Carolina First campaign brings in $2.38 billion

In a recent State of the University speech, Chancellor James Moeser described private funds as the fuel that propels a university to greatness. With the close of the Carolina First Campaign, which raised a record $2.38 billion over the past eight years, the University has surpassed expectations in that quest.

“This campaign shows that we have not gone from good to great; we have gone from good to pre-eminent,” Moeser told the Board of Trustees at its Jan. 24 meeting.

Not only did Carolina First set a University record, it was also the fifth-largest completed campaign in higher education and the largest completed fundraising drive at a university in the South. A $9 million pledge to the School of Pharmacy from Fred Eshelman of Wilmington pushed the campaign to that historic mark. (See related story on page 2.)

“The campaign’s success attests to the tremendous leadership of our volunteers and the hard work of so many of our faculty and staff,” Moeser said. “Thanks to them and our donors, Carolina First has provided us with a margin of excellence that will enable us to be of even greater service to our students, as well as citizens here in North Carolina, across the nation and around the globe.”

Carolina First, which supported Carolina’s vision to be the nation’s leading public university, began July 1, 1999, and ended Dec. 31, 2007. The original $1.8 billion goal was raised to $2 billion in October 2005. Last February, a $50 million pledge from Dennis Gillings, chief executive officer of Quintiles Transnational, and his wife, Joan, to support the School of Public Health pushed the campaign past its goal.

For the past five years, University researchers have examined how living in smaller cities, towns and rural areas influences the development of young children.

Now, with a $12.8 million grant from the National Institutes of Health, researchers at the FPG Child Development Institute and the School of Education will look at how well these children make the transition to school.

The grant makes possible the continuation of the largest study to date of how child development is affected by rural life. Launched five years ago, the Family Life Project has been following families living in two geographical areas with a high rate of poverty among rural children — the African-American South and Appalachia.

Researchers have followed 1,292 children from birth in three counties in eastern North Carolina and three counties in central Pennsylvania to examine how differences in children’s development are linked to variations in temperament, family experience, community structure, economic circumstances and ethnicity.

The second phase of the project will follow these children as they enter school.

“Even though more than half of all poor children live in rural areas, most of the research about children living in poverty is based on studies of urban children. Therefore, policies designed to help children living in poverty may not best meet the needs of those living in rural areas,” said Lynne Vernon-Feagans, the study’s principal investigator and FPG fellow. “Our findings will have important implications for local and national policies and the services most needed by rural families.”

For example, geographic isolation is a condition unique to rural living, said Vernon-Feagans, who is also William C. Friday Distinguished Professor of Early Childhood, Intervention and Literacy and professor of psychology.

The first phase of the Family Life Project found that isolation was related to family dynamics. Mothers had less instability with a partner but worked more hours per week, and many families had to travel long distances to work and child care. This often led to poorer child outcomes, although positive parenting helped to offset the negative effects. As the project moves forward, researchers

Grant will allow rural life study to continue

First-grader Martin Rayo works with teacher Kristy Kane during a reading session at Louisburg Elementary School. Although the literacy initiative is not part of the new study by the FPG Child Development Institute and the School of Education, it is aimed at a similar goal: helping children in rural areas.

UNC outlines legislative priorities

Carolina North plans presented to town, BOT

The master plan for Carolina North, along with a concept plan for an Innovation Center that would serve as its gateway project, shared center stage at the Chapel Hill Town Council meeting on Jan. 23.

Jack Evans, executive director of Carolina North, said the twin presentations of the master plan and a concept plan for the Innovation Center were important steps for the town’s approval. Both marked a culmination of months of planning on a host of fronts.

In spring 2006, Chancellor James Moeser appointed a cross-section of University administrators and trustees, elected leaders and community representatives to a Leadership Advisory Committee (LAC) for Carolina North that over a series of meetings arrived at a broad consensus of underlying principles to guide development. The committee also identified other areas, such as the scope of housing to be built on the property.

With these principles in place, the University embarked over the past year on what Evans described as a series of parallel processes that have reached, or are soon to reach, a conclusion.

Other parts of the process include a fiscal equity study to measure the interplay of financial costs and benefits of Carolina North on the town and a major transit study to explore transportation alternatives that would lessen the dependence on cars.

Other completed studies include infrastructure needs and an ecological study of the entire 963-acre tract to ensure that environmentally sensitive areas, especially water-sheds, remain undeveloped and protected.

Evans has also led a series of community forums sponsored by the University. The purpose of these meetings was not only to
Pledge generates $18 million for cancer research

Fred Eshelman may not have intended to propel the Carolina First Campaign into the history books, but his $9 million pledge to the School of Pharmacy did just that. The University now has completed the fifth-largest campaign in higher education and the largest at a southern university.

The board of North Carolina’s University Cancer Research Fund matched the pledge, generating a total investment of $18 million. The funds will support cancer research by the School of Pharmacy and the UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center that focuses on genetics, individualized cancer therapy, drug discovery and drug delivery.

Calling the Eshelman pledge another great example of public-private partnership, Chancellor James Moeser said it also showed the significant impact of leveraging commitments from multiple sources.

“Dr. Eshelman’s support epitomizes what this campaign has been all about,” Moeser said. “Carolina First truly transformed this university. Every dollar has made us a stronger institution, and every donor has our deepest gratitude.”

Eshelman is CEO and founder of Wilmington-based PPD Inc., a global contract research organization providing discovery, development and post-approval services as well as compound partnering programs to the biopharmaceutical industry.

His latest pledge builds on his $20 million commitment to the School of Pharmacy in 2003. That marked the largest commitment ever to a U.S. pharmacy school.

Bob Blouin, dean of the School of Pharmacy, said that Eshelman wanted to keep the school moving forward. He pointed to NIH funding to the school as an example of its progress. In 2003, the school ranked 22nd among the nation’s pharmacy schools in NIH funding. Last year it had climbed to eighth.

“Thanks to the support of generous donors, our aggressive pursuit of research funding and partners like Lineberger, we have had great success in attracting really top-flight scientists to the school over the past few years,” Blouin said. That kind of effort puts considerable strain on resources, and we expected that it would take five years to have all our new centers working at full capacity,” he said. “Dr. Eshelman wanted to significantly shorten that time frame.”

Moeser said Eshelman’s commitment marked a “particularly appropriate high note to go out on.”

Chancellor search ahead of other AAU campuses

The search for the University’s next chancellor is ahead of most other Association of American Universities (AAU) member campuses with vacancies.

“We’re far in front of almost all of them,” consultant Bill Funk told the Chancellor Search Committee at a Jan. 24 meeting.

Funk, who heads the Dallas-based R. William Funk and Associates, briefed the committee about recent developments with searches across the nation and the South.

Among AAU campuses, private Vanderbilt University is “probably the one institution on a similar timeline” with Carolina, Funk said.

Among public AAU campuses, the University of Wisconsin at Madison has not yet formed a search committee to seek a successor to Chancellor John Wiley, who last month announced plans to step down in September following a nearly eight-year term.

Funk, hired last fall by the committee, specializes in searches at AAU campuses. The AAU is an organization of research universities devoted to maintaining a strong system of academic research and education.

Among other searches, Funk cited one to lead the 10-campus University of California system. But he said this position was far different than Carolina’s because of responsibilities including managing three national laboratories.

Funk’s firm was also retained by the UC system to identify a successor to President Robert Dynes following his announcement last August about stepping down.

Funk also speculated about potential university system and campus tensions as factors in new vacancies at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge and the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

Sean O’Keefe, LSU chancellor since 2005, resigned earlier this month effective June 1, and the system president will appoint an acting chancellor starting Feb. 1. Also this month, UT-Knoxville Chancellor Loren Crabtree jointly announced with the system president an immediate resignation. An interim chancellor has been named.

At the flagship University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, Chancellor John White announced his plans to retire later this year after 11 years in office. The system president recommended the university’s current vice chancellor for university advancement to become the next chancellor. Campus trustees approved the appointment, effective July 1, last Friday.

At the University of South Carolina, President Ella B. Bridgers has announced his retirement plans, effective July 11, after six years in office. A search committee began meeting in mid-January.

“It’s a pretty active president and chancellor marketplace right now,” Funk told the University’s search committee members.

Additional meetings are scheduled in February and March.

Students in Carolina’s residence halls are taking shorter showers — judging from the first month’s results of the Water Conservation Challenge, the contest between Carolina’s on-campus residents and their counterparts at N.C. State to see which campus can save the most water in residence halls.

Before the contest kicked off Nov. 10, administrators at each school determined a baseline water use per student per day: 34 gallons at UNC, 31 at N.C. State. The competition’s three criteria and results for the first month are:

- Decrease in gallons of water used per student per day — four gallons at both campuses;
- Average water use per student per day — 30 at UNC, 27 at N.C. State; and
- Overall reduction in gallons of water used per student per day — 12 percent at UNC, 13 percent at N.C. State.

In remarks to the Board of Trustees last week, both Chancellor James Moeser and Student Body President Eve Carson reiterated the importance of conservation.

“Students in campus housing are continuing to conserve, engaging in some friendly competition with their peers at N.C. State, but Trustee Carson and I are hoping to encourage our students to do even more,” Moeser said. “The contest ends Feb. 20 so we need our students to keep their focus on water conservation. We’re hoping for a strong performance during this last phase of the competition.”

When the contest ends, the school that leads in at least two of the three categories will be declared the winner. Updates for the second month of competition and the final results will be posted at rhau.unc.edu.

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University creates research compliance partner

They have been called compliance point guards, although they are reluctant to use that metaphor. Juliann Tenney and Sherrie Settle prefer to think of themselves as comprehensive project managers. However you describe them, the two women who lead the University’s new Research Compliance Office provide guidance on regulatory laws as University researchers navigate the path from research concept to clinical trial.

