UNC ranks first for quality academics and affordability

Once again, the University is the best value in American public higher education, according to Kiplinger’s Personal Finance magazine. It is Carolina’s seventh consecutive No. 1 ranking since the magazine started publishing its periodic analysis in 1998. Kiplinger’s February issue examined data from 500 public four-year colleges and universities to identify the top 100 schools “based on outstanding academic quality plus an affordable price tag.”

“We are proud to see such consistent recognition of Carolina’s national leadership in providing an outstanding education at an affordable cost,” said Chancellor James Moeser. “The Carolina Covenant and an excellent financial aid program have played a huge role in our successful record of supporting deserving students. The Kiplinger’s ranking confirms what our students already know: Carolina is a great choice for the very best students across the state and nation, regardless of their ability to pay.”

Kiplinger’s reported that the University “represents a divergent trend: a commitment to meet the financial need of all qualified students and to fill that need with grants, not loans.”

The article, “Best Values in Public Colleges,” also noted UNC’s attractive tuition. “For their money, students enjoy world-class research facilities, a historic campus that recently underwent [renovations and new construction] and the collected wisdom of distinguished faculty members, including Oliver Smithies, winner of the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine,” the magazine reported. “Says Moeser, ‘Great faculty allows us to attract great students.’”

Kiplinger’s analysis focused on academic quality, including the percentage of the 2006–07 freshman class scoring 600 or higher on the SAT (or 24 or higher on the ACT), admission and retention rates, student-faculty ratios and graduation rates. Then the magazine ranked each school based on cost and financial aid. The magazine gave more weight to academic quality than costs.

Moeser said the rankings reflected the strong support the UNC system has received for need-based financial aid from the North Carolina General Assembly. Five UNC campuses were among the top 68 schools on the magazine’s list.

The universities of Florida and Virginia ranked second and third, followed by the College of William and Mary and New College of Florida. Other UNC system schools listed were N.C. State, 13th; Appalachian State, 27th; UNC-Wilmington, 36th; UNC-Asheville, 40th; and UNC-Greensboro, 68th.

New emergency warning system installed, tested

While they might resemble gargantuan honey dippers, the University’s new sirens are designed to save lives in an emergency. At the end of last year, the University installed and tested the UNC Emergency Alert System Siren, which will sound during an immediate life-threatening situation such as an armed and dangerous person in the area, a major chemical spill or hazard, or a tornado.

The system consists of four sirens capable of sending warning signals over a broad area, mounted on 50-foot poles and placed strategically around campus and near University facilities on Airport Drive. The siren system also includes public address capabilities.

In an emergency, the siren will sound, followed by a public address announcement providing specific instructions such as, “Seek shelter inside now.” When the danger is over, a second siren sound and announcement will signal, “All clear. Resume regular activities.”

The goal is to make people aware of imminent danger and get them to seek shelter inside as quickly as possible, said Jeff McCracken, director of public safety and chief of police.

“This new siren system is an important communication tool for the University,” he said. “It allows us to reach a large number of people and move them to safety quickly.”

People on or near campus will hear a siren from four locations: Hinton James Residence Hall, Gary R. Tomkins Chilled Water Operations Center, Winston Residence Hall and at University facilities on Airport Drive north of main campus.

Testing and tweaking

The Department of Public Safety tested the new system Dec. 19.

“Overall we were very pleased because the emergency protocol worked as it should,” McCracken said. “The public safety supervisor in the field made the call to trigger the alarm, just as would happen in an actual emergency. All four sirens sounded quickly and the public address announcement explained that it was only a test.”

The test also pinpointed some areas to be improved, he said.

First was the siren sound itself. “It sounded a little too much like an emergency vehicle, and we would like it to sound more like an air raid siren,” McCracken said.

The duration of the warning was another issue. Public safety officials had pre-set the sound to last for three minutes but want to shorten it. They also hope to make the public address announcement more succinct and easier to understand throughout campus.

“This is exactly why we conduct a test, to find out what works well and which areas we want to improve,” McCracken said. “We have already contacted the vendor to explore making these changes.”

The University plans to test the siren system regularly. A second full-volume test is planned early in the spring 2008 semester.

Tests will be announced beforehand to the campus community and nearby neighbors, McCracken said.

Actor Ruby Dee headlines MLK week celebration

Actor, activist and author Ruby Dee will deliver the keynote lecture for the 27th annual Martin Luther King Birthday Celebration on Jan. 22 at 7 p.m. in Memorial Hall. Dee and her husband, actor Ossie Davis, have been inducted into the Theater Hall of Fame and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Hall of Fame and honored with the National Medal of the Arts, among many other accolades.

As a long-time civil rights advocate who has worked with the NAACP, Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee and Southern Christian Leadership Council, “Dee used the power she gained as an artist to bring about political change,” said Timothy McMillan, assistant professor of Afro-American Studies and member of the MLK Birthday Celebration Planning Committee.

