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Chancellor D.W. Colvard, Dr. George Lieby, Mrs. George Lieby (seated) and Dr. Bonnie Cone at the dedication of the UNCC Wildlife Refuge.

Wildlife Refuge donated to UNCC

By Brad Rich

Thursday, November 6th at 2:00 pm, the UNCC Wildlife Refuge, donated to the school five years ago by Dr. and Mrs. George Lieby, was officially dedicated. The ceremony, attended by UNCC Chancellor D.W. Colvard, several Vice-Chancellors, representatives from the Geography and Biology Departments, Mrs. Bonnie E. Cone, Dr. and Mrs. Lieby and various Stanley County officials, took place beside the newly constructed "Bonnie's Pond" on the refuge.

The refuge, previously part of Dr. Lieby's farm five miles south of Locust, North Carolina, is a 35 acre tract of land which borders the Rocky River. Included on the property are many interesting features, among them an old river fjord, a sunken road and an old settlement which may have been the site of an Indian village.

The Dedication Ceremony opened with an invocation by Reverend Bert Potter, son-in-law of the Liebys. Chancellor Colvard spoke next, honoring Dr. Lieby and Bonnie E. Cone for their great contributions to UNCC. Colvard thanked Dr. Lieby for the "greenspace which shows a variety of nature's handiwork; the river, the forest and the pond. Not all the credit should go to nature," he said, "the Liebys have preserved the area for us. We should think more in terms of dedicating ourselves and helping students get back to their roots."

According to Dr. Lieby, the efforts to improve the reserve "have greatly improved the wildlife in the area." He also credited Davis Ford of Stanley County, for his support and backing in organizing the refuge as a total community concept.

Jim Matthews of the UNCC Biology Department said the Refuge is under authority of the UNCC Wildlife Commission, and while students and classes are welcome to use the area, authorization from the committee is required.

In the past, Dr. Lieby and UNCC student interns conducted a study which attempted to correlate pollution to the higher infant mortality rate in the area. The study proved the hypothesis had merit, and a possible cause was the porosity of the shale rock in the area. Other groups, including Earth Science classes and groups from the UNCC Venture Program have used the refuge well in the past. According to Dr. Lieby, "the refuge has grown and developed wholly from student interest. They came down and liked what they saw, suggested certain things and went to work."

After the ceremonies, Chancellor Colvard and Dr. Lieby invited interested people to tour the area for as long as they wanted. Several people including Jim Matthews and Vice Chancellor Douglas Orr accepted the offer, then the day was concluded with refreshments on the porch of the Lieby's trailer.

Armstrong elected President of University Senate

By Michael Evans

Chancellor D. W. Colvard addressed the initial meeting of the University Senate for the 1975/76 academic year Thursday in Atkins 317. Colvard gave a short statement on the history of the Senate for the benefit of the new members. Colvard said the Senate evolved out of the Faculty constitution not being "adequate for the kind of university expected to emerge here."

The Chancellor had set up a committee to rewrite the faculty constitution but the committee disbanded in favour of the formation of a University Constitution which would create a body that would "represent all interests of the University." The committee felt the need for minority groups, not just racial ones, to be represented in some way, according to Colvard.

"The University Senate was created as a body which represented the total university." It was formed with the understanding that at the end of a three year period, the constitution could be reexamined. Colvard said under the regime of Hoyle Martin, 1974/75 President Pro-Tempore of the University Senate, the reexamination did take place with the present constitution being developed and ratified.

One of the major changes in the new constitution is the changing of the position of the President. In the former constitution, the Chancellor served as President of the Senate with the Senator heading the body being the President Pro-Tempore. In the latter, the Senator heading the body is termed as the President. Colvard said the old way was in keeping with the code, but the Board of Trustees did not object to the change.

The Senate's authority has been delegated, according to Colvard, "from the Board of Governors to the Chancellor or the Board of Trustees to the President and the Senate." He added, "I hope the

Senate will feel free to cover any matters of broad interest to the University. We've had some very productive work done by the Senate."

The Chancellor said he was particularly pleased in the work done by the Long Range Planning Committee. He further requested particular attention be given to the question of planning for the present and the future in regard to new facilities. Requests for the McEniry Building were before the State Legislature in 1967 and the building was dedicated in 1975, said Colvard, stressing the fact that the Senate might not see immediately the fruit of their labour. Colvard said, "The state is a bad planner. They tend to act only when an emergency arises, with our library being an exception."

The Chancellor then accepted nominations for the office of President of the University Senate. Five Senators were nominated: Marvin Armstrong of the College of Human Development and Learning, Michael Evans of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Bill Kincaid of the College of Business, Bill Marchant of the College of Architecture and Robert Vermillion of the College of Science and Mathematics. Armstrong led the balloting with 16 votes and was elected President of the body.

Colvard designated Dr. Earl Backman as the liaison between the Chancellor and the University Senate before turning the Senate over to Armstrong. Armstrong first announced the resignation of Robert Grey from the College of Humanities. The Senate standing committees, which Armstrong wants to get off the ground quickly, are the University Planning Committee (formerly the Long Range Planning Committee), the Finance Committee, the Human Relations Committee and the Executive Committee.

Much discussion ensued as to who should compose the Executive

Committee of the body, as no such designation is made in the Constitution. Senator Barry Jenkins, of the College of Architecture, suggested the Executive Committee consist of the President, the

Secretary, the Student Body President, the President of the Faculty and the head of each of the standing committees. No final decision was reached on the composition of the committee.

Tenure controversy in mathematics department

By Brad Rich

About one year ago, the tenure review committee of the UNCC College of Science and Mathematics voted not to rehire Assistant Professor of Mathematics, Keith Allen for a third three year term. Allen, now in his sixth year at the school, has taught most courses levels in the department.

According to Dr. Joe Schell, head of the Mathematics Department, the official reason for the decision not to rehire Allen was that "his contributions in the areas of teaching, service and research were not up to University standards."

Allen, however, thinks there was more involved. About two years ago, he received a letter from E.F. Hutton, a stock brokerage, advising him of certain tax breaks which he could take advantage of. According to Allen, other people on campus received the letter as well, though he cited no names. After receiving the letter, which he felt was exemplary of the unfair tax laws in the United States, Allen signed the letter, including the phrase, "Fuck-off, you parasites", and returned it to Hutton.

The next stage was the most critical according to Allen. The agent from Hutton, upon receiving the returned letter, came to the UNCC campus and confronted Vice Chancellor Phillip Hildreth with the letter. In Allen's

opinion, the letter had no bearing on his ability to do his job and had no business being returned to his employers. According to Hildreth, however, this is only partly true. Said Hildreth, "The letter does not relate to his (Allen's) competency in the classroom, but he is a representative of this University. The agent felt that the University had a right to know, and when he volunteered the information we couldn't very well turn him down."

After getting the letter, Hildreth sent it to Schell, who kept the letter for approximately six months. During this time, Allen feels that members of the math department who are on the tenure review committee could have seen the letter, and though he has no evidence either way, the letter "could have influenced their decisions."

The letter though, even in Allen's opinion was probably not the reason for his not being rehired. Said Allen, "I've expected to be canned for four or five years anyway. This letter was not an isolated case. In my first year I sent a letter to the Carolina Journal concerning the unfair rules in the dorms. I then became aware of the paternalism of this institution." In Allen's opinion, "some people here are like ostriches with their heads in the sand. Few people will even

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