“Compliance is an awkward nomenclature for what should be expressed as doing the right thing or following the rules,” said Tenney, director of the office and institutional research compliance officer. “At UNC we have aspirational objectives to do the best job we can, not just the job we are required to do.”

The people who run the trial—an experiment that can involve either people or animals—need to be aware of regulatory guidelines and laws governing how the research should be conducted, she said.

“The same is true for the groups that approve, monitor and review the experiments for ethics and safety: the Institutional Review Board (IRB) for human subjects and the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) for animals.”

“These groups, which are made up of people within the institution and from the community, represent the real conscience of the institution,” Tenney said.

Typically, researchers and regulators know the minutiae of the regulations very well, she said. The Research Compliance Office wants to create a process that supports those efforts and forges a partnership.

Supporting the research process

Tenney and Settle, the office’s assistant director and the conflict of interest officer, step in to develop systems to help people understand operational responsibilities and create mechanisms to ensure that they are performed effectively.

“We don’t do compliance to people, which is what people sometimes think,” Tenney said. “Researchers are responsible for running a compliant process and we’re here to help make sure that happens.”

With its roots in the Office of University Counsel, the Research Compliance Office became a separate entity when Tenney and Settle came on board last year. The office reports directly to Chancellor James Moeser, but is also guided by Leslie Strohm, vice chancellor and general counsel, and Tony Waldrop, vice chancellor for research and economic development.

Compliance issues run the gamut from privacy and consent to the health, safety and ethical treatment of participants to conflict of interest.

“All institutions are dealing with conflict of interest because we want to be sure that research isn’t biased due to a financial or even a university interest,” Tenney said. “We want the research to be pure, meaning uncluttered by other considerations of financial improvement or enhancement.”

Ideally, the work of the Research Compliance Office is so intertwined with the research process that people interact with the office without even knowing it, Settle said.

For instance, the conflict of interest reporting system, which the office launched Jan. 2, walks investigators through a series of screening questions when they submit a proposal to RAMSeS, the Office of Research Information Systems’ online research proposal tool.

“It is a very simple six-question radio button process,” Settle said. “When they use it, researchers have actually already interacted with our office, but from their perspective they are just finishing their research proposal. And that’s what it should be.”

In that same unobtrusive manner, the compliance offices delve into relevant laws and regulations whenever issues or concerns arise.

“Our mantra is to be audit-ready all the time,” Tenney said. “Worse, so if it happens to happen that a review occurs, our goal is to get through it successfully.”

Tenney said.

Wide range of experience

While the University’s office is new, both Tenney and Settle are veterans when it comes to research oversight.

Settle joined the office last May after a decade in the School of Pharmacy, where she served as grants management officer, then as administrative director for research and graduate education. In 2005, she received a UNC Excellence in Research Administration Award in honor of her work.

Before coming to Carolina, Settle worked in research programs at Virginia Tech, the University of Pittsburgh and the University of Virginia. She holds a bachelor’s degree in English from Virginia and master’s degrees in business administration and health administration from Pittsburgh.

Tenney, who joined the office in July, held similar positions at Duke University for nearly 10 years. After designing and leading the medical school’s compliance for animals, for six years, she became the first director of Duke’s Institutional Ethics and Compliance Program.

Tenney earned her bachelor’s degree in English and history at Carolina and her law degree at Duke. Her private practice experience focused on general civil law, and she worked in the public sector as assistant secretary of the N.C. Department of Commerce, director of corporate and economic development of the N.C. Biotechnology Center and head of the Southern Growth Policies Board before heading to Duke.

Although Carolina is much larger than Duke,

UNC system explores greater flexibility in managing human resources programs

The Employee Forum on Jan. 9 discussed the implications of a draft proposal from a 21-member human resources task force that would give universities in the UNC system greater flexibility to develop and manage human resources programs.

The task force was composed of representatives from each of the 16 campuses and included chancellors, provosts, chief financial officers, human resource officers, faculty and staff.

Charles T. “Chuck” Brink, a former Employee Forum member who now represents Carolina on the UNC system’s Staff Assembly, made the presentation.

UNC President Erskine Bowles appointed the task force to examine the application of the State Personnel Act to the UNC system, with the following goals:

- Improve the ability of the UNC system to attract, reward and retain high-quality employees;
- Enable the UNC system to better meet the needs of its employees; and
- Improve the efficiency of the UNC system personnel operations.

According to an executive summary of the draft report Brink presented, the task force will recommend that the UNC system request legislation granting it authority to create “substantially equivalent” human resources programs, subject to the approval of the Office of State Personnel and the State Personnel Commission.

Forum Chair Ernie Patterson said this was a complex, important issue and that forum members should try to understand the proposal’s implications if it should go into effect.

A key issue, he said, was to understand precisely what “substantially equivalent” means. Brink said the UNC system decided to seek greater flexibility under the State Personnel Act after conducting an internal study in 2006-07 to determine the feasibility of creating a separate personnel system for all UNC system campuses. That idea was ultimately rejected.

If Bowles signs off on the task force’s proposal, it could be presented to the UNC Board of Governors in February. If approved by the BOG, the idea would be forwarded for consideration in March to the N.C. General Assembly.

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Faculty contribute to Carolina First campaign success

When it comes to fundraising, success helps breed success.

The recently completed Carolina First campaign, which brought in a record $2.38 billion, created 208 new endowed professorships, eight more than the goal. The success of that effort was due in large part to the stature of Carolina’s faculty, Matt Kupec, vice chancellor for University advancement, told the Faculty Council at its Jan. 25 meeting.

“You are our shining star that helped us be able to recruit and retain outstanding faculty members,” he said.

Besides being the fifth-largest completed campaign in the nation, the eight-year fundraising effort exceeded expectations in many areas.

Every professional school and unit surpassed its individual goal, and the percentage of money contributed by Carolina’s alumni exceeded the national average. Alumni donations made up 36 percent of the campaign goal, compared to 28 percent nationwide.

“At Carolina, we are blessed to have some very loyal alumni who want to give back and make sure future generations have the opportunity to thrive here,” Kupec said.

Through two new commitments, the University strengthened its ties to women, recruiting 105 women to serve on boards across campus, and to minorities, adding 62 minority members to Carolina’s Board of Visitors during the course of the campaign. In turn, those groups yielded many new donors — 18,000 additional female donors in the past three years and 4,300 new minority donors between 2000 and 2006.

Even with the campaign’s success, Kupec said, the University has to look toward its next campaign, probably in 2011.

“If we’re going to make this a better state, nation and world, we can’t afford to stop engaging our alumni in the life of this institution,” he said.

“We want to continue to showcase the things you are doing. The key is really to talk about what you’re doing every day; it doesn’t matter whether we’re in a campaign or not.”

Brenda Gray-Little, executive vice chancellor and provost, said that one priority for the next fundraising campaign would be graduate student fellowships.

“The Graduate School has raised private funds for fellowships, and we have dramatically more than we did five years ago,” she said, “but it still is not enough.”

Other action

The council unanimously approved support for a campuswide sabbatical program and agreed to begin a dialogue about how such a program could be structured.

Harvey Seim, associate professor of marine sciences and chair of the Faculty Research Committee, said most peer institutions had regular sabbatical programs. He presented the idea as a way to help grow Carolina’s research enterprise.

“The University has a strategy of operating $1 billion in annual external funding by 2011. “The committee thought a sabbatical program could provide time to think, which

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Mellon Foundation funds innovative interdisciplinary civil rights scholarship

The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation of New York will support a collaborative effort on civil rights between the University and UNC Press.

The three-year, $937,000 grant will support "Publishing the Long Civil Rights Movement," a project that, through print and digital publications, will underscore one of Carolina's longstanding academic priorities: interdisciplinary civil rights scholarship.

The four principal investigators who will lead the project are Kate Douglas Torrey, director of the UNC Press; Jacqueline Dowell Hall, director of the Southern Oral History Program in the Center for the Study of the American South; Julius Chambers, director of the Center for Civil Rights in the School of Law; and Richard Szary, associate university librarian for special collections.

The grant to Carolina is part of a larger program at the Mellon Foundation intended to advance humanistic scholarship by developing new and thoughtful ways of connecting the publishing activities of university presses with the academic priorities of their universities. Other grants in this program have been made to the University of Minnesota and the University of Pennsylvania.

Hall's essay, "The Long Civil Rights Movement and the Political Uses of the Past," delivered as her presidential address to the National Organization of American Historians, provided a foundation for the Mellon grant.

An expanded framework

A central theme of Hall's essay was that the narrative of the Civil Rights Movement had been erroneously limited to the tumultuous decade between the 1954 Supreme Court decision Brown v. Board of Education, which made school segregation illegal, and the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Hall argued that the "long Civil Rights Movement" began with the liberal and radical milieu of the late 1930s and continued with the chronology of the Civil Rights Movement, the underpinnings of desegregation.

Opening rich possibilities

Torrey said that in addition to challenging the conventional understanding of the chronology of the Civil Rights Movement, the grant-funded project would be challenging the usual geographic, demographic and thematic definitions of civil rights.

"We can also see how the oral history component will open up all kinds of rich possibilities," Torrey said. "Through this grant, we will be able to explore new opportunities for linking audio materials with textual materials and photographs to reinforce and illuminate scholarly and legal analysis."

It ensures the status of the classical phase as a triumphal movement in a larger American progress narrative, yet it undermines its gravitas. It prevents one of the most remarkable mass movements in American history from speaking effectively to the challenges of our time.

Advancing University priorities

Gray-Little said the focus on the Long Civil Rights Movement would directly advance many of the University's academic priorities, including efforts to extend interdisciplinary research, education and public service.

Torrey said Carolina, as the oldest public university in the nation, and the UNC Press, as the oldest university publishing house in the South, are recognized nationally for a commitment to public service and exploring controversial issues that challenge personal and public thinking.