Dee was recently featured in the 2007 film “American Gangster” but is also well known for her role in the 1961 classic “Raisin in the Sun.” Tickets to Dee’s lecture are free, but seating is reserved and tickets are limited to two per person. Tickets, available starting Jan. 16, must be picked up from the Memorial Hall box office. For ticket information, call 943-3333. On Jan. 20 at 6 p.m., the Rev. Chancy R. Edwards, pastor emeritus of First Baptist Church in Fayetteville and a senior adviser to Gov. Michael Easley, will speak at the University-Community Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Banquet in the William and Ma Friday Center. To buy tickets, call 962-6962.

On Jan. 21 at 8:30 a.m. in the Great Hall of the Student Union, a Day for Service program will bring students together in order to...
Center to help faculty enhance teaching, research, leadership

Last spring, a task force examined how the University could maximize its resources to bolster faculty success.

The committee, composed of representatives from academic and health affairs and administrative offices, considered three areas in which the University could provide central support to enhance and gauge faculty success: teaching and learning, research and leadership.

“It was a difficult question, because a faculty member’s success is largely based on individual efforts and much of that success is specific to the particular discipline,” said Patrick Conway, professor of economics and chair of the Faculty Development Initiative Planning Committee.

“But the committee concluded that the University could organize a number of things that would be useful in achieving greater success and make them more transparent to faculty members.”

Essentially, Conway said, the infrastructure for promoting faculty excellence already existed. The key was how to build upon it.

And that is the purpose of the new Center for Faculty Excellence, targeted to begin functioning in July.

“Our faculty expressed a desire to have resources that will help them become excellent in all the things they do at the University, and we are developing this new center to help provide those resources,” said Bernadette Gray-Little, executive vice chancellor and provost.

Stemming from many of the committee’s recommendations, the center will coordinate and enhance academic support to become a “one-stop shop,” in Conway’s words, for faculty who want help in becoming better at what they do.

In some cases, the help could be specific to the individual, but much of the center’s focus will be on collaboration and opportunities for mentoring. The committee’s report referred to the center as a “place where faculty members teach one another.”

The Center for Faculty Excellence will not duplicate successful University initiatives, Gray-Little said. Instead, it will point faculty members to appropriate existing resources and create new or expanded opportunities when necessary.

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Search committee reviews possible chancellor candidates

Now that the Chancellor Search Committee knows what it is looking for in a new chancellor, it has moved closer to determining who will replace Chancellor James Moeser when he leaves the position on June 30.

On Dec. 12, committee members approved a position description that listed the qualities they will look for in the next chancellor. Afterward, the committee went into closed session to review a list of 100 people who have applied or been nominated.

But search consultant Bill Funk cautioned committee members that the best person might not be among that group.

The list was amassed from ads placed in major national higher education publications, including those focused on minorities and women, along with an effort to reach out to higher education leaders throughout the country for leads on possible candidates.

Funk said his firm had contacted some 1,000 people in search of suggestions. Many of them were key donors, alumni and civic leaders who all fell under the broader category of “friends of the University.”

Of the 100 people reviewed in December, Funk told committee members that they would find only about “10 really superb people by the end of the day.”

Running a university of the size, complexity and national ranking of Carolina is a demanding job for which only a handful of people would be qualified, Funk said.

The job description calls for a successful candidate to have a clear vision for higher education, teaching and research.

“He or she is expected to be an inspiring, innovative leader with a passion for public education and an appreciation for the role of this university in the life of the state of North Carolina,” the description stated.

“The candidate should have an international outlook and understanding of global trends and opportunities. Other advantages include excellent fundraising and communication skills, a commitment to diversity and a savvy approach to working with elected officials.”

Smoke-free boundary extended to 100 feet

With the beginning of the new year, the University has expanded its no-smoking policy to prohibit smoking within 100 feet of University facilities.

While the University has banned smoking inside its buildings and facilities for years, the new policy — which became effective Jan. 1 — expands the no-smoking zone to prohibit smoking in outdoor areas controlled by the University up to 100 feet from all University facilities and in state-owned vehicles.

Chancellor James Moeser announced the policy in October as a result of legislation passed last summer by the North Carolina General Assembly and following consultation with the Faculty Council, Employee Forum and Student Advisory Committee.

The expansion of Carolina’s no-smoking zone protects the health of everyone on campus by reducing exposure to second-hand smoke, Moeser said when he made the announcement. It also reinforces the policy of the UNC Health Care System, School of Medicine and Campus Health Services, prohibiting smoking anywhere on the grounds and parking areas around the buildings.

The new policy applies to all University faculty, staff, students, visitors and patients.

“The practical effect of this University policy is that the campus will be smoke-free,” Moeser said.

University officials have posted temporary signs throughout campus to make people aware of the smoke-free policy. Later these signs will be replaced with permanent signs at the entrances to campus.

“Although people have known about the policy for several months, it is understandable that the expanded no-smoking boundary may be stressful for people who smoke,” said Ray Hackney, interim director for the Department of Environment, Health and Safety (EHS).

