University Day has global focus

With an eye to the future and a tribute to the past, University officials will celebrate the 214th annual University Day Oct. 12 in Memorial Hall. Michael Hunt, Everett H. Emerson professor of history at Carolina, will be the keynote speaker at the ceremony, which begins at 11 a.m. Hunt writes and teaches international history, with special interests in U.S. foreign relations and the post-1945 world. A faculty member since 1980, he helped create the Department of Asian Studies.

Hunt was elected president of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, and has received major research and conference grants from the Committee for International Relations Study with the People’s Republic of China, Harvard’s Fairbank Center for East Asian Studies, the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, the National Program for Advanced Study and Research in China and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The UNC community and the public are invited to attend the celebration. Classes are cancelled from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The FedEx Global Education Center will be formally dedicated at 4 p.m. the same day.

Funded by the 2000 N.C. Higher Education Bond Referendum and private gifts, including a $5 million donation from FedEx Corp., the University broke ground for the building in 2004. The center brings together the three major components of international education: student and faculty services, academic instruction and programs, and research. These areas are represented in architecturally distinctive ways and are bound together by open gathering spaces.

The atrium features many areas for conversation and study. Along with five classrooms, a 250-seat auditorium, a café and numerous conference rooms, the 80,000 square-foot building houses units such as the Global Research Institute, the Study Abroad Office, the Office of International Affairs and the Center for Global Initiatives, among many others.

The dedication and the center’s “Women Empowered” photography exhibit are open to the public. The exhibit features women from Africa, Asia and South America who have worked to alleviate poverty in their communities.

University Day commemorates the laying of the 21st century water supply and the foundation of the community. COSEE 20th anniversary activities include an open house, a film screening, a panel discussion and a reception.

Carolina makes every drop of water count

A look at the lawns and shrubs in the area confirms that the incredibly hot, dry summer is taking a toll on the usually lush surroundings. With most of North Carolina experiencing extreme or severe drought conditions, local communities are restricting water use and encouraging conservation.

On Aug. 23, the Orange Water and Sewer Authority (OWASA) board of directors declared a water supply advisory for its customers. OWASA serves homes and businesses in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro area and provides water to Carolina. Except for well water used in irrigation and rainwater collected in campus cisterns, UNC relies on water supplied by OWASA.

The University and UNC Hospitals, which account for 30 percent of the utility’s total water consumption, are incorporating water-saving measures wherever possible. Since 2003, per capita water consumption at the University has been reduced by 5 percent, thanks to changes in the infrastructure and consumption habits.

“Conservation critical at Carolina North”

Carolyn Hunt, an associate professor of history at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, has been named a sustainability champion by the U.S. Green Building Council.

Hunt is among more than a dozen Carolina employees who have earned accredited professional status from the U.S. Green Building Council’s Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design.

Previous droughts have reinforced important lessons about water use and conservation. Essentially, the campus has learned that saving water makes sense all the time. New planting beds, such as the ones shown above at the FPG Student Union, are designed to save rainwater. Planters on the south side of Lenoir Hall are also designed to conserve and collect rainwater. Right, Paul Kapp, campus historic preservation manager, checks the flow to a soaker hose from a rain barrel at the Love House and Hutchins Forum. Kapp is among more than a dozen Carolina employees who have earned accredited professional status from the U.S. Green Building Council’s Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design.

To maximize the benefit of any rainfall, officials have developed a comprehensive stormwater management plan for water that is not absorbed and turns into runoff. The plan outlines ways to incorporate various technologies such as green roofs and porous pavement in construction projects.

In addition, cisterns around campus store captured rainwater, which can be used for irrigation and flushing toilets. At the FedEx Global Education Center, a 54,000-gallon underground cistern stores rainwater from the roofs of the center and nearby buildings to flush toilets and irrigate the grounds.

Next to Hooker Field is a 70,000-gallon underground cistern and below it is a 500,000-gallon infiltration bed in which stormwater is filtered through layers of gravel. Below the parking lot of the Administrative Office Building on Airport Drive is another gravel infiltration bed.

The Rams Head Center’s plaza is designed to absorb and reuse rainwater, and a cistern beneath the walkway collects rainwater for irrigation. Cisterns are planned for the new Visitor Education Center at the North Carolina Botanical Garden and at the intersection of the Campus Y, Gerrard Hall and Hanes Hall.
Carolina North to sustain energy and water conservation

In the recent series of community meetings the University has held about Carolina North, a pattern has emerged in the way questions are asked and the way they are answered. The questions often want hard numbers set against a distant horizon, dealing with everything from parking spaces to traffic counts to housing units. University officials, in their responses, have consistently emphasized the importance of flexibility so that plans can be adjusted to fit changing circumstances and needs during the course of the 50-year project.

For instance, University officials have emphasized consistently that the University has a strong commitment to public transit, but the type of transit at Carolina North will hinge on a host of factors beyond its control, including the type of regional transit system that may or may not emerge in the years ahead. Jack Evans, executive director of Carolina North, talks often of “likely scenarios,” and “targets,” not fixed numbers that might or might not reflect the University’s needs decades down the road.

That same pattern of questioning repeated itself at the Aug. 28 community meeting regarding proposed plans for water management and energy. One audience member sought to get a firm commitment that coal would never be used to fuel any future power plant at Carolina North.

Jerry Schuett of AEI Engineers, a mechanical, electrical, piping/plumbing and information technology engineering company, said there was no intention of burning coal on the site now and the use of coal over the long term was a remote possibility. Still, Schuett said, a new technology that would allow coal to be burned in a clean manner could bring coal back into the picture. AEI Engineers has been involved in past University projects including the Chilled Water Operations Center. “I think what we have to do now is plan for what now we know,” Evans added.

Schuett said the energy strategy would seek to take advantage of “free sources” first, namely solar and wind power. Other strategies include minimizing building energy consumption, recycling energy where possible, maximizing the efficiency of utility plants and using renewable energy sources from methane gas, ranging from landfills to animal waste.

In central North Carolina, however, winds are only 12 mph on average and are not conducive to generating needed power, Schuett said. Similarly, the amount of solar power that could be generated would not be adequate for laboratories because of the tremendous amount of electricity they consume.

Consequently, wind and solar energy can help, but they are not the overall answer, Schuett said.

He said laboratory buildings would have a far higher demand for energy than homes or offices. The good news, he said, is that the peak use for laboratories would come during the day when energy use in residences would be low.

John d’Epagnier of RK&K Engineering said that water conservation measures at Carolina North could decrease demand by 40 percent — from 2.5 million gallons a day to 1.5 million gallons a day. RK&K is a consulting engineering firm with expertise in transportation, sanitary, environmental, civil, structural, geotechnical, mechanical/electrical and construction engineering.

[A picture of Chancellor James Moeser giving his speech is shown.] D’Epagnier said water reuse would also take advantage of the opportunity to integrate research, education and outreach. The University’s Department of Environmental Sciences and Engineering, in partnership with the Orange Water and Sewer Authority, will study the feasibility of reusing highly treated wastewater for such non-potable purposes as cooling towers, irrigation of athletic fields and landscaped areas, toilet flushing, firefighting and street cleaning.

The plans for water and energy management reflect a respect for the ecology of the site and represent one of the bedrock principles to be followed, Evans said.

The first phase of the Carolina North project will take 15 years to complete and will produce an estimated 2.47 million square foot of building space, including 415,000 square feet for relocated activity and 1.68 million square feet for new or expanded activities.

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Campus community invited to attend State of University Address

Chancellor James Moeser will give his seventh annual State of the University Address on Sept. 26 at 3 p.m. in the Great Hall of the Student Union.

Faculty, staff, students and community members are invited to attend. (Attendance is considered work time for staff employees, who are encouraged to seek advance approval from their supervisors.)

The chancellor started the tradition of giving such an address in 2001, a year after he came to Carolina.

This year’s speech is expected to focus on the University’s progress with key priorities and celebrate the accomplishments resulting from one of the most successful years in recent campus history on a variety of fronts including academics, the new state budget, faculty research funding and the Carolina First Campaign.

