

# UNCC Appoints Eight Faculty Members

Eight new faculty members have been appointed for next fall at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and a biology professor has been named assistant to the vice chancellor for academic affairs.

## Statewide

## Land Use

## To Be Aired

On April 29 citizens from Mecklenburg and surrounding counties will get their first opportunity in a public hearing to comment on a proposed land classification system that will guide the future use of land in our state.

The classification system is only one recommendation of the N.C. Land Policy Council up for discussion April 29 at 2 p.m. at the Mecklenburg County Office Building in Charlotte and also during April in Raleigh, Greenville, Lenoir, Kernersville, Fayetteville, Asheville, and Bryson City.

According to the proposed classification system, local governments would promote wise land use and guide federal, state, and local investments and policies affecting land use. The Council also recommends that three or four local citizens commissions, similar to the Coastal Plains Commission, be appointed to guide the classification process and later, to coordinate regional growth policy.

Other recommendations of the Land Policy Council include a policy on valuing property for tax purposes, an automated land use information system, an policies to coordinate land use programs among all levels of government.

The recommendations evolved from two years of work, including over 20 local workshops, by the Council and a 24-member citizens advisory committee representing agribusiness, tourism, land development, and environmental sciences throughout the state. The Council was established by the legislature in 1974 to recommend to the governor and General Assembly a land policy and classification system for the state.

A variety of local interests represented at the workshops and the composition of the Council and advisory committee have already assured that local interests are represented in the recommendations.

After the hearings, the recommendations and public comments will be reviewed by the governor and local planning agencies before submission to the legislature in 1977.

## JCSU Receives

## Shell Grant

Johnson C. Smith University has been invited for the seventh time to participate in a program of assistance which is sponsored by the Shell Companies Foundation, Incorporated. The Shell Assists Program was established in 1958 to grant financial support to a number of privately supported colleges and universities. This year Smith has received four \$500 grants, totaling \$2000 designated for general support of the institution, for general faculty development, for professional development of members of particular faculties and for student aid in a selected area.

The first such grant was received by Smith in 1970 and has been renewed each subsequent year.

The new faculty members are Dr. Richard Dean Brown, who holds a Ph.D. from Ohio State University, biology; Dr. Thomas Joseph Cassen, who holds a Ph.D. from Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn, chemistry; Dr. Robert Patrick Johnson, who holds a Ph.D. from State University of New York at Albany, criminal justice.

Dr. Mary Carol Kelley, who holds a Ph.D. from the University of Iowa, history; Thomas Lawrence Mellichamp, a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Michigan, botany-horticulture; Dr. Martha LaFollette Miller, who holds a Ph.D. from Washington University, Spanish; Thomas H. Stevenson, a Ph.D. candidate from Case Western Reserve University, business administration; and Dr. David Wesley Pentico, who holds a Ph.D. from Carnegie-Mellon University, business administration.

Dr. Ronald Stephen Ostrowski, assistant professor of biology, has been named assistant to the vice chancellor for academic affairs.

Two department chairmen were granted approval to return to full-time teaching. They are Dr. Victor L. Pollak, physics; and Dr. William D. Wubben, economics.

Dr. Beverly Odom Ford was promoted from instructor in black studies to assistant professor upon completion of her Ph.D. degree from Union Graduate School.

The retirement of three faculty members has been announced. They are Almeda Hunt Rippey, Human Development and Learning; Dr. Herbert Hechenbleikner, biology; and Verne Roy Ploger, history. Dr. Hechenbleikner and Mr. Ploger were given emeritus status.

## CMS Students To

## Get Two Days Off

## For Easter Holidays

All Charlotte-Mecklenburg public schools and offices will be closed for Easter holidays on Friday, April 16, and Monday, April 19.

Classes will resume on a normal schedule Tuesday, April 20.

The next holiday for students will be Friday, May 14, when there will be a workday for teachers.

Charlotte-Mecklenburg public schools will end for students on Wednesday, June 9.



MISS TORCHBEARER CONTESTANTS. Maria Johnson, seated, left front row was crowned "Miss Torchbearer 1976" during a ceremony last Sunday at West Charlotte High School Auditorium. Miss Johnson will represent the Charlotte Council at the N.C. State Meeting in Rockingham, N.C. in April.

Photo by Peeler School Auditorium. Miss Johnson will represent the Charlotte Council at the N.C. State Meeting in Rockingham, N.C. in April.