Since the late 1920s, UNC Press has sustained an ongoing program of books by and about African-Americans, she said, and this grant will build on the press's robust and progressive publishing program.

"We are very pleased about this outstanding Mellon Foundation grant that will help to strengthen the collaboration between UNC Press and UNC-Chapel Hill. This enhanced collaboration will create an exciting opportunity to generate some important work about the Civil Rights Movement," said Harold Martin, UNC system senior vice president for academic affairs and member of the Board of Governors of UNC Press, an affiliate unit of the UNC system.

Through the grant, Torrey hopes to align UNC Press with the strengths of the University to create a powerful platform that could serve as a catalyst for collaboration and shared capital investment in University-based publishing.

Torrey, who has been director of UNC Press since 1992, said the press has long been a leader in making its titles available to libraries in non-print as well as traditional in-print book formats. Still, Torrey said, economic pressures have limited the extent to which the press can experiment with different digital forms.

"The expertise and the dollars involved in entering the digital arena present a high hurdle for university presses," Torrey said. "The Mellon Foundation has given us support to experiment."

Digital publishing platform

Szary said the University Library, the Southern Oral History Program and UNC Press would bring a complementary set of expertise and skills to the project. Szary was hired in fall 2006 to the newly created position of director of the Louis Round Wilson Library and associate university librarian for special collections.

The Wilson Library collections include the Manuscripts Department (comprising the Southern Historical Collection, Southern Folklore Collection and University Archives), the North Carolina Collection (including the North Carolina Collection Gallery and Photographic Archives) and the Rare Book Collection.

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Chemistry researcher sees potential of Innovation Center

What happens when bacteria become resistant to antibiotics? The question intrigued Matt Redinbo, professor of chemistry, biochemistry and biophysics — not just from a scientific standpoint, but also from a public health perspective.

Discovering how to kill antibiotic-resistant bacteria in patients could stop the dangerous spread of E. coli, staph infections and hospital-acquired pneumonia. Yet many big pharmaceutical companies are not interested in developing products to fight these resistant strains of bacteria, leaving it to University researchers like Redinbo and his team to turn their discoveries into life-saving products for the public.

“We got interested in this, in part, because big pharma doesn’t work on this as much as it should,” Redinbo said, “in part, because in my kid’s lifetime, a simple kidney infection is going to be a major problem.”

“It’s going to take someone who is uninterested a priori by a profit motive to make key discoveries,” he added. “If we don’t have a company willing to get into it, we’re locking ourselves into a long-term situation.”

So, with the help of the Office of Technology Development, Redinbo founded Exigent Pharmaceuticals Inc. in 2007. The office helped him apply for a patent and begin to develop a product. But Redinbo will have to go off campus to find the space needed for his spin-off company.

“That’s where the Carolina Innovation Center will come in perfectly,” Redinbo said. “We need laboratory space. We need a space where we can meet with the management team of the company. I need it to be close to where I meet with my research team here at Carolina. I can’t imagine a better situation than having the Innovation Center as a tenant. It makes Chapel Hill and the RTP area an even better place to come and do research.”

As the first building slated for the mixed-use academic campus, the Innovation Center will set the tone for Carolina North.

“I believe our faculty need this facility and they need it now,” Chancellor James Moeser has said. “Many faculty working on start-up companies have had to find space outside the University.”

Faculty like Matt Redinbo. He is interested in the Innovation Center for the space he could use to grow his company, Exigent Pharmaceuticals, and for the buzz that would be created by a new business accelerator associated with the University.

“It makes Chapel Hill and the RTP area an even better place to come and do research,” Redinbo said. “We want Chapel Hill and North Carolina to be at the very top of that list.”
Upcoming lectures on campus

- Jewish music and Jewish merchants in the post-Civil War South are among topics to be explored in a spring lecture series presented by the Carolina Center for Jewish Studies. All are held at 7:30 p.m. in the Stone Center’s theater.

- The next talk, “Jewish Merchants and Former Slaves: The Economic Relationship in the Post-Civil War South,” is Feb. 4 and presented by Eric Goldstein, director of the Graduate Program in Jewish Studies at Emory University. (www.unc.edu/ccjs/events.html; call 962-1599.)

- Also on Feb. 4, a project that helps developing countries improve their computer skills and digital communications is the focus of a lecture presented by Cliff Misser of Widernet.org and egranary.org. He speaks about his efforts and successes in bringing the “Internet in a Box” to places where wires and wireless don’t reach, particularly in Africa.

- The event is held in the Pleasantas Family Room of Wilson Library from 3 to 5 p.m.

- Siva Vaidhyanathan is the featured presenter at the 2008 Henderson Lecture, hosted by the School of Information and Library Science on Feb. 6 at 3 p.m. in the auditorium of the FPG Student Union. His lecture is titled “The Human Knowledge Project (Part 1): Four Conceptual Errors concerning Massive Digital Library Projects.” (sils.unc.edu/news/releases/2007/11_hendersonlecture.htm.)

- The Institute for the Arts and Humanities (IAH) hosts the 15th Mary Stokes Reckford Memorial Lecture in European Studies on Feb. 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the Tate-Turner-Kuralt Auditorium. Joan W. Scott, Harold F. Lindner Professor of Social Science at the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton University, speaks on “COVER-UP: French Gender Equality and the Islamic Headscarf.”

- Also on Feb. 7, the Morehead Planetarium and Science Center presents the next topic in its Current Science Forums series, “Victory at Any Cost.” “Victory at Any Cost” explores how steroids and other performance enhancers affect the body and offers a behind-the-scenes look at the science behind these substances.

- The program is free and open to the public and begins at 7 p.m. in the planetarium’s Banquet Hall. (Call 962-1236.)

- On Feb. 8 and Feb. 9 the IAH hosts the sixth workshop of the “Gender, Politics and the Islamic Headscarf.” It is held in Hyde Hall.

- The workshop is organized by Karen Hagemann in cooperation with Chad Bryan, both UNC history professors, and the UNC Graduate Working Group on Gender History. (www.unc.edu/gpc.)

- The Program in the Humanities and Human Values presents “Israel at 60: History, Politics, Problems and Prospects” from 9:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Feb. 16. The seminar features Gerhard L. Weinberg, William Rand Kenan Jr. Professor of History Emeritus. Tuition is $135. (www.unc.edu/depts/human; call 962-1544.)

- The Kenan-Flagler Business School’s Dean’s Speaker Series presents Tom Gardner and David Gardner on Feb. 25 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in Koury Auditorium of the McColl Building. The Gardners are co-founders of the investment service The Motley Fool. Reserve seats by e-mailing kbfsrvp@unc.edu or calling 843-7787.

Nominations for campus awards

- Feb. 7 is the deadline to make nominations for C. Knox Massey Distinguished Service Awards. The criterion is “unusual, meritorious or superior contribution made by an employee, past or present, to the University ...” Chancellor James Moeser will present each of the six recipients with an award of $6,000 during the spring luncheon. The certificates for excellence in student activities and leadership are due Feb. 8.

- The Carolina Center for Public Service (CCPS) solicits nominations for three awards: the Ned Brooks Award for Public Service, the Robert E. Bryan Public Service Award and the Office of the Provost Engaged Scholarship Award. These awards recognize individual students, faculty, and staff members of the UNC system for extraordinary public service and engaged scholarship. Winners will receive a monetary award and be honored at the annual Public Service Awards luncheon in April. Submit nominations by letter — including the signature of the nominator — or online — including the signature of the nominator, or online — to the Office of the Provost Engaged Scholarship, E-mail ccps@unc.edu; call 843-7568.)

- Nominations are now being accepted for the following UNC honorary societies: The Order of the Golden Fleece; The Order of the Graal-Valkyries; The Order of the Old Well; The Frank Porter Graham Graduate and Professional Student Honor Society. Each of these societies has a long history of recognizing outstanding members of the UNC community. (gpsf-wiki.unc.edu/index.php?title=Nominations.)

- Nominations are open through 5 p.m., Feb. 15. (www.unc.edu/cps/public-service-awards/index.php. E-mail ccps@unc.edu; call 843-7568.)

- Applications for C. Knox Massey Distinguished Service Awards luncheon in April. Submit nominations by letter — including the signature of the nominator — or online — including the signature of the nominator, or online — to the Office of the Provost Engaged Scholarship, E-mail ccps@unc.edu; call 843-7568.)

Celebrate life forces at garden’s summer camp

- This summer, the great outdoors will be a place for investigation and discovery, as North Carolina Botanical Garden campers celebrate life forces — earth, air, fire, water and spirit. Field trips, visiting scientists and naturalists, and nature-inspired outdoor activities will inspire campers to take a closer look at the wonders of the natural world. Camp takes place on the grounds of the garden.

- Registration begins Feb. 11 for garden members and Feb. 18 for nonmembers.

- The session for 6- to 8-year-olds is July 7 to 11. The session for 9- to 11-year-olds is July 14 to 18. Both sessions meet from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., with the option of extended hours to 4:30 p.m.

- Cost is $170 for members, $190 for nonmembers, and $45 for the extended day option.

- Applications for junior counselors will be accepted from March 3 to May 5.

- For information, call Nancy Easterling (962-0522) or e-mail easterly@email.unc.edu.

Playmakers to present Pulitzer winners in rotating repertory

- PlayMakers Repertory Company will bring audiences the rotating repertory experience through March 2, with two main-stage productions running on an alternating schedule.

- Both plays — “Doubt, A Parable” and “Topdog/Underdog” — are recent Broadway hits that won Pulitzer Prizes. All performances are in the Paul Green Theatre, inside the University Center for the Performing Arts. For information, visit www.playmakersrep.org.

Public invited to attend free blood clot seminar

- The public is invited to attend a free seminar on blood clots March 1, held from 8:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Hilton Raleigh-Durham Airport at Research Triangle Park, 4810 Old Page Road in Durham. Registration opens at 8 a.m.

