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Fretwell calls new job "exciting"



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Fretwell during January 2nd ceremony before UNCC community

By Nancy Davis

When former UNCC Chancellor D.W. Colvard came to UNCC, he said it was because the school was "challenging." Even though he, too, feels it is very challenging, UNCC's new chancellor, E.K. Fretwell, says it is because the school is "exciting." In fact to hear Fretwell speak of UNCC, one might think he was speaking of his wife or a tropical paradise.

"It's a new . . . growing, with a high quality of reputable . . . There's a youthfulness on the part of everybody," Fretwell said. "A youthfulness which will continually renew what's going on."

Fretwell spoke eagerly of his plans to get acquainted with the University. He is accepting many invitations to meet and talk with groups on campus and in the community. He called the job of chancellor an "inside and outside job." Because he will be traveling a good bit representing the

university at various functions, Fretwell realizes he will not be in the office "a lot of times." This is his reasoning for wanting so much to get acquainted with the UNCC community now.

Even though it will take him awhile to become oriented with UNCC's history entirely, Fretwell said one doesn't have "to go so very far back to get to Genesis." He added in his endeavor to learn more about UNCC he would be concentrating on "formulating the present from the past."

The chancellor plans to open up his office for a couple of hours each month to provide an opportunity for anybody to come in and talk to him about any subject dealing with the university. If there is good response to this, Fretwell hopes to possibly work in more open office hours.

Fretwell says he is anxious to also receive input from the various student organizations. By being informed by a variety of groups, he can better see how "the university looks to its constituencies . . . I need a lot of eyes and ears and hearts." He has found the UNCC community very willing to help and advise, and admit-

ted he hoped the "honeymoon" would last forever.

Two new challenges will face Fretwell this year. Not only is he taking over a new position in a new place, but is also the new president of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU). This association is made up of 330 institutions working to improve the role of public colleges and universities. Fretwell will have to do a fair amount of traveling this year as AASCU president, but sees both responsibilities as a "double challenge to have both going at the same time." He has no fears he may not be able to balance the two.

Fretwell is very grateful for the welcome he has received thus far from the UNCC community, since his move to Charlotte from Buffalo, N.Y. On Tuesday, Jan. 2, Colvard officially handed over the chancellorship to Fretwell in an informal ceremony and has been quite busy since then. For awhile, Fretwell realizes he will be a strange face on campus, but encourages groups to invite him to their meetings, etc. in order to see "how we can go forward together."

New Homecoming plans give committee problems

By Nancy Davis

Establishing tradition at UNCC has always been a problem, but not half as hard as breaking away from it. This seems to be the feelings of the Homecoming Committee, now facing much criticism over the new changes in Homecoming Week, Jan. 23-27. Lisa Brower, committee chairperson, has extended the entry deadline until Tuesday, Jan. 16, to allow time to clear up some of the confusion.

Before Christmas, the agenda for Homecoming Week was sent out to clubs, organizations and dorms. The theme "Let's Go To The Movies" is used in various ways throughout the week in establishing the new format for selecting Homecoming Queen and competing for prizes. There were several problems then and Brower realized she would have to extend the deadline.

Now, with the beginning of homecoming activities only one week away, Brower says most of the problems are misunderstandings of exactly "what is" going on during the week. "They're asking questions like 'Why did you change this?' or 'Why did you take out the parade from the Spirit Award?'" Brower has talked to everyone who has had any questions, but still gets a feeling "everybody's kind of shaky over the new changes."

In the past, Homecoming has been centered around competition for the Spirit Award. Brower said the fratern-

ities and sororities budgeted most of their money to go for Homecoming to hopefully win the highly respected award. This year, however, there will be three divisions for competitions: Homecoming Queen, Parade Award and Spirit Award. Instead of the Spirit Award being the main overall award, it is not only one of the three divisional awards.

Brower's committee feels more students will have an equal opportunity to participate in at least one phase of the competition. "At UNCC, Homecoming has not been that big. It's one of the biggest events at other schools." The committee looked into all three areas carefully before finally deciding on the agenda and format.

Homecoming Queen

In the past, popular vote was the determinant in choosing a Homecoming Queen. Pictures of the prospective beauties were posted and students voted several days before the Homecoming game. Still a cause for much controversy in the format, the committee has decided to stay with the phases of competition for queen.

There are five phases of competition ranging from toga contests to free throw shots. Each contestant must attend all five events, even though two events are not judged by a point system. Absence from or 15 minutes late will result in an automatic elimination from the competition.

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Friday's ice storm caused hazardous driving, walking and closing of the University. Snow days procedures story on page 2.