The chancellor also intends to share his views about future challenges such as enrollment growth.

Past State of the University speeches have been occasions for announcements about major initiatives including the Carolina Covenant, which promises a debt-free education to qualified low-income students and was the first program of its kind at a major public U.S. university.
Employee Forum questions state health-care costs

Health-care costs to University employees through state-sponsored plans compared with what employees would pay through commercial plans was a focus of discussion at the Sept. 5 meeting of the Employee Forum.

The comparative data were prepared by the forum’s Health Benefits Committee and presented by forum member Robert Agans, a research associate in biostatistics.

Among the conclusions that Agans cited was that women are more expensive to insurance carriers because they are heavier users of health care, particularly during their childbearing years.

Female employees would be better off getting insurance through Blue Advantage instead of the State Health Plan if they needed coverage for a spouse or a spouse and children, Agans said. Male employees, on the other hand, would come out ahead covering family members with Blue Advantage until they add a third child to their policies. Blue Advantage is an individual health insurance plan offered to North Carolinians by Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina.

Forum Chair Ernie Patterson said the report was a first step in examining the issue and that the forum was still seeking information about why the state plans seemed to cost more than the commercial plans. To review the report, refer to forum.unc.edu.

In other action, the forum considered two resolutions.

It passed a resolution that “respectfully requests” Chancellor James Moeser to “urge” the University Gazette to publish a column on collective bargaining in the next edition of the Gazette. In the original wording, the resolution asked Moeser to “direct” the Gazette to publish the article. At the suggestion of retired journalism professor Chuck Stone, “direct” was changed to “urge.”

Stone said the word change carried an important nuance of respect for the chancellor that the word “direct” had lacked. Forum members agreed with the intent of the word change and approved it.

The Gazette declined to include the article in a forum insert published in the July issue because the column was an advocacy piece inconsistent with the newspaper’s mission to help support the University’s overall goals.

Raj Ghoshal, a graduate student in sociology who has studied the tactics of proponents who want to change state law to allow collective bargaining, wrote the column.

Forum members called the decision censorship, but University Relations officials have disagreed. Because the Gazette is a University publication, they said, Relations has a right, as its publisher, to make an editorial decision about its content.

The University provides the forum with the resources to create and publish its own web site and the “In Touch” e-mail newsletter (forum.unc.edu/intouch.htm).

The forum also passed the first reading of a resolution presented by Alan Moran, a cabinetmaker in Design and Construction Services, calling on employees to receive computer training before the University moves toward an electronic system for viewing earning statements in 2008.

As part of the PACE (President’s Advisory Committee on Efficiency and Effectiveness) initiative to streamline administrative tasks, next year the University will replace employees’ paper direct deposit notifications with secure web access to direct deposit information.

While supportive of the effort to reduce paper consumption through technology, the resolution cited a number of complaints from employees who do not have adequate computer access or training to view web-based information.

The forum resolution appealed to the University administration to grant “grandfather status” to all employees who want to continue to receive pay stubs in a paper format and recommended that computer training and access to computers become part of all employees’ overall work plans.

When the resolution was discussed, Jill Crowder, an administrative assistant in Grounds Services, said she had already arranged to assist grounds crew employees with other computer-based tasks. Crowder said she recognized that some employees would need help during the transition phase.

The resolution will be voted on following a second reading in October.

In other action, the forum approved changes in the election of the three delegates to the UNC system Staff Assembly.

Each delegate now will serve a three-year term beginning July 1, and terms will be staggered to comply with standards established by the Staff Assembly.

Election of delegates will take place by secret ballot by May 15 each year. The Employee Forum chair will serve automatically for the duration of his or her tenure.

The Staff Assembly gathers and exchanges information and represents all permanent employees of the UNC system except the faculty. It is composed of three delegates from each of the constituent institutions and of the UNC General Administration.

Steele to be renovated for academic advising

Steele Building — or Steele Dormitory as it was known when it opened diagonally across from South Building in 1921 — was named for trustee Walter Steele. Later, it was joined by a cluster of new classroom buildings named Saunders, Murphey and Manning that together would comprise the eastern side of a quadrangle, now known as Polk Place.

Years ago, Steele was converted for use as office space and renamed Steele Building.

In recent years, many of the nearby classroom buildings have been renovated and modernized. Now, it is Steele’s turn as signaled by the rise of a construction fence around the building on Aug. 22.

The $3.4 million renovation of the 18,500-square-foot masonry structure, scheduled to be completed next July, is funded by the UNC Higher Education Bond Program.

Madeline G. Levine, who worked on a review of the academic advising program while serving the past year as interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said the impact of a renovated building would be immeasurable, both in terms of the physical improvements and the symbolic value the changes would signify.

“What you are saying to people working in a building that is run down and ill-suited to their needs is that what they are doing is not an important part of the University and its work,” she said.

Levine said mold was a major problem.

“For our professional advisers, having a renovated building will send the message that they are a valued part of the college.”

The scope of the project includes a complete renovation of mechanical, plumbing, and electrical systems, replacement of roof material, windows and exterior doors. Inside the building, many existing walls will be changed to create new office space.

An elevator will be added within the frame of the existing structure, mechanical platforms will be created within the attic, and existing stairs will be enclosed.

Other work includes a new foundation perimeter drain system, asbestos and lead paint abatement, and rebuilding an existing ramp.

Before the renovation, Steele housed offices for the vice chancellor for student affairs and some College of Arts and Sciences offices for student advising and the dean of students.

For the coming academic year, student advising will be based in the basement of Phillips Hall, while other offices have relocated to the new Student and Academic Services Building on Manning Drive and Ridge Road that opened during the summer.

When the new Steele reopens, academic advising will be located on the ground, first and second floors, said Carolyn Cannon, associate dean of academic advising.

The Office of Undergraduate Education and some of its smaller departments, including First Year Seminars and Academic Experiences, Undergraduate Curricula, Experiential Education, and Student Academic Counseling, will also return to the building.

“Steele Building is a beautiful, historic building and we patiently await returning to the building in all of its glory with the spectacular view of Polk Place,” she said.

“Who wouldn’t be excited about coming back to this charming historic structure? We will proudly call Steele our new digs.”

After it is renovated, Steele Building will be home to Academic Advising and the Office of Undergraduate Education and some of its smaller departments.
Adviser shows undergraduates the way for two decades

It would seem that Carolyn Cannon grew up with the odds stacked against her.

Her father had 11 children with three wives, and Cannon came along at the end of the string as the oldest of two children he had with his third wife.

To put that in perspective, she said, some of her nieces and nephews are older than she is. Her oldest sister is only 10 months younger than her mother, who is 85 and still living on the family farm in Kershaw County, S.C., where she grew up and where her father raised everything from tobacco to okra, cantaloupes to cotton.

What she took from home was her father’s example and determination not to be beaten down even when people seem bent on keeping you down. He was a bulwark of strength to his family and at the Canty Hill Baptist Church where he built a reputation for honesty and competence, Cannon said.

“He probably didn’t finish high school, but he was well respected within the community by African-Americans and whites as well,” she said.

“He cared about a lot of things and believed people should work hard, that things weren’t going to be handed to them. He was a no-nonsense, get-the-job-done kind of person.”

He was also a stubborn and proud man who knew his mind and was not afraid to speak it — all qualities that could land a black man in trouble at that time and place, especially with whites.

As a little girl, Cannon remembers driving home from town at night and passing open fields and seeing men covered in white sheets illuminated in the yellow glow of a burning cross. Once, when rumor spread that her father might be affiliated with the NAACP, the Ku Klux Klan threatened to pay her a visit. Cannon was too young to know if the rumor was true, but she remembers when he stayed up all night waiting by the window with a gun in his hands.

Because of nights like that, Cannon grew up believing her father was not afraid of anything. And that proved to her that she did not have to be afraid, either.

Her father has been gone for 24 years now, but she likes to think that she carries a big part of him within herself. The world is a far different place than the one she was born into 57 years ago, but many of those same lessons about the value of determination and strength still apply today, she believes.