The University is providing many resources for those faculty, staff and students who would like to use the implementation of the policy as an opportunity to quit smoking, he said.

Information about smoking cessation assistance for faculty and staff is available on the EHS Web site, www.ehs.unc.edu, and information for students is available on the Campus Health Services Web site, campushealth.unc.edu.

The EHS site also includes information about the policy, a list of frequently asked questions, information about making clinic appointments and additional smoking cessation resources outside the University.
December grads urged to explore the unknown, serve the common good

More than 1,100 students marked the completion of their degree programs during mid-year commencement Dec. 16 in the Dean E. Smith Center. Noted journalist and policy expert Hodding Carter III, professor of leadership and public policy, delivered the address, encouraging students to embrace change and become lifelong learners. Following are excerpts of Carter’s commencement address:

"If you must be a lifelong learner to keep up with lifelong change, you must also learn to be a lifelong citizen to help the nation do no less. … Thus Teddy Roosevelt’s admonition that ‘the first requisite of a citizen in this republic of ours is to be willing and able to pull his weight.’ What does that mean, at least to me? That our system’s central proposition remains that government serves the people rather than people being the servant of government.

That we must strive to keep this the land of the haves and the ‘gonna’ haves; to ensure that it not evolve into a sordid pyramid of fixed economic stratification in which the very, very few are very, very rich and a great plurality struggles to make ends meet.

That we remember and live Woodrow Wilson’s stirring admonition some 100 years ago, that a nation is as great, and only as great, as its rank and file. … That in the United States, the majority rules but the rights of the minority are protected. … That personal certitude is one thing, but to demand that everyone adhere to your certitudes is quite another, unacceptable thing. … The United States has always been the land of becoming, of re-creating and regenerating, of countless divisions and countless comings together. We have never been a finished work. Nor has America ever been the work of government alone, or industry, or the church, or of political faction. It has repeatedly been the work of citizens participating in the hundreds of thousands in the civic enterprise. No less vital today.

You will find, if you do not already know it, that we are currently a people beset by fierce partisan and ideological differences, bristling with hostility and incivility. You will hear the language of Us and Them. … You will work in an economy embedded in a global system whose largely beneficial workings on the large scale nevertheless have negative effects closer to home. All or some of this can be dispiriting. Resist. Don’t let it get you down or make you cynical or resigned. As a system of short-term national service — non-military as well as military — for all. With it, we might rediscover the shared humanity of our fellow Americans and the shared purposes of American history.

So let me offer you a specific goal. Over 30 years ago, an unlikely combination of liberals and conservatives killed the draft, first put into law in the grim days just before World War II. As a result, we of the vast majority now hire out our patriotism and the defense of America to a small minority of brave men and women willing to volunteer their lives to that cause. (The rest of us coast on their sacrifice.) Your generation could offer this nation no better gift than to lead an effort to create a system of short-term national service — Civic Renewal in 1998: ‘Democracy,’ it said, ‘is not an unattainable goal, but a system of short-term national service — a system of service — to be a lifelong learner to keep up with lifelong change, you must also learn to be a lifelong citizen to help the nation do no less.

Hodding Carter

Upon this sea of blue gowns rides an armada of pride. You have basked in the offerings of a great university, and now you set sail. I offer you two themes. One has to do with personal fulfillment. The other has to do with duty.

Reflect for a moment. How many of you decided on a different major or career or extra-curricular activity during your years here? Now know this. However often you changed your mind or direction, the world into which you graduate will require many, if not most of you, to change direction far more often. Creative change, creative destruction are the order of the day in every sphere of life. Out with the old, in with the new in dizzying succession. That is the essence of capitalism and its great strength. It is also the message of a world expanding with paradigm shift upon paradigm shift. Nothing is frozen in place. The only certainty is change — technological, demographic, environmental, social, political. Which leads to an exhortation: Embrace change. Rejoice in its potential. Strive to master its impact. But above all, keep sharp and refreshed the intellectual tools that this magnificent institution has put in your hands and heads. Though you leave this campus, not one of you can afford to leave or ignore the necessity of a lifetime of learning.

We either breast the tides of change, over the other day, ‘if you were in my place?’ ‘Tell them this,’ he replied. ‘Resist the temptation to take safe harbor in the known.’ Which struck a responsive chord. A half-century go, when I graduated, I did so into a world with far more safe harbors and set ways. … From the vantage point of the ‘50s, it was not absurd to believe that life was a matter of temptation to take safe harbor in the known.’