- The seminar, sponsored by the Office of the Chancellor, the Office of the Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost and the Carolina Women’s Center, will present each of the six recipients with an award of $6,000 during the spring luncheon. The certificates for excellence in student activities and leadership are due Feb. 8.
The Carolina sponsor is the UNC Thrombophilia program at the Carolina Cardiovascular Biology Center, as part of Deep Vein Thrombosis Awareness Month in March.

Register by Feb. 23 (unchealthcare.org/bloodclotseminar). For more information, call Cheryl Jeaneret (843-2568) or refer to www.nattinfo.org.

**Jazz festival begins Feb. 28**

The Carolina Jazz Festival kicks off its 30th year Feb. 28 through March 3 with performances by the N.C. Jazz Repertory Orchestra, Kenny Garrett, Nicholas Payton, Ron Westray, Steve Wilson, Terri Lyne Carrington, and UNC and the N.C. Regional High School jazz ensembles. (www.unc.edu/music/jazzfest.)

**Tour new basketball museum Feb. 7**

The General Alumni Association’s Lifelong Learning series hosts a tour and talk in the new Carolina Basketball Museum Feb. 7, from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Presenters include Adam Lucas, editor of Tar Heel Monthly magazine; Steve Kirschner, associate athletic director/communications; and Fred King, freelance associate producer for ESPN.

The museum is located in the new home for much of Carolina athletics, the Ernie Williamson Athletics Center, located east of the Smith Center and Koury Natatorium. Call Steff Kinton (843-5115) to register for the tour and more information.

**‘PepperPot’ opens Feb. 22 at Brown Gallery**

An opening reception is Feb. 22 from 7 to 9 p.m. for “PepperPot,” a multimedia installation featuring the works of artists Andrea Chung, Lauren Kelley, Morolake Odeleye and Cosmo Whyte. Each artist places an emphasis on making the materials at the center of the meaning in their work.

The exhibit will be mounted at the Robert and Sallie Brown Gallery and Museum in the Stone Center. (bibliol.org/slschc.)

**Salamanders focus of workshop**

North Carolina Botanical Garden naturalist and writer Bob Palmatier discloses secrets about the spotted salamanders’ instinctive migration to the vernal pond and features of their life cycle in a Feb. 23 workshop: “Spotted Salamanders of the Vernal Pond.”

This family-oriented workshop includes an indoor slide presentation and live spotted salamanders in terrariums, as well as exploration outside. (ncbg.unc.edu/pages/26/)

**Learn traditional Arabic dances**

The FedEx Global Education Center in collaboration with the Arab Student Organization offers women the free opportunity to learn traditional Arabic belly dancing on Jan. 31, from 8 to 9 p.m. in the center’s atrium. (LearnIt.unc.edu/workshops.)

A Games4Learning discussion, “Legal Issues in Virtual Worlds,” considers how the law might be applied in virtual worlds, on Feb. 5, from 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. in Room 203 of the Campus Y.

**Garden celebrates Darwin’s birthday with two events**

Two events hosted by the North Carolina Botanical Garden will mark the birthday of Charles Darwin, visionary biologist who was born on Feb. 12, 1809.

On Feb. 12, from 1 to 4 p.m., there is a free Charles Darwin (and Abe Lincoln) birthday tour of the garden. Johnny Randall, assistant director for conservation, will lead a walk through the garden grounds and trails.

Also on Feb. 12, William Kimpler, associate professor of history at N.C. State University, discusses “Darwin the Botanist,” including the influence of botany and some famous botanists on Darwin’s training and on his work as a naturalist.

The talk takes place from 7 to 9 p.m. Cost is $10 or $8 for garden members. Call 962-0522 to register.

**Register for HAVEN training**

The HAVEN program (Help Advocate Violence Ending Now?) provides ally training for students affected by sexual and relationship violence. HAVEN allies serve as “safe spaces” for students who need information, referrals and support.

If you are interested in learning more about HAVEN training, e-mail Melinda Manning, dean of students, (manning@email.unc.edu). Allies will be required to attend one four-hour training program and will receive a notebook of resource material.

**Applications accepted for research small grant program**

The deadline for University Research Council (URC) Small Grant Program awards is Feb. 25. The Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Economic Development sponsors a small grant program for full-time faculty and professional librarians at UNC. There are two types of grants, Research and Publication. A faculty member may submit only one URC proposal each semester. The maximum total award is $5,000 to be used over a two-year period. (research.unc.edu/red/internal.php; call Jennifer Pruett, 962-7777.)

**N.C. capital punishment topic of library panel, exhibit**

“Facing Controversy: Struggling with Capital Punishment in North Carolina” is the topic of a panel discussion Feb. 5 in Wilson Library and an exhibit of the same name in Wilson and Davis libraries through Feb. 28.

The discussion takes place at 5:45 p.m. in the Pleasants Family Assembly Room, preceded by a reception at 5 p.m. Featured speakers will be: Rex Gore, district attorney for Bladen, Brunswick and Columbus counties; Sen. Eleanor Kinnaird; Trina Setz, a professor of sociology at Appalachian State University; and Seth Koch, a Ph.D. candidate at UNC. (Contact Liza Terll at 962-4207 or liza_terll@unc.edu.)

The exhibits in Davis and Wilson Library use original documents, photographs and other primary source materials from the special collections in Wilson Library to trace a timeline through the many perspectives on capital punishment in our state.

The exhibit and discussion are free and open to the public. Both are sponsored by the Southern Historical Collection in Wilson Library and contribute to the 2007-08 campuswide discussion of the death penalty.

**$4 million supports medical research programs**

Postdoctoral research associate Katie Hoadley, center, briefs U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Dole, right, and Elta Pisano, vice dean for academic affairs in the School of Medicine, left, on research efforts leading to breast cancer treatment during Dole’s Jan. 18 visit to the UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center. Hoadley works in the laboratory of Chuck Perou, associate professor of genetics. The lab is using DNA microarrays to identify genes defining each type of breast cancer and find mouse models that best fit the characteristic of each subtype.

Dole was on campus to announce that she helped secure nearly $4 million for three major health research initiatives at Carolina: $2.4 million for the North Carolina Cancer and Genomics Research Center, $560,310 for the Program in Racial Disparities and Cardiovascular Disease and $984,000 for the Collaborative Initiative in Biomedical Imaging.

“This groundbreaking research will help diagnose, treat and prevent diseases that afflict far too many North Carolinians, such as cancer, cardiovascular disease and diabetes,” Dole said.

Pisano thanked Dole for her efforts to support the University Cancer Research Fund. “We promise to use these appropriations to do great things for the people of North Carolina and the nation,” said Pisano, who is also Kenan Professor of Radiology and Biomedical Engineering and director of the Biomedical Research Imaging Center.

The North Carolina Cancer and Genomics Research Center will be the lead research institution in the Department of Defense’s National Functional Genomics Center research consortium, which researches the molecular basis of cancer and develops tools to improve early diagnosis and treatment.

The Program in Racial Disparities and Cardiovascular Disease at UNC and East Carolina University examines how racial disparities contribute to differences in health care, especially with regard to cardiovascular disease.

The Collaborative Initiative in Biomedical Imaging is a joint effort with UNC-Charlotte that is revolutionizing the study and treatment of complex diseases such as diabetes, heart disease and cancer through state-of-the-art imaging instruments.
Gerald Unks is no moralist. He will say that he is no historian, either, but merely a teacher who insists that students who enter his class will understand history better when they leave it.

Or at least the part of history he covers in Education 41, “The School in American Society.” And that is a pretty big deal. Unks has taught the class to more than 23,000 students since he joined the faculty of the School of Education 42 years ago.

It was in that course six or seven years ago, as he was trying to explain de jure segregation, that the inspiration for the 35-minute film, “The Town Before Brown” sprang to mind when several students asked him if segregation enforced by law was everywhere in the South.

The students gave him incredulous stares. “You’re kidding me,” they responded. They simply could not believe that such a system ever existed.

Yes, he said, de jure segregation was uniformly enforced across the states that comprised the old Confederacy and into parts of the Midwest, including southern Indiana and Illinois.

“It was everywhere, including Chapel Hill,” Unks told them, then watched as their mouths dropped in disbelief. The thought that an oppressive system could have been practiced in a place this progressive seemed unfathomable to them.

It was at that moment that Unks, professor of the social foundation of education and winner of three University teachings awards, knew he had to do something.

Through his students, Unks came to realize that the civil rights movement had been well documented, but that the time period immediately before it had not.

“The Town Before Brown” features interviews with individuals, both black and white, who lived in Chapel Hill during the segregation era. With their stories, Unks hoped to penetrate his students’ skepticism.

Through the stories, the film reveals how de jure segregation was an omnipresent fact of life in Chapel Hill prior to the 1954 landmark Brown v. Board of Education decision that struck down the “separate but equal” clause that had sanctioned segregated schools.

“That was the genesis of the project,” Unks said. “Quite frankly, I was preparing a classroom aid was all it was. But over time, it grew.”

It grew in scope and quality, Unks said, because of the partnership he forged with Cary Gillenwater, now a first-year doctoral student in culture, curriculum and change, who ended up serving as co-producer and videographer of the film.

As Unks said, “We clicked.”

He estimates that 95 percent of the work — the hours of research in the library, coupled with the hours spent taping interviews — took place in the past six months. But in the seven years that have passed since that education class, the idea took root in his imagination and in a folder that grew increasingly thick as he kept adding clippings for the project.

“It was always there,” Unks said, demanding his full attention.

**Segregation in Chapel Hill**

The film is stylistically and thematically organized with chapter headings that set up the interviews, which are interspersed with still photographs that reveal how segregation was imposed and enforced in Chapel Hill and throughout the South.