Maybe that is why, as associate dean and director of the Academic Advising Program, Cannon tries to pass along those same lessons to some of the students who, sitting across from her, are battling some inner demon they must overcome.

It is her high standards of professionalism and devotion to students that earned Cannon a 2007 C. Knox Massey Award.

Helping hands

If Cannon got her determination from her father, she got her compassion and common sense from her mother, who her father met while she was teaching in the one-room schoolhouse beside the church.

From first through eighth grade, Cannon attended Hickman Elementary where the principal, the teachers and the students were black, and all grew up knowing each other or knowing of each other within the rural community.

But teachers in each grade saw something in Cannon and a boy in her class that made them expect more from the two. And because they expected more, she believed she could do more — and did. “I never felt I was a teacher’s pet, but teachers would always push this guy and myself very hard and when they needed students to represent our school, we were always chosen.”

She started high school at the all-black high school in the county where she took harder classes with city kids. Many of those kids, she noticed, had parents who were teachers.

Then in 1965 South Carolina passed “freedom of choice” legislation that allowed some of the best and brightest black students to attend white schools. In essence, it was a half step to comply with Brown vs. Board of Education, the Supreme Court decision passed 11 years before striking down racial segregation in schools.

At the start of her junior year, Cannon was among the handful of students picked to attend the all-white Camden High School. Even now, she is not sure if that “opportunity” was a blessing or a curse.

The rich kids from Camden pretty much left her alone, but the poor white rural kids who rode with her on the bus made sure she knew she was not welcome. Looking back, Cannon thinks the rich kids accepted her because she was not a threat to them, while the poor kids saw some long-held advantage slipping away.

All the teachers at Camden were white and a couple seemed much like the mean kids on the bus, she said. But Cannon encountered other teachers who cared about the well being of their students regardless of color.

One was Mrs. Bettis, a woman from Argentina who taught Spanish. “She was one of the most amazing people I had ever met,” Cannon said and aspired to be like her.

The changes of ’68

Cannon rejected the idea of applying to the mostly white University of South Carolina for the historically black South Carolina State University in Orangeburg.

Her parents questioned the wisdom of her decision when, on Feb. 8, 1968, police fired into a crowd of some 200 students who had gathered on campus to protest the segregation of a bowling alley. Three students were killed and 27 others were wounded.

By the time Cannon enrolled in August, Martin Luther King Jr. and Robert Kennedy Jr. had also been killed and the whole world seemed ready to unravel, Cannon remembers. Amid the chaos, her world showed possibility. As she had planned, Cannon graduated in four years with a degree in Spanish education, but her vision of becoming another Mrs. Bettis shattered in 1972 when the school went off to teach Spanish at Malcolm X Shabazz High School in Newark, N.J., where rioters had torn up the streets four years before.

“It was much too hard for a new teacher,” Cannon said. “There were so many students who didn’t have the motivation to do school and I didn’t have the experience to know what to do.”

She soon got a call from a former college instructor who was at the University of Connecticut working on his Ph.D. He invited her to earn a master’s degree in educational psychology through a fellowship program for minority students.

For her husband, coming to Carolina was an exciting new opportunity, but for Cannon it was a discouraging step backward.

Once again, though, she found people eager to push her on.

Among the first was Steven Birdsal, professor of geography, who, as the associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences created a 15-hour-a-week job for Cannon as a staff adviser in the college to help students with undeclared majors.

But those 15 hours were inadequate, both for Cannon and the students needing her help. That’s why, when she heard about the opening for a full-time director of career planning and placement services in the School of Law in 1985, she applied and was hired by Dick Baddour, then assistant dean.

At the law school she met former Chancellor Ferebee Taylor, who was working part time there. He wrote a letter of recommendation for her next job when Gilliam Cell, the first woman chosen dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, asked her to serve as the director of the Summer Bridge Program that helps minority students from rural North Carolina get acclimated to college.

“Cannon had only one question: “How fast?”

Winning the Massey

Cannon said she was very happy in that role, but the University had bigger plans for her. The biggest came in 1999 when she was named to the newly created position of associate dean and director of the college’s Academic Advising Program.

Charged with combining the General College and College of Arts and Sciences

Carolyn Cannon has advised Carolina undergraduates for more than 20 years.

The call, she said, amounted to someone throwing her a lifeline. She still wanted to make a difference in young people’s lives, but she realized that for her a high school classroom was not the right place.

She thought she would become a high school guidance counselor, but she began to take courses in higher education administration and did a practicum looking at factors that lead college students to succeed or fail.

Without knowing it, she had stumbled upon the path that would eventually lead her to a 22-year career at Carolina in student advising. But it took her husband, Robert, who she met at South Carolina State, to bring her here.

His career as a history professor took the family from Augusta College in Georgia to North Carolina A&T in Greensboro, then to Atlanta where he headed the affirmative action offices at Georgia State University and later for the University Board of Regents for the state of Georgia.

Cannon, meanwhile, became director of special programs in the College of Engineering at Georgia Tech. In 1984, right after she got a big pay raise and promotion at Georgia Tech, her husband applied for the affirmative action position at Carolina.

Robert Cannon, who had earned his Ph.D. at Carolina, felt he had little chance of getting the job — until then-Chancellor Christopher Fordham offered it to him.

“Surely, you are not taking that job in Chapel Hill?” she remembers saying. “I don’t think this is an opportunity I can refuse,” he replied. Days later, Cannon, Robert and their son, Keita, headed to Chapel Hill.

Finding her own way

For her husband, coming to Carolina was

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University Teaching Award nominations due Oct. 1

The University Committee on Teaching Awards requests nominations of faculty members and graduate teaching assistants for distinguished teaching awards. The committee will review the nominees, collect additional information about their teaching and recommend winners to Chancellor James Moeser.

This year, recipients will be selected for five types of awards: one Board of Governors’ Award for Excellence in Teaching, four Distinguished Teaching Awards for Post-Baccalaureate Instruction, eight Awards to Faculty for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, five Tanner Awards to Graduate Teaching Assistants and one Mentor Award for Lifetime Achievement.

Nominations are due by Oct. 1 and submissions will be made online. For more information about the awards and their criteria, and to make a nomination, see provost.unc.edu/teaching-awards.

For additional assistance, contact Jane Bixill (962-3317 or jmbixill@email.unc.edu) or Debbie Stevenson (962-7882 or debbie.stevenson@unc.edu).

Events sprout at the botanical garden in September

• The public is invited to the opening reception Sept. 14, from 5 to 7 p.m., for the 20th Annual Sculpture in the Garden exhibit at the North Carolina Botanical Garden. Approximately 50 pieces will be on display through Nov. 16 on the garden’s grounds. For more information, refer to www.ncbg.unc.edu.

• The garden will hold its annual fall plant sale Sept. 29 from 9 a.m. to noon. Native perennial wildflowers, shrubs, vines and ferns—all propagated at the garden—will be on sale on the garden commons behind the Totten Center.

• Citizen scientists and families are welcome to take part in BioBlitz—the daylong inventory of the diversity of life at Mason Farm Biological Reserve that begins Sept. 29. Sponsored by the garden as well as the Morehead Planetarium and Science Center, volunteers will break into teams led by natural experts to catalog the flora and fauna of the reserve.

• Children ages 7 and up may participate on a BioBlitz team. Families with children under 7 may go on a Habitat Walk or participate in activities at the Junior Naturalists Corner. All children should be accompanied by an adult.

• For more information, refer to www.moreheadplanetarium.org.

Wilson Library presents an evening of American ballads

A lecture and musical performance celebrating the contemporary American ballad are sponsored by the Department of Communication Studies and co-sponsored by the Institute for the Arts and Humanities, the Center for the Study of the American South, the Southern Oral History Program and Wordsworth Productions.

For tickets, call the Memorial Hall box office (943-3333).

Memorial Hall on Sept. 17, which coincides with the date the school began teaching classes to its first 37 students in 1931. The event is free and open to the public.