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There is an apt notion, founded on religious precept and democratic ideals. And it is one already embraced with fervor by hosts of UNC students, past and present. Theirs is now part of the national crusade, carried on at the local level, in favor of service to the common good, the commonwealth. It makes many forms. One was publicized just a week ago in a New York Times article about student and faculty activism for health-care reform. It featured the words and works of UNC public policy major Aaron Chang. … Another is represented by Aaron Charlop-Powers, who graduated from Chapel Hill last year and is working in India as a grassroots organizer among the least of these, our brothers and sisters. I knew him and worked with him and admire his spirit immensely, and so I turned to him, also, for advice. This is a small piece of what he wanted me to say to you: ‘Take this opportunity to be different, to defy the norm in actions small and large but in actions all the time. Be exceptional by doing exactly what is not expected of you, doing what the world needs.’

Finally, there is Chris Myers Asch, who received his doctorate in history here, again, in the 1990s. Having worked for years as a Teach for America teacher and alternative school founder in the midst of my native land, the dirt-poor Mississippi Delta, he looked for a way to raise the nation’s sights. He set out to convince Congress to create a U.S. Public Service Academy. It would be for the civilian public sector what West Point, Annapolis and the Air Force Academy are for the military. And you know what? With more determination than dollars behind him, he already has over 200 congressional signatures on pending legislation to do just that. I would not bet against him.

Most of us are not going to follow in the footsteps of Chris or either of the Aarons. But all of us can take a lead from this excerpt from a report by the National Commission on Service. ‘Citizenship means neither a consumer good nor a spectator sport, but rather the work of free citizens engaged in shared civic enterprise.’

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Hodding Carter

This is a matter not of toned muscle but of buffed mind. Exercise it repeatedly or you will not be up to the challenge.

John Bare is a multi-talented UNC graduate, a native North Carolinian I once taught and later worked with at the Knight Foundation. ‘What would you say to them,’ I asked him
Administrator honored for his ability to bring people together


A connector, he wrote, is the human equivalent of a computer network hub — someone who knows many people from an array of circles and who makes a habit of introducing them to one another.

For the past 17 years, the connector at the Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center has been its associate director, Michael O’Malley. His ability to bring people together was one reason 27 of his friends, colleagues and students nominated O’Malley for a 2007 C. Knox Massey Distinguished Service Award.

Wendy Sarratt, the center’s assistant director, remembers that when she first arrived O’Malley took her on a tour of the guts of the building, from the steam pipes to the ventilation systems to the immense web of hallways.

She quickly found that O’Malley did not walk the halls to check on the building; his concern was the people who filled its labs and offices. These repeated hallway encounters, over time, have helped O’Malley learn the names, faces and work of all the faculty members.

Call it wandering around with a purpose. When you are a connector, bumping into people is never an accident. It is an opportunity waiting to happen.

“He can often be heard saying, ‘You know, you should really talk to X about her new project,’” Sarratt said.

And that is how, on his way to the drink machine, he spawns new collaborations, she said.

A student of history

Of course, O’Malley will say simply that his whole career in medical research and administration began as a fortuitous accident. His original plan as an Army ROTC student at Davidson College was to be a great historian.

After graduating cum laude from Davidson in 1972 and a short stint of active-duty service, O’Malley came to Carolina in fall 1973 to pursue his master’s degree in history and add his voice to the telling of the story of the American South.

As a boy growing up in Atlanta, he could not escape understanding — and telling — that story.

“The history is something that Southerners grow up with,” O’Malley said. “Some of it is not great history, but it is who we are and what we have to move on from.”

But he did not move on from studying history until he had nearly completed his master’s degree thesis on the 1906 lynching in Salisbury of five black men who had been accused of murdering members of a local family. A mob tortured each man with knives before hanging them. The governor, alarmed at what was one of the largest multiple lynchings of the 20th century, called in the National Guard to restore order.

The 1906 episode was a milestone in history, and O’Malley’s attempt to study it marked a turning point for him as well.

As a nearly two years in graduate school, he no longer felt the same pull toward history as he once did. He began to doubt whether he still had the obsession for it necessary to fuel a successful career. Those doubts led him to drop out of the program on the cusp of finishing it to take a nondescript job at N.C. Memorial Hospital.

It was the kind of job someone in his circumstance had to take just to pay the bills. As it turned out, he worked in Patient Accounting where he was called upon to call people about their delinquent bills. It was a job he both loathed and learned from in ways that he could fully appreciate only in retrospect.

Without knowing it, in his role as bill collector, he found himself at “the place where the rubber hits the road,” where health-care policy either works for or against the people it is intended to serve.

And before he knew it, he was hooked.

He stayed there for two years — interrupted by a four-month detour through Europe — before he returned to graduate school in fall 1978, this time to pursue a master’s degree in health policy at Carolina’s School of Public Health. He completed course work in two years and in 1980 went to work as a research assistant with Suzanne Fletcher in the School of Medicine’s division of general medicine. In 1981, he finished his paper to earn his master’s, but he continued doing research with Fletcher, later as a research associate, for nine years.

After a one-year stint as a senior manager with the United Mine Workers Health and Retirement Funds in Washington, D.C., he returned to Chapel Hill to become the assistant director at Lineberger. In 1997, two years after completing his Ph.D. in health policy and administration, he began serving as an adjunct assistant professor in addition to administrative duties.

