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Fretwell: Charlotte's gain, Buffalo's loss

By James Braswell

A typical Friday at UNCC. Students casually strolling to class, some packing, preparing for the weekend. Others moan from the consequences of drinking too much the night before at the dorm party. The main topic of conversation seems to be whether the liquor-by-the-drink referendum would pass. Just a normal Friday — except UNCC has named a new chancellor.

About 10 a.m. Friday, the UNC Board of Governors elected E.K. Fretwell as new chancellor, replacing Dean W. Colvard, who will retire Dec. 31. Fretwell's appointment culminated a 10-month search by UNCC to replace Colvard, who announced his retirement last winter.

According to C.C. Cameron, chairman of the Board of Trustees for UNCC and head of the Search Committee, Fretwell was selected for several reasons. The reasons included: Fretwell's educational background, administrative experience and ability, personality, warmth and understanding, alertness to issues in

almost any area, and his excitement and enthusiasm about UNCC's prospects.

Fretwell's credentials are very impressive. He is listed in "Who's Who In America," which lists his achievements. Reading the list, one might think, "how could anybody do so much in such a short span of time?"

A native of New York, Fretwell has been president at Buffalo State University since 1967. He is president-elect of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities.

His degrees include the A.B. with distinction from Wesleyan University in 1944, the M.A. in Teaching from Harvard University in 1948, the Ph.D. from Columbia University in 1953, and an honorary doctorate from the Technical University of Wroclaw (Poland) in 1976.

From 1942-44, Fretwell was a correspondent for the Associated Press; a staff writer for the American National Red Cross from 1944-45; vice consul in the American Embassy in Prague, Czechoslovakia from 1945-47; a teacher in Brookline, Mass. schools in 1948; a

teacher in high school and community college in Evanston, Ill. 1948-50; administrative secretary for the John Hay Fellowships in the John Hay Whitney Foundation, 1951-53; an assistant and associate professor and assistant to the dean at Teachers College of Columbia University from 1953-56; assistant commissioner for higher education in New York, 1956-64; a visiting faculty member at the University of California at Berkeley in the summer of 1964, and university dean for academic development at the City University of New York from 1964 to 1967.

In speaking with Fretwell from his office in Buffalo, Fretwell said he is very excited about coming to Charlotte. "After visiting Charlotte, the aspects of moving don't look so bad. My wife is very excited about it, too. I guess after 11 years at Buffalo, I'm ready for another challenge. UNCC offers that."

Fretwell added, "I have no immediate plans for the University, except to get acquainted with it. I want to get out and talk to students, faculty, administrators and townspeople, and get a feel of the situation."

Talking to people and working with them is what Fretwell perhaps enjoys most about his job. "I would rather work on a campus where you can work with people closely. When I was in Charlotte, I was very impressed with the people."

When Fretwell joins the North Carolina University system, he will not be a stranger to William Friday, UNC president. He worked with Friday in the Carnegie Foundation for Advancement Teaching (a very prestigious organization, which includes the presidents of some of the more famous universities around the country, including Michigan, Michigan State, Tulane and others). Both Friday and Fretwell have served as president of the foundation, a position elected from his esteemed peers. "I have enjoyed working with him in the past and look forward to working with him in the future. I have known him for seven years. He was one of the plusses in me coming to UNCC."

Things are looking up for both Fretwell and UNCC. "What I'm saying," Fretwell said, "is at UNCC you have a good thing and I'm glad to be part of it."

Kyle challenges decision of tenure committee

By Kathy Espin

The chancellor has refused to reverse the decision of the political science department's Faculty Review Committee to deny tenure to an instructor.

Dr. Pat Kyle, the instructor in question, said Tuesday (Sept. 5) she had just received a letter from Chancellor D.W. Colvard's lawyer explaining the chancellor's decision.

Kyle said the letter was mostly concerned with how the decision was reached. "I just wish someone would spend some time considering what my credentials are," Kyle said.

The matter reached the chancellor's office after Kyle had appealed to the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Review Committee and to the University

Hearings Committee. Both committees supported the department's decision.

Kyle said the departmental committee was guilty of "benign neglect in giving fair and full consideration of my credentials and consciously attempted to distort my credentials."

Kyle said the committee judged her credentials without any firsthand knowledge of her published work or her public addresses.

"In the four years I have been on this campus, none of those men have ever heard me give a speech or present a paper," Kyle said. She said she also had evidence none of the committee members had ever read any of her publications. Kyle said many of her publications were not considered in the evaluation because they were not actually in print when the review occurred in October of 1977.

According to Schley Lyons, chairman of the political science department, faculty members are responsible for compiling information, such as lists of publications, to be considered by the committee. "We considered what was submitted," Lyons said.

Kyle said student evaluations of faculty members played an important part in the committee's decision, but only three questions on the 18 question survey were considered.

Lyons said the questionnaire is set up in three sections with one summary question for each section. "By looking at the summary questions we are not losing any data," he said. "We use the same procedure for everyone."

Dr. William McCoy, chairman of the political science department Faculty Review Committee explained the student questionnaire was set up that way to help the committee deal with the volume of the information. He said the questionnaire

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(photo courtesy of UNCC Information Office)
New chancellor for UNCC, E.K. Fretwell.



(photo by Bob Henderson)
Political Science professor Pat Kyle.

Sun Belt Conference tournament tickets available

By Jim Dedmon

This year, students at UNCC will get the first crack at buying tickets for the Sun Belt Conference Tournament to be held at the Charlotte Coliseum February 23, 24 and 25.

Last year students were able to buy the tickets at a discount, but the seats were not in the better areas of the Coliseum where the games could easily be seen.

However, if you were one of those fortunate and rich enough to get a good seat, you will be able to get that seat again this year at half price. This year tickets for students are \$5 for a book of five game tickets with a valid college ID at the Candy Counter in the Cone University Center. There is a limit of two books per student ID. The tickets will go

on sale Wednesday, Sept. 13 at 10 a.m.

Last year, there were over 1,000 tickets sold at \$10, however, this year a better turnout is expected since the tickets are also half price for floor level and parquet seats. The athletic department is trying to help the students out by letting them have the best seats at a special price that is affordable.

Two changes occur this year as the winning team goes to the NCAA tournament and the new 45 second clock will help make the games better by not allowing teams to "freeze" the ball. This will allow fans to enjoy watching the game instead of being bored to death. It's a good deal all around for both the students and the Sun Belt Conference Tournament.