Hutchins series under way at Center for Study of the American South

Christopher Arris Oakley, assistant professor of history at East Carolina University, will present the second of the James A. Hutchins Lectures Sept. 18, sponsored by the Center for the Study of the American South. Oakley’s talk, “The Media, the Klan and the Lumbee Indians of North Carolina” will be held at 3:30 p.m. in the Royall Room of the George Watts Hill Alumni Center.

In 1838 several hundred armed Lumbee Indians broke up a Ku Klux Klan rally near Maxton, and they were subsequently portrayed by the media using Western Indian stereotypes to describe the event. This foreshadowed the Lumbee’s struggle to establish an authentic identity in the modern South.

For more information on subsequent Hutchins lectures, refer to www.unc.edu/depts/csas.

Hank Greenberg film, talk kick off Jewish studies lecture series

“The life and times of America’s first Jewish baseball star will be the topic of a film screening and discussion Sept. 23 at 4 p.m., sponsored by the Carolina Center for Jewish Studies.

Aviva Kempner, scriptwriter, director and producer, will screen her award-winning film, “The Life and Times of Hank Greenberg,” in the auditorium of the Tate-Turner-Kuralt Building. The documentary examines how America’s first Jewish baseball star was a beacon of hope to American Jews who faced bigotry during the Depression and World War II.

On Sept. 24 at 7:30 p.m., Kempner will give a sneak peek into her current project, “Yoo-Hoo, Mrs. Goldberg” in the theater of the Stone Center. The film will feature the life and career of Gertrude Berg, the creator, writer and star of “The Goldbergs,” a popular 1930s radio show and weekly television program.

For complete information on the center’s 2007-08 lecture series, refer to www.unc.edu/ccjs/events.html.

Nominations due for ACE fellows by Sept. 24

The American Council on Education (ACE) sponsors the ACE Fellows program, a leadership opportunity for faculty and administrators with a solid record of achievement and some leadership experience. ACE fellows are placed at a host institution of higher education where they are mentored by experienced administrators, participate in and observe administrative activities, and study higher education leadership, decision-making and governance.

Placement may be for an academic year, a semester or periodic visits. The nominating institution is responsible for payment of the fellow’s salary and benefits during the fellowship year.

For more information, see www.acenet.edu/programs/fellows/index.cfm.

To propose a candidate, send a letter of nomination to the ACE Fellows Program, American Council on Education, 400-12th St. NW, Suite 500, Washington, DC 20004-1103, or submit nomination to the Web site www.acecnet.edu/programs/fellows/index.cfm.
narc juration and the curriculum vitae of the proposed nominee to Jacqueline Remnick, CB# 4012, or e-mail ord@unc.edu.

Nominations are due by Sept. 24.

For more information, call the Office of Research Development (962-7503).

PlayMakers takes on Shakespeare with ‘Romeo and Juliet’

William Shakespeare’s classic tale of star-crossed lovers, deadly enmity, revenge, betrayal and heartbreak will be brought to the Paul Green Theater Sept. 26 through Oct. 14 with the PlayMakers Repertory Company’s production of “Romeo and Juliet.” It will be directed by Davis McCallum.

Tickets are $10-$32, depending on day of the week. For tickets and more information, call 962-PLAY (7529) and refer to www.playmakersrep.org.

Public Health Grand Rounds to be broadcast Sept. 27

The School of Public Health and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will present the next Public Health Grand Rounds broadcast focusing on global health and HIV on Sept. 27, from 2 to 3 p.m.

It will be broadcast via satellite and web. On campus it will be shown in the auditorium of the Hooker Research Center. To register for “Public Health is Global Health: An Innovative Approach to Fighting Disease in Uganda,” see www.publichealthgrandrounds.unc.edu.

Reynolds Price to deliver Thomas Wolfe Lecture

Award-winning Southern author Reynolds Price will speak Oct. 3 at UNC. The James B. Duke Professor of English at Duke University will receive the 2007 Thomas Wolfe Prize and deliver the annual Thomas Wolfe Lecture at 7:30 p.m. in the Carroll Hall auditorium.

The lecture is free and open to the public.

The annual lecture and prize honor Carolina alumnus Thomas Wolfe, the author of “Look Homeward Angel.” The event is sponsored by the Morgan Writer-in-Residence Program, the Thomas Wolfe Society and the Department of English and Comparative Literature in the College of Arts and Sciences.

British foreign office minister to discuss private capital, the poor

Sir Mark Malloch Brown, British foreign office minister and former deputy secretary general of the United Nations, will discuss “Making Private Capital Work for the Poor” on view Upstairs at the Ackland through Nov. 23.

“Spirit of the Brush” divides a selection of works from the Ackland collection (produced between 1669 and 1983) into three sections. First, visitors see an overview of the styles and tools of Chinese calligraphy, including the essential traditional implements used in the craft: paper, paperweights, inkstone, inkstone, brush, brush pot, brush stand, brush washer, seal and red paste. A selection of fine examples of calligraphy then leads into the final section of inscriptions written within Chinese paintings.

Launchung the Venture accepting applications

UNC’s Launching the Venture program is accepting applications through Oct. 1 for entrepreneurial faculty, staff and students who want help launching a new business or nonprofit company.

Launching the Venture is a program of the Carolina Entrepreneurial Initiative co-directed by Kenan-Flagler Business School and the Office of Technology Development.

The two-semester program helps participants work through the process of testing the market potential of their idea and, for ideas deemed viable, developing a business plan and launch strategy. It includes a course, series of workshops, hands-on activities and expert coaching.

For more information and to apply, refer to www.unc.edu/cei/launch.

SECC kicks off campaign Oct. 1 with charity fair, buffet luncheon

The State Employees Combined Campaign (SECC) will host a charity fair and buffet luncheon Oct. 1 so that UNC employees can meet representatives from 50 local charities. It will take place in the Great Hall of the FPG Student Union from noon to 2 p.m.

José-Marie Griffiths, dean of the School of Information and Library Science, is chair of this year’s campaign.

For more information, e-mail deans_assistant@ils.unc.edu or call 962-8365 or 962-8368.

Nursing mothers now have a choice of lactation rooms

Three locations on campus offer lactation space for nursing mothers this semester. They are:

• Carolina Women’s Center offers an on-site lactation room for University mothers who choose to nurse or use a breast pump during the workday. A hospital-grade breast pump is available for use. The center is located at 134 E. Franklin Street, Suite 215, and is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. No reservations are required. Call 962-9809 for more information.

• Lactation space is now available in Murphy Hall. To use this space, visit Room 212, and leave your One Card or driver’s license in exchange for the key. Office staff will be available to escort you to the room, if necessary. The office is open most days, from Monday to Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. No reservations are needed, but you may call 962-7191 before arriving. This is a small office and there may be times when it is not available. Call Cinnamon Weaver (962-7660) with any questions.

• This semester the FPG Student Union opened a space specifically dedicated to University-affiliated breast-feeding mothers and their families. The lactation room, located in Room 5200, is available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Keys for the space may be checked out at the main information desk in the Union. For more information, e-mail carolinaum@unc.edu, or call 962-2286.

Diversity Incentive Fund accepting 2007-08 proposals

The Diversity Incentive Fund, sponsored by Diversity and Multicultural Affairs, is intended to support faculty, staff and students in the creation of new opportunities for interaction and cross-group learning through innovative diversity programs and activities. Proposals and funding requests for as much as $2,500 are being accepted now for the 2007-08 academic year.

For more information, see www.unc.edu/diversity/diversityincentive or call Cookie Newman (962-6926).

The fund is specifically designed to provide support for new, innovative and creative approaches to engaging a broad cross-section of the University community in issues related to diversity.

PlayMakers launches PRC2 series

This season PlayMakers Repertory Company launched PRC2—a new second stage series of three works performed in the intimate setting of the Elizabeth Price Kenan Theatre in the Center for Dramatic Art.

PlayMakers’ intention is for PRC2 to provide an opportunity for the audience to be able to experience a meaningful dialogue around the challenging issues that the performances address.

A post-show conversation will take place after every PRC2 performance with a variety of panelists who have views from across the spectrum of the issues presented.