In 1998, he was named associate director at Lineberger and continues in that role today while serving as an adjunct associate professor.

Knowing your purpose

Triles do a poor job of capturing what people really do, especially for people who hold more than one, like O’Malley.

Dianne Gouw Shoch, the center’s director of communications, said that to O’Malley his work is more than a job. From the time he walked through the door 17 years ago, she said, O’Malley has been a steady and innovative leader who always goes above and beyond what is asked of him.

No task is too big or too small, said Beverly Mitchell, Distinguished Professor of Pharmacology and Internal Medicine, who has seen O’Malley do everything from directing traffic to mopping floors to organizing bulletin boards.

“O’Malley is simply one of those vital individuals who makes things run,” Mitchell said.

Jo Anne Earp, a professor in the School of Public Health’s department of health behavior and health education, met O’Malley in 1980 when he was a research assistant for Fletcher.

Earp was collaborating with Fletcher on breast cancer research.

O’Malley not only helped with their breast cancer screening projects, but quickly demonstrated extraordinary writing and analytical abilities.

“I have always prized good writing as the hallmark of good thinking, so I was delighted to work on research projects with a number of co-authors on a variety of research topics from different disciplines,” Kim wrote. “That is what makes Dr. O’Malley extraordinary.”

Jill Reedy, now a cancer prevention fellow at the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, Md., remembers the detailed e-mail from O’Malley in response to her inquiry about the CCEP and what she could expect to get out of it.

“His genuine and caring personality is evident to those who know him,” she said. “It appears inherent within his character.”

‘Laugh and be nice’

O’Malley does not know what to say about all the nice things being said or written about him. He is so uncomfortable about the praise that he still has not read any of the nominating letters his friends and colleagues wrote on his behalf.

He appreciates the generous gestures to many people made on his behalf. He knows that what they had to say was sincere and heartfelt. But he also sees a danger in believing all the nice things said about him.

It is the work that galvanizes him and binds all of the people at Lineberger in a cause bigger than any of them. It is their unending commitment that O’Malley sees as the center’s real connector.

The sense of purpose that O’Malley derives from his work is matched by the joy that his wife Nadine and their daughter Bailey, along with their dog Shelby, have brought into his life.

He credits his family for the qualities others ascribed to him. It was his mother and her mother — the grandma they all called Bubba — who taught him to laugh and be nice, he said.

His father, who died when he was a first-year college student, worked hard to make ends meet. In addition to his day job as an insurance underwriter, he worked at other jobs on weekends to support his family. “I hope I have some of his work ethic,” O’Malley said.

He learned about courage from his younger brother Richard. Richard was born with an underdeveloped heart and spent his entire life in and out of hospitals. He died in 2003 just short of his 50th birthday after spending 12 years on dialysis.

O’Malley learned more things that he can count from his sister, Mary O. Huff, who earned her Ph.D. long before he did. She is now an associate professor of biology at Bellarmine College in Louisville, Ky.

“In addition to raising her three kids and building an academic career, she’s taking care of Mom and before that she took care of both Mom and our brother Richard,” O’Malley said. “She’s a true and accomplished saint.”

O’Malley credited two people, Arnie Kaluzny and Jim Veney, for deepening and broadening his interest in health administration. “Arnie chaired my dissertation,” O’Malley said. “Jim chaired my master’s paper and served on my doctoral committee.”

He counted the men among his greatest advisers and colleagues, but they are part of a long list. At the top of the list is Shelton Earp, longtime director at Lineberger, who O’Malley described as “the best boss you can imagine.”

It was Earp, along with Joseph Pagano, who brought O’Malley to work at the center in 1990.

“When Michael first started, the cancer center had fewer than 100 members and was seen as a basic science center with some public health
News Briefs

Massey nominations due Feb. 7

Nominations are due by 5 p.m. on Feb. 7 for this year’s C. Knox Massey Distinguished Service Awards. Given for “unusual, meritorious or superior contribution made by an employee, past or present,” these awards may be conferred by the chancellor upon “any living full-time or part-time employee, whether faculty or staff.” Chancellor James Moeser will present each of the six recipients with an award of $6,000 during the spring Massey Awards luncheon.

Nominations may be submitted by completing an online nomination form located at www.unc.edu/masseyawards/nominate, or letters of nomination may be sent instead to the address below. Each nomination should include the name of the proposed recipient, whether the nominee is a present or past University employee (if past, include the dates when the nominee was employed), the service rendered by the nominee and why this service is thought to be a contribution sufficiently “unusual, meritorious or superior” to deserve an award. It should be signed by the nominator or anyone seconding the nomination.

Because of the signature requirement, nominations and seconds made by letter will not be accepted by fax or e-mail. Nominations made online will require a valid OneYEN ID and password. Nominations letters should be addressed to: Carolyn Atkins, C. Knox Massey Awards Committee, CB# 6100, 208 West Franklin Street. Nominations received after 5 p.m. on Feb. 7 will be considered in 2009.