# Maria Johnson To Win "Miss Torchbearer 1976"

The Charlotte Council of Alpha Pi Chi Sorority, Inc. held its "Miss Torchbearer Contest" Sunday, April 4, beginning at 4:30 in the Fine Arts Building of West Charlotte High School.

Miss Maria Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Johnson, was crowned "Miss Torchbearer 1976" for her performance in the singing of "The Theme From Mohagany."

In the Top Money Winner category, Miss Anita Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Davis, placed First. She was followed in second place by Tonia Queen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Queen. Third and last place went to Venessa Lowman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clark.

Maria Johnson will represent the Charlotte Council of Alpha Pi Chi Sorority at the N.C. State Meeting in Rockingham, N.C. on April 25. Should Miss Johnson win in Rockingham, she will represent

the state at the Southeast Regional Meeting in Alabama in November.

Other participants in the Torchbearer Contest were:

## Palmer Street Closes

Palmer Street will be closed between Tryon Street and South Boulevard Monday, April 12, to repair the Southern Railway mainline crossing at Palmer Street. U.S. 521 and other traffic traveling between Independence Boulevard and southbound South Boulevard will be detoured around Palmer Street by way of South Tryon Street and Bland Street.

Local traffic will be maintained on Palmer Street between Tryon Street and the railroad.

## Park Avenue Closed

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**ARTIFICIAL SKIN BEING TESTED FOR BURN VICTIMS:** Artificial skin designed and constructed from animal tissue by Boston engineers and surgeons offers hope of new treatment for thousands of persons who suffer from burns each year. The skin substitute could potentially aid a large proportion of the 300,000 individuals who suffer burns and the 12,000 who die each year in fires, says Dr. John F. Burke, chief of staff of the Shriners Burns Institute in Boston.

Dr. Burke, a pioneer in burn treatment, said that the novel material, which was engineered at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, was "more promising than anything we've used before." He said that in 15 years of seeking better treatment for vulnerable burn victims, "we've tried almost everything known to man," from synthetic foams to skin grafts from animal and human donors that are eventually rejected.

While preliminary implantation tests of the new material in guinea pigs have been encouraging, both Dr. Burke and Dr. L.V. Yannas, an M.I.T. mechanical engineer, cautioned that further animal experimentation would be necessary before use with human patients could even be considered.

People have been trying to find a replacement for skin since 1500 B.C. when they tried covering burns with fresh meat and honey.

**ALASKA HAS HIGHEST RATE OF GONORRHEA:** According to a recent study by a major manufacturer of prophylactics, the state of Alaska has the highest incidence of gonorrhea. The study said Alaska ranked first, Georgia second, followed by South Carolina, Florida and Tennessee in incidence of gonorrhea, a venereal disease whose occurrence has risen sharply in the United States during the past ten years.

The study was conducted by the officers of the Charlotte council of Alpha Pi Chi Sorority are Ruby B. Brown, president, Sadie Grigg, Vice President; Lucille Witherspoon, recording secretary; Laura Ervin, corresponding secretary; Virginia Stepteau, Financial secretary, and Rachel Collins, treasurer.

Youngs Drug Products Corp. of Piscataway, N.J. The results showed occurrence of gonorrhea in Alaska, long the nation's leader, had jumped to 956.9 per 100,000 population in 1974. In 1965, the incidence was 405.9.

Georgia's incidence was 918.1. South Carolina's, 782.2 -- down from 983.1 in 1972 -- Florida's, 768.1, and Tennessee's, 728.5. New Hampshire had the lowest gonorrhea occurrence with 100.6 per 100,000, the report said.

**BIG INCREASE IN CESAREAN BIRTHS:** As recently as 10 years ago, cesarean section - the surgical delivery of a baby - was a relatively infrequent procedure, performed almost exclusively because the mother could not physically withstand the stress of normal childbirth.

But during the past five years, there has been a dramatic increase in the number of cesarean births all over the country, both urban and rural, in public as well as private hospitals. A cesarean delivery is one in which the physician cuts through the mother's abdominal wall and uterus to lift the baby out.

Two reasons for the increase - one social, the other scientific - have combined to increase the rate, say physicians: the increasing tendency of women to have fewer children and to have those later in their child bearing years, and the development of the fetal monitor, a device that measures the pressure of the mother's contractions and the rate of the fetal heart beat during labor. (NNPA)

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