The first production, “When the Bulbul Stopped Singing,” runs Sept. 12-16. Refer to the calendar on page 12 for a list of those who will be taking part in the forums.

For complete information on the PRC2 series, refer to www.playmakersrep.org.
UNC begins yearlong look at death penalty

Members of the campus and local communities will examine the death penalty from all points of view during the 2007-08 academic year.

Carolina Performing Arts will facilitate the project, "Criminal/Justice: The Death Penalty Examined." Multiple campus units will present more than 25 arts events designed to stimulate critical thought about the issue, including exhibits, plays and panel discussions. Readings, lectures and panel discussions also are planned, including an Oct. 16 talk by playwright and performance artist Anna Deavere Smith. Smith, who appeared on TV’s “The West Wing,” transforms herself into numerous characters in her one-person performances, exploring issues of race, community and character in America. She will speak about the role the arts can play in catalyzing UNC’s year-long discussion.

The University has no position on capital punishment but seeks, rather, to inform debate on a complex issue that is ongoing across the country and in North Carolina, officials said.

"Without in any way dictating a point of view, we nonetheless believe it is important to have a civil and informed discussion about this controversial issue," said Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost Bernadette Gray-Little.

"Universities are the bedrock of free inquiry, places where beliefs are challenged and arguments are honed," she said. "We welcome the opportunity to engage our students on one of American society’s most difficult challenges: Who should live and who — if anyone — should die in our criminal justice system?"

The project was undertaken in conjunction with this year’s Summer Reading Program at UNC, in which new students are asked to read the same title over the summer and discuss their views about it in small groups the day before fall classes begin. This year’s book, “The Death of Innocents: An Eyewitness Account of Wrongful Executions,” by Sister Helen Prejean, was discussed in approximately 120 groups on Aug. 20.

Prejean will lecture at UNC at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 25 in Memorial Hall, presented by the Parr Center for Ethics in the philosophy department and the UNC General Alumni Association. It will be held Nov. 9-10.

■ The Ethical Issues of Capital Punishment,” a panel discussion at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 2 in the film auditorium of the FPG Student Union, presented by the Parr Center for Ethics in the philosophy department and the UNC General Alumni Association. It will be held Nov. 9-10.

■ "Crime and Punishment: Rethinking the Death Penalty,” a seminar with a philosophy professor, a law professor and representatives of defense lawyers and prosecutors, presented by the Program on the Humanities and Human Values and the UNC General Alumni Association. It will be held Nov. 9-10.

■ "Parade,” a Broadway musical on the true story of Leo Frank, a Jewish man who lived in Atlanta in the early 1900s. He was tried and convicted of the rape and murder of a 14-year-old girl. The drama examines issues of class and race relations, prejudice, anti-Semitism, the death penalty and the South. It will be presented by the communication studies department and Carolina Performing Arts. Prejean will lecture at UNC at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 25 in Memorial Hall.

■ "Discussion by Barry Scheck and Susan Scheck Elledge" will be held 7:30 p.m. in Memorial Hall. Scheck, an attorney, co-founded the Innocence Project, a national organization that seeks to exonerate wrongly convicted people through DNA testing. Estrich, an author and syndicated columnist, is a professor of law at the University of Southern California. They will discuss issues surrounding the death penalty and criminal justice.

■ "Perspectives on Public Justice," an exhibition at the Ackland Art Museum that will run Jan. 18 to May 9, 2008. It will showcase works of art that engage the theme of justice, presented by the Ackland and students and instructors from the writing program at UNC, who will help organize and interpret the exhibition.

■ "Spectacular Justice," a media installation by Joyce Rudinsky, associate professor of communication studies, will be mounted next spring. The installation will include video and audio recordings and images that will surround the viewer, offering thoughts about capital punishment. It will be presented by the communication studies department and the Renaissance Computing Institute.

■ "Dead Man Walking," a play adapted from Sister Helen Prejean’s book of that title, will open April 18-22, 2008 at the Elizabeth Price Kenan Theatre in the Center for Dramatic Art, presented by the dramatic art department. The movie version won Susan Sarandon a Best Actress Oscar.

■ "Witness to an Execution: a play that is part of Playmakers Repertory Company’s PRC2 season of works, will debut April 23-27 at the Kenan Theatre. The company commissioned local playwright Mike Wiley to write the play based on interviews with death row inmates in Texas. It will be presented by Playmakers and Carolina Performing Arts.

"Criminal/Justice: The Death Penalty Examined" is made possible in part by a grant from the Association of Performing Arts Presenters’ Creative Campus Innovations Grant Program, a component of the Doris Duke Performing Arts at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Carolina Performing Arts received the $103,165 grant in April to coordinate the project. Carolina’s project was one of eight chosen from among more than 180 proposed.

Fall events include lunchtime conversations in Chinese every Thursday beginning Sept. 13; an Iranian television production using classical Islamic readings to depict the life of Mary, the mother of Jesus, on Sept. 20; a performance by kora master Mamadou Diabate on Oct. 2; the kick-off for a Latin American film festival on Nov. 1; and a dynamic performance of Japanese drumming by Triangle Taiko on Nov. 15.

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The center is the primary means for engaging the Carolina community in international issues. The building, which will be dedicated on Oct. 12, was designed to foster interactions among graduate and visiting scholars and to spark academic inquiry on global issues.

Law school building wall bows and cracks

Four large classrooms on the fifth floor and two classrooms on the fourth floor of Van Hecke-Wettach Hall will be closed as the windows, brick façade and wall on the east side of the School of Law building are repaired.

On Aug. 31, the windows and bricks in that part of the building bowed and cracked, and law school officials asked students and faculty to leave the building.

Structural engineers have confirmed that the structural integrity of the building is sound. Unfortunately, the bowed and cracked, though, there is a potential for more of the brick veneer to fall, Jack Boger, dean and Wade Edwards Distinguished Professor of law, said in an e-mail message to law faculty, staff and students. The outside is fenced off to keep people at a safe distance from the building.

University officials believe the excessive heat during the past few weeks was a factor in causing the bricks to expand. Because the concrete supports at the ends of the walls did not yield, the bricks bowed outward. Modern buildings have expansion joints to accommodate such situations. But the law school building has no expansion joints because they were not required by code in 1968 when the building was constructed.

The University is working with an outside structural engineering firm, a general contractor and a demolition contractor to plan the safe demolition and reconstruction of the affected section of the building, said Abbas Piran, director of engineering information services in Facilities Planning and Construction.

"We want to be sure to take all necessary measures to protect the students, faculty, staff and general public and return the School of Law to normal operation as soon as possible. Once we determine the exact cause of the structural failure, we can move forward to develop an appropriate design solution, cost estimate and schedule for reconstructing the new panel and reinforcing the adjacent panels," he said.

University engineers and architects are also surveying and researching other campus buildings with similar construction so that any necessary corrective measures can be taken, Piran said.

Classes scheduled in rooms on the affected floors have been relocated to other classrooms within the School of Law and in the nearby School of Government and other campus buildings. Around 60 percent of the law school’s classes have been moved to other locations.

WOWS supports women science faculty

A new University program called Working on Women in Science (WOWS) is designed to recruit and support women faculty throughout the sciences.

At UNC, women comprise about 60 percent of all undergraduates and 31 percent of tenured and tenure-track faculty, but they make up only about 25 percent of such faculty in the sciences.

WOWS grew from a grant proposal led by Laurie McNeil, professor and chair of physics and astronomy. Officials are seeking external funding for the program. Carolina’s science and health divisions have committed more than $110,000 in internal support.
Dykstra to return to full-time teaching and research

A new Graduate Student Center, a special hooding ceremony to recognize doctoral candidates during commencement weekend and more than 200 new interdisciplinary graduate fellowships, including the establishment of Carolina’s most prestigious graduate fellowship opportunity, the Royce Society of Fellows are a few of the benchmarks Linda Dykstra is most proud of during her tenure as dean of the Graduate School.

They are also instrumental in her decision to return to full-time graduate student training and research at the end of this academic year.