Information about the Massey Awards nomination process, guidelines and a list of the former recipients is available at www.unc.edu/masseyawards, by calling Atkins (962-1536) or by e-mail (carolyn_atkins@unc.edu). Winners will be announced in April.

PlayMakers presents journey of a lifetime: ‘2.5 Minute Ride’

In “2.5 Minute Ride,” playwright Lisa Kron weaves together two stories: a pilgrimage with her father to Auschwitz — where his parents died during World War II — and a tale about visiting the roller coaster capital of the world in Ohio. Kron also acts in the one-woman play, presented by PlayMakers Repertory Company from Jan. 9 through 13 at the Center for Dramatic Art.

The play is part of PlayMakers’ PRC7 series, followed by artist-audience discussions after each show. Performances are at 8 p.m. nightly and 2 p.m. on Jan. 13, in the Elizabeth Price Kenan Theatre. Tickets are $24 to $32, available at www.playmakersrep.org or call 962-PLAY.

Collecting Everyman’s Library

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Kiplinger’s ranks UNC No. 1
UNC ranked first on Kiplinger’s list of best values among the top 100 public universities for the sixth straight time. Kiplinger’s Personal Finance magazine defines value as the best “combination of outstanding academic quality plus an affordable price tag.” The magazine reported that Tar Heel students pay $13,584 or less and enjoy small classes, a top-notch faculty and a supportive environment that enables 84 percent of students to earn a degree within six years.

$100 million gift expands Morehead Scholars program
The John M. Belk Morehead Foundation received a $100 million gift from the Gordon and Mary Cain Foundation of Texas to support and expand the Morehead Scholars Program. The Morehead, established in 1951, was the nation’s first undergraduate merit scholarship program. The Cain Foundation’s gift, one of the largest gifts ever to an undergraduate scholarship program, increased the number of full scholarships offered each year to attend the University. It will expand the program’s international service, study and internship opportunities. Both the foundation and scholarship program were renamed Morehead-Cain to honor the Cain gift.

Residence hall renamed for slave诗人
A residence hall, formerly Hinton James North, was renamed in honor of slave and poet George Moses Horton. Horton, whom records indicate was likely born in 1797 and died in 1883, taught himself to read while enslaved in the first half of the 19th century in Chatham County. For decades, Horton walked into Chapel Hill on Saturdays, at first only to sell his master’s fruits and vegetables, but later to compose acrostics — poems using the letters of a person’s name to begin each line — out of the names of sweethearts of students enrolled here.

Carolina First campaign pushes past $2 billion mark
A $50 million pledge from Dennis Gillings, chief executive officer of Quintiles Transnational, and his wife, Joan, pushed the Carolina First campaign over its $2 billion fundraising goal. The gift, the largest single donation in Carolina’s history, was made to the School of Public Health where Dennis Gillings taught in the 1970s and 1980s. It will be renamed the Dennis and Joan Gillings School of Global Public Health.

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Advising program for low-income students announced
The University was one of 10 colleges and universities joining the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation in a $10 million partnership to create advising programs to help low-income and first-generation students enroll in college. The network of programs created through the partnership — called the National College Advising Corps — will be headquartered at UNC.

The University will receive $1 million over four years to create the Carolina College Advising Corps, placing recent University graduates as college advisers in 18 partner high schools across the state. The University will contribute nearly $700,000 to the program.

The new Student and Academic Services Buildings, known as the SASB, opened its doors in time for the start of the 2007–08 academic year. Buildings, known as the SASB, opened its doors in time for the start of the 2007–08 academic year.

During his annual State of the University address, Chancellor James Moeser announced his plans to step down at the end of June.

“the principal lesson I learned as a concert artist was always to get off the stage before the applause stopped,” he said. “The second lesson was to be conservative with encores. ‘Always leave them wanting more,’ was the best lesson I ever learned from my teachers. Those lessons stuck, and I think they apply to me as much today as they did in my years on the concert stage.”

Moeser is Carolina’s longest-serving chancellor since Christopher Fordham. He succeeded Interim Chancellor William McCoy, tapped after Michael Hooker’s 1999 death. His first day as chancellor was Aug. 15, 2000, and his last will be June 30. But his days of service at Carolina are far from over.

“After a year’s research leave, I shall return to campus with the most exalted title that this University can confer on an individual — professor,” he said.

Trustees approve plan for Carolina North campus
The University Board of Trustees unanimously approved the plan for Carolina North to develop 250 acres of the nearly 1,000-acre site during the next half-century. The trustees’ action cleared the way for the plan to be reviewed and approved by the Chapel Hill Town Council.

School of Public Health

The University will receive $1 million over four years to create the Carolina College Advising Corps, placing recent University graduates as college advisers in 18 partner high schools across the state. The University will contribute nearly $700,000 to the program.

