raise \$3

million for scholarships, \$2 million for faculty initiatives, \$2 million for enhanced technology, \$500,000 for a center for service learning and \$500,000 for creative initiatives, according to the campaign summary. This was an \$8 million total goal, to be raised over five years.

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UNCA celebrates the homecoming game Students drive decorated cars around campus for a parade



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Members of Theta Chi fraternity (left) and the International Students Association (right) drove around University Heights in honor of the basketball team's last home game of the season Feb. 15.

Remains of 191 bodies discovered at crematorium

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 News Reporter

Investigators discovered the remains of 191 bodies at a crematorium in Noble, Ga., and they believe more bodies will be found in the days to come, according to *The New York Times*.

"It's just horrible," said Dorothy Floyd, a resident of Tryon, Ga., told *The Washington Post*. "It's like they took your loved ones and threw them out like a dog."

A dog-walker found the first skull Feb. 15 and notified authorities, according to *The New York Times*.

Ray Brent Marsh, 28, has operated the Tri-State Crematory since he took control of it from his parents in 1996, according to *The New York Times*.

Some corpses had been on the site for nearly 20 years, according to Kris Sperry, the states chief medical examiner and *The New York Times*.

As of Feb. 20, Marsh is being held without bond on 16 counts of theft by deception for allegedly taking payments for cremations he did not perform, according to *The New York Times*.

Some of the families are filing lawsuits alleging fraud against the crematorium.

No laws currently exist in Georgia prohibiting inappropriate treatment of corpses, according to the Yahoo News Web site.

So far, the parents of Marsh have not been charged with anything. However, authorities obtained a search warrant for the elders' home, according to *The New York Times*.

Officials have not determined what the motive was for hiding the bodies instead of cremating them, according to *The New York Times*.

Shiela Horton, the niece of Ray Marsh, said greed was to blame.

They did not want to spend money to make proper repairs on the crematorium, according to Horton.

The incinerator used for the cremations may not have been working for a number of years, according to *The Washington Post*.

"I wish we had a good answer for this, but there is no logical explanation for having vaults filled with human remains and caskets dumped

UNCA plans to remodel science labs with Labs21 approach

Kristen Willett
 News Reporter

UNCA will construct new laboratories during the pilot phase of the Laboratories for the 21st Century program, a partnership developed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy.

"It's an honor that we've been selected and offered this opportunity," said Paul Braese, project manager within the design and construction department and sustainability office. "It will allow us to provide a first-class facility that everyone will appreciate once it's built."

Using some of the money from last November's bond referendum, UNCA plans to build a new science building with the Labs21 approach. Labs21 will provide consultants to assist throughout the building process.

"The Labs for the 21st Century Program is committed to the building of energy-efficient and sustainable labs," according to the EPA Web site. "The Lab 21 approach strives to minimize overall environmental impacts, protect occupant

safety, optimize whole building efficiency on a lifecycle basis and establish goals, track performance and share results for continuous improvement.

"Optimization of central plant, supply and exhaust distribution, energy recovery, lighting design and water are all energy and water efficient strategies available to partners," according to the EPA Web site.

The UNCA Board of Trustees approved the parking lot between Carmichael Hall and Rhoades-Robinson Hall for the new building. Plans for the building are still in the design stage, but Braese said the buildings should be complete by December 2003.

"Good long-term planning is just beginning to take place," said Braese. "The goal of the building project is to produce first class laboratories for the students and departments."

The chemistry and biology departments will move into the new

building. The rest of the departments will expand into the remaining space in Rhoades-Robinson Hall. The expansion of departments will accompany renovations to Rhoades Hall, according to Bert Holmes, chair of the chemistry department.

The new science building will have more spacious labs built to facilitate the new teaching approach, which emphasizes group work and multi-week projects, adopted by the chemistry department.

"We don't need laboratories that isolate each student to their own station, instead (we) need labs that are designed differently,"

said Holmes. "(We) need more space because many of these projects are multi-week, and (we) want to have an arrangement that encourages collaborative work."

Following with the standards of Labs21 and the wishes of UNCA students, faculty and community, the new science building will incorporate more environmentally-friendly techniques, such as a pas-

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sive solar design, daylighting and good insulation.

Daylighting is a technique that uses mirrors and windows to light the inside of buildings with indirect sunlight, instead of using electricity and lightbulbs.

"Everything you can do that reduces the demand for fossil fuels will have an impact every year that the building is there," said Holmes. When the EPA applied the Labs21 approach to a laboratory in Anne Arbor, Michigan, its annual electric demand was reduced by almost 70 percent.

Its utility costs were also reduced by about 70 percent, according to the EPA Web site.

Using natural light not only reduces electricity costs, but natural light may improve student attendance, according to Richard Maas, chairman of environmental studies.

"In studies done across the state in grade schools and high schools, they actually find that when you have a building lit with this natural light that your attendance is better," said Maas. "Kids and teachers aren't out sick as often, so they're learning more, are more focused and in a

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