Since 1996, Dykstra has led the Graduate School’s 7,000 students in 85 different academic programs. As a strong advocate for graduate student mentoring and development, she has been instrumental in increasing support for teaching and research assistants, and introducing new professional training opportunities and most recently, establishing a parental leave policy for graduate students.

She has also worked to ensure diversity within the graduate student population and to create a campus climate that supports the success of students from all backgrounds.

To this end, she has supported the Graduate School-initiated American Indian Research Conference and has received support from the National Institute of General Medical Sciences to expand opportunities for N.C. students from underrepresented groups to pursue graduate training in the biomedical sciences.

Dykstra shepherded the concept of a Graduate Student Center through the University. When it opened two years ago, the center created a venue for academic enrichment where graduate students from different fields could meet, work and share ideas. Dykstra also led a cooperative effort to recognize doctoral candidates through a special hooding ceremony in 2003 and established the Faculty Award for Excellence in Graduate Student Mentoring to acknowledge the role of faculty mentoring in training graduate students.

Graduate student recognition

Her commitment to graduate students is also reflected in the Annual Graduate Student Recognition Event that she initiated in 1999. This event showcases the many accomplishments that graduate students make to the University and to North Carolina. One initiative was a cooperative effort with the Graduate Education Advancement Board to establish a series of Impact Awards, recognizing and encouraging graduate students whose research is making a difference to North Carolina.

Dykstra’s desire to recognize these graduate students stems from her own commitments in this area. Currently she is chair of the board of directors of the N.C. Association of Biomedical Research, which promotes public understanding of bioscience research within North Carolina. She is also a member of the board of directors of Next Step Housing, an organization devoted to establishing and maintaining housing for individuals in the Triangle area with mental illness.

“Dean Dykstra has made numerous contributions to enhance the University’s outstanding reputation among graduate programs,” said Berndette Gray-Little, executive vice chancellor and provost. “Her commitment to the support and recognition of graduate students throughout our campus has been unwavering, and I am sorry to see her tenure as head of the Graduate School end.”

While Dykstra has never left her academic calling, as William Rand Kenan Jr, professor of pharmacology and psychology she wants to devote more time to the direction her research is taking.

“I will have been at the Graduate School 12 years when I leave next summer, and so many good things have happened,” she said. “Many of my goals in terms of articulating how central graduate education is to this University have been realized, and I think it is time to take on other challenges.”

Through external support from the National Institutes of Health, Dykstra has the means to expand the scope of her research. “I’d like to be more involved in the direction of this research and take advantage of the opportunities I’ve been given to work with some of Carolina’s extraordinary graduate students,” she said.

Long-time research support

Since 1972, Dykstra has led an active research program at Carolina, with continuous support from the National Institutes of Health. For the past 17 years, she has also served as the director of a training grant that provides support for students interested in research related to substance abuse.

Traditionally, her research has focused on opioid analgesics, medications like morphine that have both excellent pain-relieving attributes and a spectrum of unwanted effects including tolerance and dependence. Dykstra’s lab has been instrumental in developing candidate compounds, the next generation of medication to treat opiate dependence.

Within the past five years, though, the lab has begun to explore the genetices of substance abuse as it affects the relationship between analgesics and dependence.

“We have recently switched the lab from one using a primate model to one using mice in which certain genetic alterations have been made,” she said. “It is an exciting, promising field and one I want to spend more time exploring.”

Honors received

Since 1977, the National Institute on Drug Abuse has continually funded Dykstra’s research. In fact, the institute has honored her with its Research Career Development, Research Scientist and MERIT (Method to Extend Research in Time) awards. Dykstra has also served on numerous advisory boards, including the institute’s External Advisory Board.

In 2006-07, she was president of the Association of Graduate Schools and last year she received the Marian W. Fishman Lecture Award from the College on Problems of Drug Dependence honoring contributions of an outstanding woman scientist in drug abuse research. The college is a collaborating center of the World Health Organization.

Dykstra is a past president of the college and won its mentorship award in 2005. That year, she also received the University’s Mary Turner Lane Award for her outstanding contributions toward the lives of women at Carolina.

The provost is forming a committee to search for the next dean of the Graduate School.

Dykstra’s advice for her successor: to continue to reinforce the contributions of graduate students and to provide much-needed financial support.

“One of the biggest challenges will be to ensure that we have in place sufficient funding models to attract high-quality graduate students to Carolina and to make sure they succeed in their programs,” she said.

“With the interdisciplinary nature of our graduate students’ research, it is so important to make it easier for them to cross disciplinary boundaries.

“Indeed, almost all of the graduate fellowships that we have fostered over the last several years have had an interdisciplinary focus, and all are central to promoting our graduate students’ increasing interest in conducting scholarship within an interdisciplinary context.”
Human Resources

Review 2008 employee benefits beginning Oct. 1

It is time to take a look at your benefits. Between Oct. 1 and Nov. 2, you will have the opportunity to enroll or change your existing benefit elections for 2008 in the NCFlex benefit program and the University benefits program.

Employees must re-enroll in the health care and dependent day care flexible spending accounts each year. Other benefits, including dental, vision, life insurance, cancer and accidental death and dismemberment insurance, do not require annual re-enrollment. Compare each of the benefit programs offered as shown in the chart below. NCFlex benefit premiums are deducted from your paycheck before taxes are withheld, providing significant tax savings. The University benefits are deducted after taxes are withheld. Although there may be a difference in savings from taxes under the NCFlex benefits program, the University benefits program provides comparable coverage at similar rates — and in some cases less than NCFlex. Each program offers the opportunity to provide coverage and income protection for you and your dependents. Review the detailed information that will be sent to your campus address later this month, including rates and benefit changes. Carefully make your elections for 2008. Enrollment changes made during the annual enrollment period will be effective Jan. 1, 2008.

Get first-hand information about your 2008 benefits by attending the Employee Expo and Benefit Fair on Oct. 18. Representatives will be available for each of the NCFlex and University benefit programs. The vendor representatives will be able to answer questions you may have before you make your final selection. Important Enrollment Information

During the enrollment period, NCFlex benefits elections will only be accepted using the NCFlex online enrollment system. The Office of Human Resources will offer information sessions across campus during October to assist with the enrollment process, and will also provide enrollment assistance and computer access for employees at specific locations on campus during enrollment. Additional information about dates, times and campus locations will be provided.

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401(k) savings: Learn a lesson from Blackbeard

In the early 1700s, sailors along the coast of North Carolina had to worry about the feared pirate Blackbeard robbing their ships so he could live out his dreams. Today, you do not have to worry about pirates roaming our coastline, but — like Blackbeard — you should be concerned about building a stronger financial future.

However, many individuals are not gathering enough in their treasure chests. That is why it is important to think seriously about contributing to a retirement savings plan, such as the NC 401(k) Plan.

Consider the following NC 401(k) Plan benefits:

■ You will pay less in taxes today if you make pre-tax contributions to the NC 401(k) Plan. Here’s why: Each dollar you contribute to the plan reduces your taxable income by one dollar. So, if you earn $500 and contribute $50 to the plan, you’ll pay taxes on only $450, not $500. You not only save on taxes today, you save more for your retirement needs tomorrow.

■ In 2007, the maximum IRS retirement plan contribution limit increased to $15,500. For plan members who are age 50 or older this year, the news is even better — the maximum is now $20,500. However, keep in mind that this limit must be coordinated with any contributions you make to the University’s 403(b) Supplemental Retirement Program.

■ The money in your NC 401(k) Plan account grows tax-deferred. This means you do not have to pay taxes on your contributions or earnings until the money is withdrawn from your account (usually at retirement when you may be in a lower tax bracket, although penalties may apply if you withdraw funds before age 59-1/2). As a result, the money you earn on your contributions stays in your account to earn even more money over time, helping your account balance grow.

There are several ways to find extra dollars to save. Making your own coffee each workday instead of buying it could help you save more than $8 each week. Bringing lunch two days a week instead of buying it could give you an extra $10 each week. Even drinking water at lunch instead of soda could help you put an additional $5 into the plan.

You can determine how much you will need to save for retirement by using the retirement savings calculator at www.nc401k.prudential.com. To join the 401(k) plan or increase your contribution, visit the plan web site or call 866-NC401K (866-624-0171).

