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Ells named Vice Chancellor



By Les Bowen

Leo E. Ells, former Vice President for Financial Affairs and Treasurer of Texas Tech University, has been named Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs at UNCC.

Ells replaces Louis Moelchert, who resigned last summer to become Vice President of the University of Richmond.

Ells is currently working at Texas Tech in Lubbock, Texas and will start to work at UNCC on Monday, February 16.

When asked why he decided to come to UNCC, Ells said, "There are a lot of reasons, actually...geographical considerations had a lot to do with it. Lubbock is as flat as a pool table—it doesn't have any trees or water." Ells said he enjoys hunting and fishing and is basically an easterner, anyway. "Geographically, Charlotte has a lot of appeal to me," he concluded.

"On the professional level," Ells continued, "Chancellor Colvard has done an immensely good job...he has built a solid base on which to grow. I want to help this university double its size—I think that definitely will happen. We

have a great population to serve, a great need to fulfill."

Ells said he would like to improve communications between the Business Office and the University community. "We must communicate," he said, "it is important that we tell why and what for. I think the Business Office exists to serve the deans and the students."

Ells holds a BS degree from the University of Maryland, an MBA in Comptrollership from Syracuse University and is a graduate of the Army Command and General Staff College.

Ells is married and has three children. His oldest daughter enrolled at UNC-Greensboro a few weeks ago, after learning the family was moving to North Carolina. Ells said he and his daughter agreed it would not be wise for her to attend UNCC while he was here as an administrator.

Ells, who has been at Texas Tech for six years, will be responsible for the Physical Plant and fiscal affairs of UNCC. He will be working with a budget in excess of 14 million dollars per year.

UNCC prepares for bond referendum

By Michael Evans

The Board of Trustees has formed a committee of faculty, staff, students and trustee members to organize efforts for UNCC to increase the chances of the bond referendum for higher education in North Carolina passing this March 23. The election will be held on the same day as the presidential primary in North Carolina.

Addison Reese, Chairman of the Committee, and Dennis Rash (Dean of Students) are spearheading the efforts. The \$43.2 million bond issue will provide \$6 million for UNCC. The money is going to be used to allow the school to continue growing by constructing additional buildings in the area between the Rowe Arts building and the Reese Administration building.

13 of the 16 campuses in the University of North Carolina system will receive money if the referendum passes. The three schools not included in the referendum each have projects presently underway. East Carolina University received \$28 million for its School of Medicine, North Carolina Central University received \$2.5 million for a new Law School building and the North Carolina School of the Arts received \$3.6 million for a new classroom building.

Of the 13 campuses who will get a cut of the money, UNCC receives the largest amount. In addition to the amount each campus on the referendum will receive, there is \$1.5 million for an university-wide architectural barrier removal to aid the handicapped and Occupational Safety and Health Acts projects and for land acquisition.

Support for the referendum has already been announced by Edwin Gill, treasurer for the state of North Carolina, and Leo Jenkins, chancellor of East Carolina University. All of the other chancellors or presidents of the University of North Carolina system institutions have announced their support as well.

The need for space at UNCC was set forth by the Board of Trustees in a statement to William Friday, president of the University of North Carolina system, and the Board of Governors. The resolution stated, "The Board of Trustees...requests...all possible steps [be taken] to alleviate the present critical space and faculty problems of UNCC and

the foreseeable problems in the near future..."

The North Carolina General Assembly for 1975 voted to allow the bond issue for a public referendum. The

House of Representatives passed the legislation unanimously and the Senate with only one dissenting vote.

Anyone interested in aiding the

committee's efforts to pass the bond issue should contact Dennis Rash at 597-2375 during normal university hours.

UNCC homecoming linked to bicentennial by theme 'Let freedom ring'

By Susan Sluss

The 1975-76 UNCC Homecoming could not only have the theme "Let Freedom Ring" but could also have the theme, "It's time for a change." There are a number of changes in this year's format.

The theme "Let Freedom Ring" is centered around the bicentennial. Kat

Braswell, co-chairman of the activities said the reason for selecting the theme, besides the obvious, is "it will be the only chance the University student body as a whole will have to participate in the bicentennial. 49er Festival Week has been sanctioned by the Mecklenburg Bicentennial Committee as an official

Bicentennial event."

One major change that Ms. Braswell sees is the crowning of Miss 49 before the basketball game Saturday night. "We hope to set a precedent where the queen will not be crowned at the game, but rather sometime preceding the game. Although the queen will be crowned at the Bicentennial Ball and Coronation Ceremonies, she and her entire court will be presented at the game."

Another major change in the activities is the queen will be called Miss 49er Homecoming Queen rather than Miss UNCC. Miss UNCC will be chosen later in the year.

A new award will be given this year. It is called the Gold Nugget Award. It will be given at the Saturday night game and is based on the number of people an organization sponsors in attendance at the game.

In the past, the Student Body Legislature has sponsored the Homecoming Activities. This year, the University Program Board has taken over the responsibilities. The Rathskeller, Special Events and Social budgets will cover the cost. The budget this year is \$3,000.00.

This year's activities will include the community as much as possible. Easter Seals will have a unit in the parade on Saturday. There will be over 35 units in the parade, including floats, cars, horse drawn carriages and majorettes.

Debbie Temple, last year's Homecoming Queen, will be on hand to crown the new queen. She will participate in the activities Friday night, be in the parade Saturday and, of course, be at the dance Saturday night. Kenneth "Fish" Foster, the other co-chairman, has been involved in the homecoming activities for the last five years. To keep the festival consistent, both Braswell and Foster are keeping records.

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Rogues 'n Rascals



Dennis Rash, UNCC's Dean of Students, who, along with Addison Reese, will head the committee formed to help pass the March bond referendum. Rash has been recently named "Man of the Year" by the Mecklenburg County Jaycees. In the next issue of the Carolina Journal, we will print an exclusive interview with Dean Rash in which he will discuss how he won the award and his feelings about the award.

Legislature, WVFN funds audited

By Brad Rich

A recent audit of Student Legislature and WVFN funds by Susan Helms, Student Body Comptroller, resulted in WVFN's funds being temporarily frozen.

The freeze was temporary, however. According to Michael Evans, Chairman of the Student Fees Commission, the reason for the action was the station's books had not been kept accurately. To rectify the situation, station manager Bozo Pittman announced the hiring of a new Business Manager, Frank Talbert (also a member of the Student Fees Commission).

Helms said that she wished to emphasize that the blame for WVFN's financial situation was not directed at the station itself, but at an ex-employee.

The audit of the Student Legislature's funds was also slightly off. According to Helms, their subsidiary count was in order, but the control count, which gives a running balance of how much money has been spent, was off by approximately \$5,000. They have been given one and one half weeks to correct the situation, after which their funds might also be frozen.