As one chapter heading described it, “Segregation in Chapel Hill survived because of tradition, law and fear.”

In 1953, segregation on the basis of race was the law in 21 states as well as the District of Columbia, one page read. Segregation existed everywhere across the South, including places presumed to be “liberal.”

Even in Chapel Hill.

In 1953, the town had nine restaurants, five barber shops, eight beauty parlors, four movie theaters, two funeral parlors, two cemeteries, four schools and a university. All were segregated on the basis of race.

As Reginald Smith, one of the African-Americans interviewed for the film, expressed: “Chapel Hill had an image of being very liberal outwardly. But underneath it, it was a little different sometimes. That image was portrayed because of the University.”

Don Pollitt, professor of law emeritus, is interviewed in the film to explain how de jure segregation was sanctioned under N.C. General Statute 115-2, which stated: “The children of the white race and the children of the colored race shall be taught in separate public schools, but there shall be no discrimination in favor of or to the prejudice of either race. All white children shall be taught in the public schools provided for the white race, and all colored children shall be taught in the public schools provided for the colored race…”

On paper, separate but equal was the law. But in the everyday lives of white and black families, the film portrays, it was a fiction whites bought and blacks knew better than to believe.

But for generations, both whites and blacks accepted it as a way of life that would not be changed.

As Rebecca Clark, an African-American woman interviewed for the film put it, “We was born into segregation. We didn’t know no different.”

Churches, even hospitals, were also segregated, as were the schools.

The U.S. Supreme Court handed down Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas on May 17, 1954, striking down the legality of “separate but equal.” But that way of life took longer to change because of the white resistance that continued for more than a decade afterward.

In Chapel Hill, no consequential effort was made to desegregate public schools until 1961.

**After the Civil Rights Act**

In 1964, Congress enacted the Civil Rights Act, making it a federal crime to segregate public accommodations on the basis of race. Chapel Hill High School was not desegregated until 1966.

The University was completely segregated, too, and the administration made little effort to change things, largely because it lacked the political power or the legal jurisdiction to do so.

Wayne Bowers, a white man interviewed for the film, said the University’s administration in the 1940s and 1950s was caught between the state legislature, which fought desegregation as much as possible, and members of its own faculty who pushed for integration.

As Bowers said, “They were always worried about the money from Raleigh and Raleigh was not very keen on the idea.”

In the film, there is a clip of a 1962 interview of Frank Porter Graham provided by the UNC Center for Public Television. Graham, a former president of the Consolidated University, explained that he did not have the power to admit Negroes during his tenure.

“I couldn’t as president lawfully admit Negroes to the University, but as president I could say we don’t have to send them up to the (movie) gallery,” Graham said.

The effect of that law, Pollitt said, was to create a kind of “serfdom” by race. There were no black students or faculty members at Carolina, Pollitt said, and, “Every black who was employed by the University had a broom or a shoed.”

As bad as that was, it could have been worse, the film suggested. The level of intellect and sophistication among the University faculty mollified the full impact of segregation.

Erle Peacock, a white man who grew up in segregated Chapel Hill, said faculty were recruited from all over the country, including Ivy League schools such as Harvard and Yale, and many of them wrote and talked in support of integration.

A white woman, Phyllis Barrett, said there was no tension between the races in those days and that relations were often friendly. “It really was a paternal society in that we looked after black people,” Barrett said.

But the friendship, and the respect that black people accorded whites and whites accorded blacks, were predicated on an unspoken but strictly enforced code that made everything between the two races separate as well as unequal.

Dorothy Stone, a black woman who grew up in the project, recalled that black people were always called by their first names, for instance, yet were required to call the white people they spoke with “Mr.” or “Mrs.” even if the white person was 30 years younger.

As the film pinpointed, if you were white you understood your sense of control, and if you were black you understood what your place was, where you could go and where you could not, what you could say and how you should say it. And in the end, it limited the kind of person you could be.

As Joel Williamson, professor of history emeritus, described, segregation was “an assault on the black person’s self-concept and sense of self-worth.”

Unks’ biggest surprise

Unks made the film as a teaching tool, but through the course of his interviews found that he was surprised at how contended the blacks were during that time.

“There is not one of those people who is angry,” Unks said. “That was a surprise. As one of the black men I spoke to put it, ‘You are born, you realize the situation and if you’ve got any intelligence you deal with the situation that’s there.’”

Unks said he planned to show the film to the Northside community in Chapel Hill and perhaps at his church, the Chapel of the Cross, where he was also surprised to learn that several of his interviewees attend.

Unks said anyone wishing to view the film or use it in class can contact him at 962-9785 or gunks@email.unc.edu. Anyone who wants a copy to keep can purchase it for $15.

And there may be another project soon to come.

Encouraged by the success of this first project, Unks and Gillenwater are already planning another. The first integrated class at Chapel Hill High School graduated in 1967 — the same year that Unks arrived in Chapel Hill to teach. Unks wants to talk to those students to find out if their expectations of going to an integrated school, both good and bad, matched their experiences.

He remains a teacher, after all, with more students to surprise.
University administrators presented plans to address both the health-care needs for the state's growing population and the shortage of health-care practitioners in North Carolina.

With UNC Hospitals beds already between 98 percent and 100 percent full, the current capacity cannot keep pace with patients' needs here in the fastest growing part of the state, William L. Roper, dean of the School of Medicine, vice chancellor for medical affairs and chief executive officer of the UNC Health Care System, told the trustees last week.

"We are jammed full all the time," he said. "We need to expand."

A proposed expansion that would include a new 320-bed patient bed tower and increased research and academic facilities would cost $732 million, with $406.5 million coming from UNC Hospitals, Roper said. The UNC Health Care System would ask the state for the remaining $325.5 million.

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Former law school dean recognized for UNC service

Her commitment to making Carolina a better and fairer place has defined Judith Wegner’s more than 25 years of service to the University. For her work as a faculty leader and former dean of the School of Law, Wegner was honored Jan. 18 with the General Alumni Association’s Faculty Service Award. The award, established in 1990, honors faculty members who have performed outstanding service to the University or the association.

Wegner, who came to Carolina in 1981, was dean of the law school from 1989 to 1999, after she worked as a teacher, legal scholar and associate dean of the school. From 2003 to 2006, she served as faculty chair and was the first former dean in more than 40 years to hold that post.

Wegner has taught and written about land use, property law, state and local government law and the rights of disabled persons. She helped create the University’s Public Service Roundtable, a volunteer group of faculty, staff and students that worked to establish the UNC Center for Public Service. She chaired the Committee on the Status of Women and co-chaired then-Chancellor Paul Hardin’s Committee on Community and Diversity.

As law school dean, Wegner diversified the school’s faculty and student body. As faculty chair, she addressed faculty retention and graduate student issues and ensured that logo licensing revenues would support merit-based academic scholarships.

“She believes deeply in the public mission of the University,” said Anne Whisnant, director of research, communications and programs for the Office of Faculty Governance. “She has a strong sense of justice and a sense that things can be better than they are. She’s an incredible dynamo about almost anything she takes on.”

Wegner is a delegate to the faculty assembly of the UNC system. She was president of the Association of American Law Schools and also helped start the African Law Initiative, an exchange program for students in 16 American law schools and eight law schools in Africa.

Ten faculty members are beginning spring IAH fellowships

“IAH Fellowships provide time for faculty to focus on specific research projects while exchanging their ideas with a diverse group of colleagues,” said John McGowan, IAH director and The Ruel W. Tyson Jr. Distinguished Professor of Humanities. “The conversations at the fellowship table create an intellectual community from which cutting-edge research and good teaching emerges.”

The Faculty Fellows, including two recipients of Chapman Family Faculty Fellowships, and the research topics they will pursue are:

- Karen Booth, associate professor, Curriculum in Women’s Studies, “Reading A2Z: The Cultural Politics of Global Medicine” (Chapman Fellow);
- Marianne Gingher, associate professor, Department of English and Comparative Literature, “A Woman at Play: The Coming of Age of a Writer” (a memoir) and “Speedos: An Anthology of Short Short Stories by 60 N.C. Writers” (editing and collecting) (Chapman Fellow);
- Banu Goekarikel, assistant professor, Department of Geography and Curriculum in International and Area Studies, “The Urban Spaces of Modern Muslim Women, Veiling as Fashion and Political Activism”;
- Perry Hall, associate professor, Department of African and Afro-American Studies, “Finding Fault: Lines and Sites of African American Cultural Production”;
- Jennifer Ann Ho, assistant professor, Department of English and Comparative Literature, “Passing Through Asian America: Mixed-Race Asian Americans in Late 20th-Century Culture”;
- Dale Hutchison, professor, Department of Anthropology, “Global Expansion, Social and Economic Transformation, and Health in the Colonial New World”;
- Laurie Maffly-Kipp, associate professor, Department of Religious Studies, “Hyper-Patriotism and Heresy: A History of Mormonism”;
- Michael McFee, professor, Department of English and Comparative Literature, Creative Writing Program, “New Poems and Essays”;
- Eric M. Myers, professor of Judaic Studies and director of the Center for Jewish Studies, Duke University, “Israel: The Archaeological Heritage”;
- Jocelyn Neal, assistant professor, Department of Music, “Individuality, Race, Gender, and Fan Identity in the Country Dance Hall”, and
- Krista Pereira, assistant professor, Department of Public Policy, “Latino Immigration and the American South.”

For more information, refer to www.iah.unc.edu.

Joyner to manage HR functions for faculty employment

Melanie Dawn Joyner has been appointed special assistant to the provost and director of academic personnel. She replaces Sylvia White who retires Jan. 31 after 33 years of service.

Joyner will provide management and supervision of the human resources functions that govern the employment of faculty. She will work with University administrators and managers on faculty recruitment, appointment, training, promotion and tenure, policy interpretation and development, academic personnel issues, and will work closely with Elmina Mangum, the senior associate provost.