At the naming ceremony, English Professor Trudier Harris said that George Moses Horton had already put his life to verse. “He wrote poetry,” Harris said. “But he was a poem.”

Campaign co-chair Paul Fulton, Chancellor James Moeser, Joan and Dennis Gillings, and co-chair Charlie Shaffer celebrate surpassing the campaign goal.

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research,” Earp said. “Today, we have 250 members with one of the nation’s premier population science programs, an active clinical care and trials program, translational research and faculty who are nationally renowned is a wide variety of areas.

“Those with the breadth of the center, and its ability to interact with so many faculty and administrative units, is largely thanks to Michael and his incredible skills at bringing people together.”

Earp also credited O’Malley for joining with his mentor Kaluzny to see the need for a course on cancer prevention and control, to create the course and teach it.

Pagano, Lineberger Professor of Cancer Research, said O’Malley may well be the finest administrator he has seen in his 45 years at the University. O’Malley keenly grasps every aspect of Lineberger and its complexities with great passion, vision and skill, he said.

“The exceptional day-and-night commitment needed for this kind of administrative leadership rests on superiority of intellect and performance — all done with a light touch that brings order and calm to the whole enterprise,” Pagano said.

“And humor! What gifts! Great things happen here every day thanks to Michael’s deft touch and perfectly tuned authority. He is at the top of his form, sought after throughout the country as a consultant and an ornament to Carolina.”
Daniel Okun, 90, dies Dec. 10

Daniel A. Okun, Kenan professor emeritus of environmental engineering, died Dec. 10.

Okun was hailed worldwide for his groundbreaking work in identifying pristine water resources, water management, water supply, pollution control, water reclamation and reuse, and watershed protection issues.

In 2006, he received lifetime achievement awards from the Orange Water and Sewer Authority, the national Environmental and Water Resources Institute and the International Water Association.

During his career, Okun worked in 89 countries and consulted with municipal and legislative planning committees throughout the United States. He helped design a water treatment plant in Bangkok, Thailand; established a graduate program in sanitary engineering in Lima, Peru; and studied water supply and pollution control in China for the World Bank. At home, he led the 1980s campaign to build Cane Creek Dam and Reservoir.

“Dan Okun cared deeply about his school, his community, his state and his world,” said Barbara K. Rimer, dean of the School of Public Health. “And he turned that commitment into action, whether through water projects or social action. . . . Dan was a model citizen/professor, and I am so glad to have known him.”

Okun began his Carolina career in 1952 and served as chair of the environmental sciences and engineering department from 1955 to 1973. During that time, the department grew from three to 25 faculty members. Although Okun retired from teaching in 1982, he remained actively involved in the profession through writing, lecturing and consulting.

“His humanity equaled his professional stature,” said Mike Atken, chair of environmental sciences and engineering in the School of Public Health. “I believe Dan’s greatest legacy will be this department. . . . He transformed it from a traditional program in sanitary engineering to the multidisciplinary department we are today, at a time when this was unheard of. He was truly a man of vision who pushed us to excel even through this last year of his life.”

Okun was the first engineer from North Carolina elected to the National Academy of Engineering and later to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies. He chaired the Water Science and Technology Board of the National Research Council from 1991 to 1994.

Okun established a scholarship, awarded annually to a student in environmental sciences and engineering. He was also a strong supporter of the Stone Center.

Donations may be made in Okun’s memory to the Dan Okun Scholarship Fund in the School of Public Health, CCB #7367. Checks, made to the Public Health Foundation, should indicate the name of the scholarship.

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“Mr. Conrad is known as a collaborative leader, a key attribute for someone who will oversee the strategic integration of information technology in all aspects of the University’s education, scholarship, research and service,” Gray-Little said.

He was on the selection, negotiation, steering and budget committees that implemented PeopleSoft for Florida State’s Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) project — a background that makes him well qualified for both Carolina’s ERP project, Gray-Little said. The ERP is a University-wide initiative to streamline and integrate Carolina’s aging student information, human resources, payroll and finance computing systems, many of which are more than 20 years old.

Conrad led the effort to define and build a new high-speed research and education network in Florida known as the Florida LambdaRail, which provides opportunities for Florida university faculty, researchers and students to collaborate with colleagues worldwide.

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In addition, he previously served on the board of the National LambdaRail, a nationwide high-speed research network initiative, and has recently been elected to the Internet2 External Relations Council. He has been active for many years in EDUCAUSE, a nonprofit association that promotes the intelligent use of information technology in higher education.

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Reclaimed water system contracts awarded

Last month, the Orange Water and Sewer Authority (OWASA) board of directors awarded nearly $7 million in contracts to build a new reclaimed water system.

Reclaimed water is highly treated wastewater that meets the state’s standards for certain non-drinking uses including irrigation, cooling, street cleaning, toilet flushing and construction.