2008 Holiday Schedule

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The 2007 holiday schedule is available at hr.unc.edu/Data/SPA/records/schedules/holidayschedule.
For more information about University holidays, refer to hr.unc.edu/Data/SPA/leave/holidays.

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The addition to Carrington Hall has a green roof area with plants that capture 70 percent of the stormwater that falls on the building. Carrington was the first campus building to seek LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification from the U.S. Green Building Councils. LEED-certified buildings have lower operating costs, an emphasis on waste reduction and energy and water conservation, and reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.

Campus irrigation systems, whether they use OWASA-supplied water or well water, have sensors that prevent the systems from coming on when it is raining. Also, UNC is using drip irrigation for shrubbery beds in new capital projects. Carolina is continually increasing water conservation measures inside buildings as well. Water-free urinals and low-flow faucets, showerheads and toilets have made a positive impact. Each water-free urinal saves approximately 21,300 gallons of water per year. Since 2002, the University has installed 160 of them across campus, saving around 3.4 million gallons of water each year. To reduce future water demand by as much as 10 percent, Carolina is partnering with OWASA to install a new water reclamation and reuse system where highly treated, or “reclaimed,” wastewater will be available for non-drinking water needs — for use in cooling towers at UNC’s chilled water plants and possibly for irrigation. The Botanical Garden plans to use reclaimed water to flush toilets in the new Visitor Education Center.

For information about sustainability, see sustainability.unc.edu/Home/tabid/36/Default.aspx. For information about stormwater management, see ehs.unc.edu/environmental/stormwater/index.shtml. For OWASA conservation tips, see www.owasa.org.

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Anyone who has used one of the 155 multimedia classrooms on campus has probably seen the red telephone in the room that provides a direct connection to the Informational Technology Services (ITS) Classroom Hotline support center. These telephones are an emergency tool for rapid-response support when an unexpected problem with a room’s technical equipment arises.

When teaching a 50-minute class, any delay can be critical. To head off problems and to avoid losing precious teaching time, ITS recommends preparing in advance with a technology classroom orientation.

“At the beginning of each year, we offer classroom demos,” said Gina Platz, Classroom Hotline manager. “That way, we can provide in-person instruction and orientation in the actual classrooms that faculty use to teach their classes.”

After the registrar assigns a class to a technology classroom, faculty should visit the Classroom Hotline web site, hotline.unc.edu. To become familiar with the room’s setup, follow the “Supported Rooms” link to find a specific classroom.

The web page for each classroom features photographs of the room, a list of equipment in the room and the date of the last preventive maintenance check for the room. It even provides training documents specific to that classroom and its technology.

To schedule an orientation demonstration in the classroom, choose the “Schedule a Demonstration” link. Demonstrations can be scheduled Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., including during semester breaks.

The demonstrations take only about half an hour and each is geared specifically to the setup in a particular classroom. During the demonstration, you can bring and test your own laptop computer and class presentation materials in your assigned room.

The demonstration provides a chance to work out the technical kinks and become comfortable with the equipment before the class meets. ITS support staff will help instructors take full advantage of multimedia classrooms.

To learn more about the Classroom Hotline, refer to hotline.unc.edu, e-mail hotline@unc.edu or call 962-6702.

Add Blackboard server to site list

Blackboard users who use Internet Explorer 7 must add the Blackboard server to the browser list of trusted sites. Otherwise, the visual text box editor will not function correctly.

The formatting and content controls will appear, but the text box itself will appear broken. For instructions about adding Blackboard to the list, refer to help.unc.edu/6319.

Instructors who are considering changing to the Vista operating system should be aware that Blackboard has not been certified to work with Vista at this time.

### Classroom technology orientation available for instructors

**WHAT IT IS ABOUT**

In the heat of the summer, the libraries have been buzzing with activity. Here are a few changes:

**New spaces in Davis Library**

Enjoy expanded seating on the first floor of Davis Library. We replaced the serials desk in the periodicals area with new flooring and comfortable chairs. Newspapers previously held behind the desk are now self-service.

These changes are one step toward a long-term strategy of improving and updating the first three floors of Davis Library. If you have ideas or suggestions about what you’d like to see in Davis, contact Lisa Norberg, director of public services, lnorberg@email.unc.edu.

You may also have noticed temporary book stacks that appeared then disappeared on the first and second floors of Davis. These provided swing space while compact shelving was installed in the basement for greater efficiency. UNC’s collection of government documents remains in the basement, joined by most of the maps collection formerly located in Wilson Library. The Wilson space will be home to the new Carolina Digital Library (more information about this will be provided this fall).

Finally, enjoy your favorite spot in Davis, wherever it may be, without wires. Thanks to Information and Technology Services, Davis Library and the Undergraduate Library both feature omnipresent wireless networking coverage.

**Library fines**

The Administrative Board of the Library, a committee of the Faculty Council, approved a new fine structure for library materials. Library fines and fees ensure that all users have access to library materials and that lost items are replaced.

Among the provisions that went into effect Aug. 13 are:

- Fines increased to $1 per day for recalled items (still 50¢ per day for regular items);
- Maximum fine was increased to $25 ($50 for reserve items); and
- Faculty borrowing was blocked at a fine threshold of $50 (increased from $15).

For information about fine policies and changes, refer to www.lib.unc.edu/circ.

**Love your Onyen**

Users of the campus e-reserves system now need to log in with their Onyen (the campus sign-on name provided to Carolina students, staff and faculty), even from campus computers. This security measure facilitates compliance with library copyright procedures and guidelines.

In the coming weeks, the libraries also will set up interlibrary borrowing requests and the MyLibrary service to accept Onyen authentication. MyLibrary allows you to see which items you have checked out, renew books online, and set up or review a preferred search. Refer to www.lib.unc.edu and select “MyLibrary.”

While you were out: Changes made at libraries

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the cornerstone of Old East, the nation’s first university building, on Oct. 12, 1793.

In 1906, University President Edwin A. Alderman received an honorary degree, the first given on University Day. That practice evolved into the Distinguished Alumna and Alumnus Awards, first presented in 1971 to “alumni who had distinguished themselves in a manner that brought credit to the university.”

This year’s recipients are: Clyde Ritchie Bell, Donald Benjamin Cameron, Alan Stewart Murray, Anne Ponder and Charles Thomas Scott.

Bell is professor emeritus of botany at Carolina. He earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees in botany from Carolina in 1943 and 1949, respectively, and returned to teach botany in 1951. Bell helped found the North Carolina Botanical Garden and was the garden’s director from 1966 to 1986. He continues to write and make documentaries.

Cameron is the program director of the arts of the Doris Duke Foundation. He was a 1975 Morehead Scholar as an undergraduate and received a master of fine arts degree from the Yale University School of Drama. Cameron has worked for PlayMakers Repertory Company and the National Endowment for the Arts and has taught drama at Carolina, Virginia Tech and Yale.

Murray, a Morehead Scholar and member of Phi Beta Kappa, earned a bachelor’s degree in English literature from Carolina in 1977. After receiving a master’s degree from the London School of Economics, Murray joined the staff of The Wall Street Journal in 1983, reporting on economics in Washington, D.C. Winner of numerous journalism awards for his reporting, Murray is the newspaper’s assistant managing editor. Ponder is chancellor of UNC Asheville. She earned three degrees from Carolina, finishing her doctoral work in 1979. Ponder is an expert in institutional effectiveness, resource development and strategic planning and is a frequent faculty member of the Harvard Institutes for Higher Education.

Scott was the first black scholarship athlete in the Atlantic Coast Conference. Recruited in 1966 by Coach Dean Smith to play basketball, Scott won the Patterson Award in 1969-70 as an outstanding student athlete. Scott and Smith shared the 1998 American Civil Liberties Union’s Florina Lasker Civil Liberties Award for their efforts on behalf of civil rights in the 1960s.

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advising programs, Cannon also oversaw the addition of a full-time staff of student advisers to the small cadre of part-time faculty advisers.