Certified as a Professional in Human Resources, Joyner has worked almost exclusively in the human resources field — from positions in local and state government to positions in corporate and private industry. She was most recently employed as director of human resources at Carol Woods Retirement Community.

Joyner attended Michigan State University for post-graduate work and Virginia Union University for undergraduate work in chemistry.

DECORATIONS & DISTINCTIONS

Judith Benowitz
Ramon Sotelo
Jody Bare
Xiaoping Wu

Benowitz, Sotelo, Bare and Wu, all staff and associates of the Friday Center, were honored recently with 2007 Friday Center Awards.

Benowitz received the Best All-Around Award for her exemplary commitment to the center’s mission and goals and outstanding service to the center and its clients.

Sotelo received the Extra Mile Award in recognition of his initiative, creative problem-solving and performance above and beyond the call of duty.

Bare received the Sunshine Award, recognizing her positive attitude, promotion of team-building activities, and exceptional customer service.

Wu, who works with Information Technology Services, received the Center Service Award, recognizing outstanding effort by an individual or organization that provides service to the center.

Barbara Wildemuth

Professor in the School of Information and Library Science, Wildemuth has been elected to a three-year term as director-at-large for the American Society of Information Science and Technology (ASIS&T).

The ASIS&T board governs the organization of approximately 4,000 information scientists and library professionals in more than 50 countries worldwide. The organization’s mission is to “advance the information sciences and
Use online benefits resources to promote overall health

If you are covered under the State Health Plan, remember that the Comprehensive Major Medical Plan (CMMP) will be eliminated July 1.

If you are still enrolled in this plan, you may want to start to review other available options. Refer to the State Health Plan’s Web site at www.shpnc.org. There will be an annual enrollment this spring during which you can switch to one of the Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) plans.

Prescription drug tips

Register online with Medco, the pharmacy provider used by Blue Cross Blue Shield, at www.medco.com. If you use mail-order prescriptions, you can check on prescription status, reorder prescriptions and locate a pharmacy. In addition, you can price medications and use a new tool called “My RX Choices” that lets you find if there are lower-cost options for prescriptions you use that you can discuss with your doctor.

Blue Cross Blue Shield online resources

Register online with Blue Cross Blue Shield, www.bcbsnc.com, to find doctors and hospitals, check claims, request ID cards and review benefits. You can also use the health resource section for estimates on health services and find discounts for services not provided under the State Health Plan (such as alternative medicines or dietary supplements). To register, you will need your subscriber ID card, your date of birth and your zip code.

Also, check out the Blue Points program. Getting fit and staying healthy involves more than exercise — it is about learning what “healthy” means and making healthier lifestyle choices. The physical activity incentive program has been updated to include ways for members to earn points for participating in wellness activities, such as signing up for an online wellness program or understanding healthy cholesterol and blood pressure levels.

The Blue Points program also awards points for signing up for specific wellness programs. The latest health information and interactive tools, including meal planners, a BMI (body mass index) calculator, exercise demos and fitness diaries, are also available.

Supplemental retirement plan limits for 2008

The maximum annual limits that you can contribute to supplemental retirement plans for 2008 are:

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You can contribute to all three supplemental plans; however, contributions to the 401(k) and 403(b) plans are totaled together to meet the annual limits, while the 457(b) plan has its own annual limit.

For example, in 2008 you can contribute $15,500 to a 401(k) and/or 403(b), plus an additional $15,500 to the 457(b). If you are age 50 or older, you can contribute an additional $5,000.

Additionally, employees with 15 or more years of University service can contribute up to an additional $3,000 to the 403(b) if they have not contributed at the maximum levels in prior years. Provisions under the 457(b) provide opportunities to defer up to twice the contribution limit in the last three years before normal retirement.

You should contact your plan vendor to review your limit, and if necessary, complete a new Salary Reduction Agreement.

Carolina Kids

Camp accepting applications Feb. 11

Carolina Kids Camp, a summer day camp for school-age children ages 6 through 12, will begin accepting applications Feb. 11 on a first-come, first-served basis for the 2008 camp.

The camp is open to children of University permanent employees and students and children of UNC Health Care and General Alumni Association employees.

The 2008 camp, open to children who will be in grades 1–7 this fall, will run from June 16 through Aug. 8 (with no camp on July 4). All sessions will last one week. Carolina Kids Camp is located near Fetzer Gym and the Frank Porter Graham Student Union and operates Monday–Friday, with drop-off beginning at 7:30 a.m. and pick-up by 5:30 p.m.

Campers are able to enjoy the gyms, playing fields, swimming pool and other campus resources including group visits to campus facilities and visits from special presenters.

Carolina Kids Camp will be unable to offer the Junior Counselor program this summer.

Limited camp scholarships are available. Scholarship applications will be accepted Feb. 11–29.

To download an application, refer to hr.unc.edu/employees/spa-employees/workfamily/childcare/kidscamp. For more information on Carolina Kids Camp, contact Work/Life Programs at 962-6008 or worklife@unc.edu.

Adverse weather policy always in effect

The adverse weather policy is always in effect. Any time employees (both SPA and EPA non-faculty) cannot attend work due to a significant weather-related event, the policy applies.

This includes having to stay home to care for a child out of school due to adverse weather.

Human Resources has detailed adverse weather information available at hr.unc.edu/hottopics/adverseweather. This includes resources to determine the University’s current adverse weather condition, a link to the Department of Public Safety’s Web page and access to the adverse weather leave policies.

The University uses three adverse weather operating conditions:

■ Condition Level I: “Normal” weather conditions, so the University is open on a normal schedule. Staff can still navigate the campus and local areas safely.

■ Condition Level II: “Severe” weather, including heavy snow or ice and/or heavy accumulations, so public transportation is limited. Classes are canceled, but University offices are open.

■ Condition Level III: “Extreme” weather, such as unusually large accumulations of snow, ice or sleet. Law enforcement advises no one to travel except in an emergency. The University has been closed.

Non-emergency employees are responsible for their regular duties during Conditions I and II. They must account for any time missed and decide about coming to work based on personal safety. Only emergency employees must report to work during Condition III events.

Announcements about the closing of state government offices due to adverse weather do not apply to the University.

For details about the University’s current condition, employees can call the University’s Adverse Weather and Emergency Phone Line at 843-1234 or visit the UNC main home page, www.unc.edu, for updates.
Fire-safe cigarettes to become the norm

In the summer, Ernest Grant sees skin burned by outdoor grills, fireworks, brush fires and motor vehicle collisions. In the winter, the burns are from wood stoves and kerosene heaters.

But he said, there are certain types of serious burns that he treats all year long in the Jaycee Burn Center at UNC Hospitals, and those are the ones caused by fires started from cigarettes.

Grant, who is a nurse in the Jaycee Burn Center, said cigarette fires happen to the young and old. An elderly person smoking while using an oxygen machine can easily become relaxed enough to drop a burning cigarette. Other victims doze off before stubbing out their cigarettes, igniting their clothing or furniture.

Older smokers smoke at only half the rate of younger adults, and yet they are more than three times more likely to die in cigarette-related fires. And it is not just the smokers who are injured or killed in fires caused by cigarettes, Grant said — smokers’ children are most often the other victims.

But thanks to Grant, his colleagues and the results of research from Carolina’s Injury Prevention Research Center, smokers in North Carolina will soon be buying only fire-safe cigarettes.

Unlike regular cigarettes, fire-safe cigarettes have two or three bands of less-porous paper wrapped underneath the normal paper rolled around the tobacco. After you light a regular cigarette, it will slowly burn on its own all the way to the filter. Unless the cigarette is sitting in an ashtray or held safely away from its surroundings, the burning tobacco can easily ignite flammable clothing or furniture.

But the bands in fire-safe cigarettes act as speed bumps, allowing the cigarette to burn only until it reaches a band; then it extinguishes itself. The paper bands used in fire-safe cigarettes do not affect the taste or the cost, Grant said.

So Grant teamed up with his colleagues at UNC Hospitals and other Carolina researchers to start talks with state legislators, presenting the evidence that cigarettes account for more than 100,000 so-called fire deaths per year in North Carolina. And according to the Injury Prevention Research Center, using fire-safe cigarettes could prevent 50 to 60 fire-related deaths a year in North Carolina alone.

In 2005, there were more than 7,500 house fires in North Carolina. And of the many cigarette-burn patients Grant sees, most have been hurt in house fires. Even if people are lucky enough to escape such a blaze unburned, Grant said, “you might be out of a house for while.”

Grant’s arguments worked. According to new legislation in North Carolina, come 2010, every packet of cigarettes behind every convenience store counter in the state should bear a fire-safe stamp.

This legislation has been a long time coming. Grant said. Tobacco companies have known for decades how to make fire-safe cigarettes, but only in the past few years have individual states begun to pass legislation requiring the companies to manufacture them.

In 2007, the North Carolina-based RJ Reynolds Tobacco Company — the second-largest tobacco company in the country — announced that it would begin producing only fire-safe cigarettes by the end of 2009.

For the biggest tobacco-producing state in the country, Grant said, that is a pretty big deal.

New philanthropy program inspires Carolina students

Carolina students have always been active in supporting a variety of community organizations. This semester, they will have a hands-on opportunity to learn what is involved in managing the philanthropic process.

Carolina was one of five universities selected to participate in a new student-directed charitable giving program that aims to inspire young people to become involved with philanthropy. Students eligible, launched by the Fidelity Charitable Gift Fund and Campus Compact, will provide $15,000 to each school, to be overseen by students participating in nonprofit and philanthropy courses during the spring semester. The students will recommend which causes and qualified public charities to support and how to invest the money for future charitable grants.

In addition to Carolina, other participants are Boston University, California State University in Fresno, Portland (Ore.) Community College and Whitworth University in Spokane, Wash. Thirty-five universities and colleges nationwide submitted proposals. Throughout the semester, the Gift Fund and Campus Compact will provide access to charitable planning consultants and guidance and education on charitable giving topics, civic volunteering and giving through a donor-advised fund.

“We are thrilled to be selected to participate in the Students4Giving program,” said Lynn Blanchard, director of the Carolina Center for Public Service. “Our students are committed to supporting community organizations through the philanthropic process; strengthening their learning through an actual giving program that they manage and is connected to their course work and provides a real-world experience that will benefit them throughout their lives.”

A donor-advised fund program allows individuals, private foundations and businesses to make irrevocable contributions to the public charity sponsoring the program. The money is allocated to a specific account, known as the donor-advised fund, and account holders or advisers may recommend grants to qualified recipients.

Campus Compact is a coalition of more than 1,100 college and university presidents who work to fulfill the civic purposes of higher education. The Fidelity® Charitable Gift Fund™ has the largest donor-advised fund program in the country and promotes philanthropy by providing programs that encourage charitable giving.
UNC system research to help shape state's economic future

Carolina researchers will collaborate with their counterparts at 12 other UNC system campuses and several community colleges and private universities to undertake research with strong economic development potential.

Through grant awards totaling more than $3.8 million, these research efforts could also provide real solutions to problems facing the state and lead to the creation of new jobs.

The awards include $3 million appropriated by the North Carolina General Assembly for research on North Carolina’s economic future for proposals in biotechnology, nanotechnology, optics, health care, natural products, environmental science and marine science.

The funded projects, which were selected from 35 proposals, leverage more than $4 million in private and federal funding. Carolina is one of nine “lead” campuses receiving grant awards.

The awards coincide with the completion of a months-long series of forums asking people across North Carolina to share their needs and frustrations and to help identify ways in which the UNC system can address problems during the next 20 years.

Last month, the UNC Tomorrow Commission released draft recommendations that included strong support for more direct UNC system involvement in shaping the state’s economic future.

Carolina researchers will lead efforts to enhance regional water resource management (contact: Gregory Charudklit, associate professor of environmental sciences and engineering), establish a program aimed at increasing diversity among people involved in clinical translations research (contact: Margaret Dardess, associate vice chancellor for strategic alliances) and develop multi-functional biomedical devices for pediatric patients (contact: Keith Kocs, professor of pediatrics).

In addition, Carolina researchers are involved in efforts to develop a prototype biochemical sensor, miniaturized to chip scale; explore the juncture of the textiles and nanotechnology fields; and develop an environmental monitoring platform in the southern Panlico Sound.

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Compliance issues are similar from one institution to another, Tenney said. “The challenge is learning the people who are responsible for the well-being of the institution and developing an understanding of what is going on.”

Ongoing challenges

Resources are always a challenge, Tenney said, particularly those needed to monitor the research process from start to finish. Developing appropriate internal controls and a feedback mechanism to ensure that trials are conducted exactly as they were proposed to the IRB or IACUC is on her wish list for the future.

Another challenge is protecting the security of information in increasingly complex organizations, where a seemingly simple breach could hamper the entire research process.

“When people provide disclosures, it is our responsibility to protect that information as if it were any other type of critical personnel information,” Tenney said. “Sherrie and I are mindful that whenever we talk to someone, there are all kinds of strictures with regard to privacy.”

Because compliance is a shared responsibility, she said, the University has developed many resources to help researchers and administrators.

The Office of Clinical Trials offers a comprehensive training series (research.unc.edu/occt) for clinical research coordinators, the administrators who run clinical trials. “It truly is an exceptional training series,” Settle said.

Then, through the outsourced University Compliance Line, people can express anonymous, confidential concerns about financial, privacy or environment, health and safety aspects of campus research by calling 866-294-8688 or filing an online report at www.ethicspoint.com.

Questions about research compliance can be directed to the Research Compliance Office, 843-9953.

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remain strong without the airport. Medical Air Operations, the transportation arm of AHEC, would remain at Horace Williams until the Inno-Vation Center make a bold statement. Trustees
council members emerged during the course of work with local, state and federal agencies to help Airport. The University has also pledged to remain strong without the airport. Medical Air would move to a new building called for.

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Carolina North’s “front door” that leads more toward the dramatic than the nondescript. Perry, for instance, said he loved the soaring glass entrance to the building and the courtyard that blended interior and exterior space.

On the other hand, he thought the flanking glass wings lacked the kind of pizzazz that a signature building called for.

The full board also devoted nearly an hour to reviewing and critiquing the current design. The discussion ended with a call for University planners to put in place unifying guidelines for all of Carolina North.

To view the meeting, refer to chapelhill.granicus.com/VideoPlayer.php?view_id=3&clip_id=250.

Free compact fluorescent lamps available on campus

Since the Energy-Efficient Lighting Policy went into effect last September, the University has been working to replace all incandescent light bulbs with more energy-efficient compact fluorescent lamps.

The compact fluorescent lamps (CFL) use one-quarter as much electricity to create the same amount of light, produce less heat and last up to 10 times longer than the incandescent bulbs. They are designed to fit fixtures that use conventional screw-in bulbs, such as desk or floor lamps.

To help departments across campus make the switch, the Sustainability Office has purchased 4,000 CFLs and will supply them at no charge as long as supplies last.

“Fundamentally, using the CFLs is the right thing to do, so we are making this one-time offer to help get people started,” said Warren Jochem, energy conservation manager. “Our goal is to replace all incandescent bulbs on campus by Jan. 31, but we will be glad to provide the CFLs past that date as long as we have them.”

In the past, he said, the color of the CFL light was too bright to suit many people. But the Sustainability Office has tested a variety of CFLs to find an acceptable replacement in terms of color and brightness for the 60-watt incandescent bulbs.

To take advantage of the free CFLs, departmental facility managers or their designees should get a count of the total number of bulbs needed and stop by the Facilities Services Store to pick them up. Only desk or floor lamps that use a conventional screw-in bulb should be included in the count. Facilities Services will replace bulbs for ceiling and wall fixtures.

“We ask that people dispose of the incandescent bulbs so they are not reused,” Jochem said. “The energy savings associated with the CFL pays for the replacement in a matter of months.”

As the CFLs burn out, information about sources for replacement lamps will be posted on the Sustainability Office Web site: sustainability.unc.edu.

“We are working with the purchasing office to make CFLs available through Staples online,” Jochem said.

The Facilities Services Store is located inside the General Storeroom building at 111 Airport Drive. For information about using CFLs, call 962-7281.
Debra Kent dies Dec. 21 at 55

Debra Kent, who served as the director of development and communications with Health Services Library since June 2005, died Dec. 21 after a long illness.

She was a pioneer fundraiser for HIV/AIDS in the San Francisco area and brought that experience to UNC and to the challenge of meeting the library’s Carolina First campaign goal.

With that support the library completed its renovation with new technology, study rooms and learning spaces, and the library’s special collections were expanded, as well as its in-person and online information services.

“To have helped us accomplish so much while fighting her serious illness was a testament to Debra’s courage and determination,” said Carol Jenkins, library director. “We will miss her, and we are very grateful for the legacy she has left us.”

Kent grew up in Queens, N.Y., and earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Syracuse University.

She volunteered her time as a member of several boards of directors and advisory boards and also was a member of the Eno River Unitarian Universalist Fellowship.

She realized a life-long dream of becoming a parent when she adopted her daughter, Sofia, from the Ukraine in 2002.

To make a gift to the Health Sciences Library in Kent’s memory, refer to www.hsl.unc.edu/Friends/fohslhome.cfm. Donations also may be made to Camkesem-North Carolina (www.campkesem.org/northcarolina). The free summer camp, located south of Greensboro, is a collaboration between UNC and Duke and serves children who have family members with cancer.

UNC settles 1998 lawsuit with former athlete

The University and former women’s soccer team member Melissa Jennings have reached a settlement in a lawsuit filed in 1998 alleging sexual harassment. Jennings and teammate Debbie Keller filed the suit against Carolina and several University officials, including head coach Anson Dorrance. The suit sought financial damages of $12 million among other remedies.

The $385,000 settlement with Jennings is intended to reimburse her for most of the attorney’s fees she accumulated over the history of the suit. The athletic department will pay the settlement from its 2007-08 operating budget. No state funds or tuition dollars will be used. The University settled with Keller in 2004.

The three districts and appellate court rulings to determine whether the case should proceed to trial have been split. The first two courts concluded that no reasonable jury could find that Dorrance’s remarks or conduct constituted sexual harassment or created a sexually hostile environment. The final court, in a split decision, ruled the case should go to trial.

Neither the University nor the plaintiff saw a benefit in proceeding, said Dick Baddour, director of athletics. Although the state’s attorneys and the University’s attorneys and representatives were confident about the outcome of a trial, ending the case enabled everyone to move forward, he said.

Dorrance has coached at Carolina since 1976. There have not been any allegations of sexual harassment or inappropriate behavior prior to, or following, the 1998 complaint. Dorrance apologized to Jennings 10 years ago for making comments in jest that were thought to be inappropriate. Both the University and Dorrance deny the other allegations.

“This settlement in no way constitutes an admission of anything beyond what Coach Dorrance has already apologized for,” Baddour said.

“We have heard from a countless number of players who stand firm in their belief in, support of and thanks to Anson and the women’s soccer program,” he said. “Many of our former student-athletes expressed their desire to testify on Anson’s behalf and about the positive experiences they had while playing for him.”

Dorrance said he was grateful for the University’s support.

“Carolina is a special place and the support that people all across campus have given our program, myself and my family will never be forgotten,” he said.