The advising program began with eight full-time staff advisers, 19 part-time faculty advisers and 12 staff members. This fall, the program had 25 full-time staff advisers, 26 part-time faculty advisers and 12 support staff members.

Despite the progress, Cannon said, there is a need for more.

Advising is not a bureaucratic process, Cannon said. It is about building a relationship that is deeper than checking off degree requirements or keeping students enrolled for at least 12 hours each semester.

“My philosophy toward advising is that students and advisers are partners in planning,” she said. “We must help students with their self-discovery and discuss their interests, needs and values.”

Colleagues in their nomination letters for the Massey, described Cannon as someone who gives students a better understanding of the University’s policies and, in the process, shows them options for holding onto their hopes and dreams.

It is this one-on-one interaction with students, she said, that is the most rewarding part of her job.

“I’m not there to tell them what they want to hear,” Cannon said. “I’m not there to listen to their excuses. I’m there to find out exactly the kind of situation they are in and to help them determine what steps they must take to leave this university with a degree.”

Her job is to show them the way. And that lets her know that she is exactly where she needs to be.
Tuesday, September 18

**Dean's Lecture Series:** 10th Anniversary Lecture—“The End of Life: Where Do We Begin?” by Phil Borges, photographer. 
**Time:** 7:30 pm. 
**Location:** Hitchcock Rm, ECU.

Wednesday, September 20

**Center for the Study of the South:** “Renaissance Traders: The Story of the Royal Tobacco Company” by Christopher Arris Oakley, ECU. 
**Time:** 4:30 pm. 
**Location:** Lumbee Indians of North Carolina.

Thursday, September 20

**Institute for the Arts and Humanities, Center for Global Initiatives, Carolina Performing Arts:** “Microlending and Global Health” by Sheila Pomerantz. 
**Time:** 4:30 pm. 
**Location:** Stone Ctr Hitchcock Rm.

Friday, September 21

**Carolina-Sonja Haynes Stone Center:** “Naming Number Two.” 
**Time:** 10:30 am-12:30 pm. 
**Location:** Renaissance Bistro. Rm 524 Europa Ctr.

Wednesday, September 26

**Time:** 7:30 pm. 
**Location:** Stone Ctr Hitchcock Rm.

Thursday, September 27

**Campus Recreation:** “Aesthetics in Art and Nature.” 
**Time:** 12:30-5 pm. 
**Location:** Hitchcock Rm. 3-5 pm.

Friday, September 28

**Carolina-Sonja Haynes Stone Center:** “Follow Me Home.”
**Time:** 7 pm. 
**Location:** Theater, Stone Ctr.

Saturday, September 29

**Campus Recreation:** Aquatics. Eamonn Lanigan and staff offer swim lessons for kids under age 5. 
**Time:** 11:30 am-1:30 pm. 
**Location:** Bowman Gray Pool.

**Monday, October 1**

**Carolina Performing Arts:** “Skin Complex.”
**Time:** 8 pm. 
**Location:** Theatre and Aud, Stone Ctr.

**Monday, October 8**

**Carolina Performing Arts:** “Dancing in the Streets.”
**Time:** 8 pm. 
**Location:** Theatre and Aud, Stone Ctr.

**Monday, October 15**

**Carolina Performing Arts:** “A Night of Dance and Dialog.”
**Time:** 8 pm. 
**Location:** Stone Ctr.

**Monday, October 22**

**Carolina Performing Arts:** “First Time.”
**Time:** 8 pm. 
**Location:** Theatre and Aud, Stone Ctr.

**Monday, October 29**

**Carolina Performing Arts:** “The End of the World.”
**Time:** 8 pm. 
**Location:** Aud, Stone Ctr.

**Tuesday, October 30**

**Carolina Performing Arts:** “The End of the World.”
**Time:** 8 pm. 
**Location:** Aud, Stone Ctr.

**Wednesday, October 31**

**Carolina Performing Arts:** “The End of the World.”
**Time:** 8 pm. 
**Location:** Aud, Stone Ctr.

**Friday, November 2**

**Carolina Performing Arts:** “The End of the World.”
**Time:** 8 pm. 
**Location:** Aud, Stone Ctr.

**Friday, November 9**

**Carolina Performing Arts:** “The End of the World.”
**Time:** 8 pm. 
**Location:** Aud, Stone Ctr.

**Monday, November 12**

**Carolina Performing Arts:** “The End of the World.”
**Time:** 8 pm. 
**Location:** Aud, Stone Ctr.
**BOMB AFTER BOMB**

eil o’Hara slavick, professor of art, will present a slide show and read from her book, “Bomb after Bomb: A Violent Cartography,” at the Bull’s Head Bookshop on Sept. 19 at 3:30 pm. The book contains 48 mixed media drawings on paper from her series, “Protesting Cartography: Places the United States Has Bombed.” Included is this image, titled “Libya, Operation El Dorado Canyon 1986,” that reflects President Reagan’s military response after a bomb exploded in a West Berlin discotheque.

Rotary World Peace fellow at UNC - 9/16; ■ Richard Wark, sociologist, involved in volunteer efforts to bring lasting, just peace to Israel and Palestine - 9/14; and ■ Nadia Yaqub, assistant professor of Arabic language and culture - 9/15. 9/26-10/14 “Romeo and Juliet.” Paul Green Theatre, 8 pm. except for Sunday matinees (2 pm) and educational matinees (call for details).

**STUDIO 6 THEATER**

Call 843-3333. 9/12-14 “Hang Out to Dry: Katrina’s Spun Tales.” Studio 6 Theater, Swain. 8 pm.

**ATTRACTIONS**

MOREHEAD PLANETARUM


HOURS

Mon-Fri, 8 am-5 pm; Sat, 9 am-6 pm; Sun, 1-6 pm.


**ART AT THE GARDEN**


**SPECIAL EVENT**

9/29-30 Bioblitz. 24-hour inventory of animals, plants living in Mason Farm Biological Reserve. To register, e-mail bioblitz@unc.edu; call 843-5388. See web site for more details.

**GALLERIES | EXHIBITS**

ACKLAND ART MUSEUM

Wed-Sat, 10 am-5 pm; Sun, 1-5 pm. Call 843-1611 (taps), 966-5736 (voice); 962-0837 (TTY); ackland@em.unc.edu. www.ackland.org.

**SPECIAL EVENT**

9/14 Art After Dark. 5-9 pm.

9/16 Music in the Galleries: Benjamin Dauer, 2-4 pm.

9/19 Art & Literature: “Hunters and Gatherers,” by Geoff Nicholson. 7-8:30 pm.

9/20 Lunch with One. 1-1:30 pm.

9/24 Yoga in the Galleries. 12-10 pm.

9/30 “A Debate Among Experts — Considering Collecting: connoisseurship, art collectors and the current market.” Aud, Hanes Art. 3 pm.

**EXHIBITIONS**


FEDEX GLOBAL EDUCATION CENTER

international.unc.edu/EGC.html. Contact Laura Graue, faragast@unc.edu.


**HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARY**

■ “Plants with a Purpose.” Exhibit examines healing impact of plants.

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WILSON LIBRARY

Exhibit areas open Mon-Fri, 8-5 pm (NC Collection Gallery opens at 9 am). 1. Weekend hours vary by exhibit; call 962-0114 for details. NC Collection Gallery offers guided tours Wednesdays at 2 pm, other times by appointment. Call 962-1172.

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

9/14 Lecture, music celebrating contemporary American ballad, sponsored by Friends of the Library and the Southern Folklife Collection. 5 pm; reception; 5:45 pm, Greil Marcus speaks about the American ballad; 6:45 pm, Handsome Family, alt-country duo, performs.

■ The First State University. Hall.

■ The History of the North Carolina Collection. Hall.


■ Recent Acquisitions, NC Collection Reading Room.

THIRD FLOOR

■ Reform, Reconstruction and Redemption: The Northern Impulse to Save the South.” Melba Remig Saltarelle Exhibit Rm. Through 9/16.

■ Look What We Found!: Manuscripts Depart- ment Staff Discoveries.” Through 10/31.

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

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