“We have never believed that the case had any merit,” said Chancellor James Moeser. “We’ve stood by Coach Dorrance since this case started and we stand by him now. Anson has for 25-plus years demonstrated a strong support of his student-athletes, is a great teacher, and has been a leader in advancing opportunities for women in intercollegiate athletics.”

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Carolina Center for Interdisciplinary Applied Mathematics launched

The University will study a range of environmental and health problems through a new interdisciplinary research center focusing on the development of mathematical modeling, simulation and computation.

The Carolina Center for Interdisciplinary Applied Mathematics in the College of Arts and Sciences will house significant collaborations already under way that are aimed at advancing the understanding of health challenges (such as cystic fibrosis and cardiovascular diseases), environmental challenges (such as global warming and climate change) and energy challenges (such as oil-recovery technology and fossil fuel alternatives).

“We want to foster a collaborative community of modelers and computational experts working with experimental, observational and clinical scientists across the University to address some of the leading challenges of our time,” said Director Roberto Camassa, Kenan professor of mathematics and an expert in modeling and fluid mechanics. “The center will be a catalyst for interdisciplinary, critical research, training and mentoring.

Researchers will use a combination of mathematical models, computer simulations and experiments along with new technologies in materials science for “nanotech” materials designed from the molecular scale upward. The new center, based in the department of mathematics, is funded by major research grants.

An integral part of the center is the new Fluids Lab shared with the department of marine sciences in the basement of Chapman Hall, where a community of researchers from undergraduate and graduate students to postdoctoral fellows and faculty — carry out a wide spectrum of experiments in fundamental and applied fluid dynamics.

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but this deepens it in many complementary ways. We are equally excited about working with the Center for Civil Rights and the array of scholars on this subject across campus.”

The library’s Southern Historical Collection is the repository for the Southern Oral History Program’s tapes and transcripts. Currently, a recent $500,000 grant from the Institute for Museum and Library Services is funding collaboration between the Southern Oral History Program and the Library’s “Documenting the American South” group to make 500 interviews available online.

The project is also developing inventive tools for synchronizing the voice of each storyteller with a scrolling transcript and making oral histories searchable in ways they have never been before, Hall said. The long civil rights project, Hall believes, will be able to learn from and build on this project.

Through initiatives like the Carolina Covenant, Torrey said Carolina has demonstrated a central point of Hall’s work: that the Civil Rights Movement is far from over and that the work started more than a half-century ago has yet to be completed.

The Carolina Covenant provides a debt-free education to qualified low-income students. The program sparked a national movement in U.S. higher education. Now 40 similar programs have been launched nationwide.

“The covenant speaks to the point that the long Civil Rights Movement, even though it may not be described in that vocabulary, is an academic priority of UNC-Chapel Hill,” Torrey said. “Civil rights, in all its many manifestations and forms, is a subject that grows organically out of activities across campus and out of the publishing program of the press.”

A new scholarship model

While it is far too early to decide outcomes, the people involved in the project believe the grant can serve as a model for others to follow.

“There are so many more questions than answers right now about the production, publicisation and consumption of innovative scholarship and legal analysis, but the Mellon grant gives us the chance to work those questions out,” Torrey said. “We will learn a tremendous amount and if it works, I am optimistic that this kind of collaboration can carry over in other areas.”

Gray-Little will hold quarterly meetings with the four co-principal investigators to review progress and keep the project aligned with the academic priorities.

“In supporting our academic agendas, a successful project will create a template for even richer partnerships between the academy and the press going forward,” Gray-Little said.

Clinic offers forensic psychiatry services

The department of psychiatry in the School of Medicine has opened a Forensic Psychiatry Program and Clinic.

Services provided by the clinic include determining the capacity of defendants in criminal cases to stand trial and determining the capacity of individuals in civil cases to manage their own finances or refuse treatment. The clinic is housed in the North Carolina Neurosciences Hospital.

“This enables us to draw upon all of the other resources available through UNC-Chapel Hill and the UNC Health Care System,” said Sally C. Johnson, one of three clinicians on the program’s evaluation and research team.

“Ther is a tremendously helpful feature of our program, because completing comprehensive evaluations on individuals who need forensic psychiatry services often includes utilizing other medical and laboratory services.”

Johnson previously served as a public health physician and as an evaluator and administrator in the Federal Bureau of Prisons. She has conducted forensic psychiatry evaluations of defendants in many high-profile criminal cases including former TV evangelist Jim Bakker, would-be presidential assassin John Hinckley and Theodore “Ted” Kaczynski.

Other team members are Alyson Kurosaki-Mazzie, who also serves as associate training director of the Forensic Psychiatry Fellowship Program for psychiatry residents who plan a career in this area, and Eric Elbogen, a scientist-practitioner with specialized clinical and research expertise in forensic and neuropsychological assessments.

Research projects under way include a study of factors associated with increased risk of suicide and violence among Iraq and Afghanistan veterans and analyzing statutory language in juvenile sex offender laws in all 50 states.

For information, refer to www.psychiastry.unc.edu/forensic or call 966-5540.
The long-planned demolition of Venable Hall becomes a reality Jan. 19. In accordance with the Campus Master Plan, it makes way for the new Physical Science building that will be part of the large, modern science complex coming to north campus. Planning for the closing and demolition of old Venable has spanned several years and has involved numerous policy-makers, campus departments, outside contractors and other stakeholders.

Among those partners, the Office of Waste Reduction and Recycling worked hard with other campus units to ensure that recycling and reused materials and contents from Venable was a priority. Once UNC reached its capacity for reusing materials, more than 16 tons of furnishings and equipment were removed by a subcontractor last May, and they were destined to be shipped to Haiti for redistribution and use by those with the greatest need.

Venable Hall was named for Francis Preston Venable, professor of chemistry and president from 1900 to 1914. The first faculty member to hold a Ph.D., Venable is credited with the beginning of the transformation of Carolina from a college to a true university.

After an illustrious career, The Francis Preston Venable Chair was named in his honor, and the new chemistry building was named for him in 1926. Venable retired in 1930 and died in 1934.
LEGO-PALOOZA

LEGO-palooza returns to Morehead Planetarium and Science Center on Feb. 2-3 with an incredible exhibit of LEGO models built by the N.C. LEGO Users Group. This year’s event, the LEGO playground has been replaced by the LEGO Challenge for families and groups—a fun, competitive, hands-on activity scheduled each hour. The exhibit is free; there is a charge for the LEGO Challenge. For more information, visit the planetarium’s Web site, www.moreheadplanetarium.org, or call 962-1236.

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E-mail Alize Kuzniar, akuzniar@email.unc.edu.
2/27 *The Secret Life of Walter Mitty.* 206 House Undergrad Library, 9:30 pm.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT
Call 962-1039, music.unc.edu.
2/3 Romantic Music for Cello and Fortepiano, Person Recital, 3 pm.
2/9 Music on the Hill: UNC Bands: A Sousa Spectacular, Memorial, 8 pm.
2/10 Song and Wind: A Faculty Brass Recital. Aud, Hill, 3 pm.

PLAYMAKERS REPERTORY COMPANY

ATTRACTIONS
MOREHEAD PLANETARIUM
Call 948-6863 for show times or 962-1236. www.moreheadplanetarium.org.
LEGO-palooza. Exhibit of models from NC LEGO Users Group and hands on activity. 2/2, 3.

GALLERIES & EXHIBITS
ACKLAND ART MUSEUM
Wed-Sat, 10 am-5 pm; Sun, 1-5 pm. Call 962-1611 (tape), 962-0736 (voice), 962-0807 (TTY); ackland@ email.unc.edu, www.ackland.org.

SPECIAL EVENTS
2/22 *Art After Dark.* Music by Marsha Goudel. Open till 9 pm.
2/28 Yoga in the Galleries. 12:10-1 pm.

EXHIBITIONS
* “Theme and Variation: Print Sequences from Ornament to Abstraction.” Through 2/24.

FEDEX GLOBAL EDUCATION CENTER
international.unc.edu/GEIC.html. Contact Laura Griest, lauragriest@unc.edu.

HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARY
* “Plants with a Purpose.”

WILSON LIBRARY
Exhibit that opens Mon-Sat., 8 am-5 pm (NC Collection Library open at 9 am). 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.

SECOND FLOOR
* The History of the North Carolina Collection. Hall.
* Exhibits on Sir Walter Raleigh, UNC history, rare bird prints, Eng and Chang, plus historic rooms. NC Collection Library.
* Recent Acquisitions, NC Collection Reading Room.

FOURTH FLOOR

SPECIAL EVENT
2/13 Carolina Digital Library and Archives Open House and Program. Wilson Library, ground fl., 1-5 pm, tours, demos; 5 pm, reception; 6 pm, program featuring Charles Henry, president of the Council on Library and Information Resources.

WILSON, DAVIS LIBRARIES

SPECIAL EVENT
2/15 *Facing Controversy: with Capital Punishment in North Carolina.* Panel discussion with the following speakers: Rex Gore, Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus counties district attorney; Sen. Eason Kimnaird, Tira Smith, an Appalachian State U; Seth Kotch, UNC Ph.D. candidate. Reception, 5 pm; discussion, 5:45 pm. Pleasant Family Assembly Rm.

LECTURES | SEMINARS | CONFERENCES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4
ibibo, INTRAHealth International, School of Journalism and Mass Communication. Cliff Missen of Widernet.com speaks about his efforts to bring the “Internet in a Box” to places where wires and wireless don’t reach—particularly in Africa. Wilson Library’s Assembly Rm., 3-5 pm.
Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society, Center for Global Initiatives “The Border in a Global Economy.” Saskia Sassen, Columbia U. Aud, FedEx Global Education Center, 8 pm.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5
Center for the Study of the American South “What Does the Cigarette Epidemic in the American South Tell Us About Global Tobacco Control Today.” Louis M. Kyrklouides, U Southern Mississippi, Royal M, Hill Alumni Ctr. 3:30 pm.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7