When construction of the system is completed in spring 2009, the University will use treated water instead of drinking water at several of its chilled water plants and to flush toilets in the Center for Genome Sciences when it is completed. The new system is expected to reduce the University’s need for drinking water by around 600,000 gallons per day — about one-fourth of the total used by the University and UNC Hospitals and around 7 percent of overall water demand in the area. Reclaimed water use in the late spring, summer and early fall is expected to exceed 1 million gallons per day.

As the system is extended later, officials estimate that it could reduce drinking water demand by 2 million gallons per day or more.

The University will reimburse OWASA for local costs of design and construction and will pay future rates and fees to cover operating, maintenance and management costs of the new system. State and federal grants will cover more than $2 million of the design and construction costs.

“The University is grateful to the North Carolina General Assembly for approving this innovative arrangement. We are pleased to be a partner in a project that will benefit the entire OWASA service area,” said Carolyn Elfland, associate vice chancellor for campus services.

Planning and design for the system began shortly after the 2002 drought, said Randy Kabrick, OWASA board chair.

Enjoying a Friday night dinner and a movie is as easy as making a phone call.

The Classic Movie Night series, sponsored by the Carolina Club and the Chapel Hill Historical Society, features a three-course dinner and movie shown on the big screen in the George Watts Hill Alumni Center. Local film enthusiasts, many from the University community, introduce the movies and the evenings end with audience discussions — all for $25 per person.

Since 2001, the two organizations have teamed up to offer the movie nights for their members. Several times a year they partner with University groups and invite them to participate as well.

Two such Classic Movie Nights are scheduled for early 2008:

- A partnership with the University Women’s Club on Jan. 25 features “The Sting” introduced by Hodding Carter III, professor of leadership and public policy.

That night, Kimball King, professor emeritus of English, will lead an additional early conversation about the portrayal of sting in American literature and films.

- On Feb. 22, Jack Boger, dean of the School of Law, will introduce “Judgment at Nuremberg” in a partnership with law school faculty and staff. Boger, who has expertise in constitutional and civil rights law, will also lead the early conversation on the needs of a nation versus the rights of its citizens.

The series reflects a variety of film genres. Movies including “All the King’s Men” introduced by William Leuchtenburg, William Rand Kenan Jr. professor emeritus of history, “The Philadelphia Story” introduced by King; and “The Graduate” introduced by Tom Linden, Glaxo Wellcome Distinguished Professor of Medical Journalism, have been shown.

Val Launder, lecturer in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication, chooses the movies and finds relevant speakers based on the movie’s theme and possible discussion topic.

Launder was instrumental in creating a 1999 movie series for the Chapel Hill Historical Society that featured discussions by Carolina faculty members. Two years later, when the Carolina Club wanted to start its movie series, Launder, a former president of the Historical Society, suggested that the two groups join forces. It is a project she is passionate about.

“I am a generation that grew up going to the movies. They are an important part of our cultural history,” Launder said.

In fact, she said, a PBS documentary on the history of movies described the influence of early 20th-century nickelodeons and silent films in helping the wave of U.S. immigrants adapt to their new home. Because the films were inexpensive and told their stories visually, people from all backgrounds could enjoy them, even without understanding English.

Chapel Hill's Pickwick Theatre, which charged 5 cents for a movie and accompanying piano music when it opened in 1909, was one of the most popular entertainment establishments in town for several decades.

For information about Classic Movie Nights and possible University partnerships, call Elizabeth Cheek at 962-9578 or e-mail elizabeth.cheek@ourclub.com.
Human Resources

Beginning of 2008 is an excellent time for a benefits check-up

With the start of a new year, it is important to review some essential benefit information.

**Annual Enrollment Changes**

Any benefit elections you made during the Annual Enrollment for NC Flex and the University benefit programs took effect Jan. 1. Remember to check your pay stubs (Jan. 4 for biweekly paid employees and Jan. 26 for monthly paid employees) to ensure that the programs you elected are reflected with the corresponding deductions.

**Dental Plans**

NC Flex switched dental vendors. Beginning Jan. 1, the new vendor is United Concordia. ID cards were mailed the last week in December to all employees enrolled in the NC Flex dental plan. Remember to tell your dentist about the change in vendors on your next visit.

Also, if you switched between the NC Flex dental plan (United Concordia) and the University’s dental plan (Assurant Dental), be sure to tell your dentist and present your ID card at your next appointment.

**Health Care and Dependent Care Spending Accounts**

Claims for limits elected for the 2007 plan year must be filed with Aon by March 31. Services must have been rendered by Dec. 31, 2007. For limits elected for the 2008 plan year, remember to file claims in a timely manner. Aon mailed claim kits to all enrolled members the last week in December. If you use the NC Flex Convenience Card, remember to send in your receipts quickly to avoid any interruptions to the use of your card.

You can check the balance of your spending account, status of claims submitted and pending reimbursements by registering with Aon at www.ncflex.selfservicenow.com.

**Supplemental Medical**

NC Flex eliminated the supplemental medical plan with Kanawha. Deductions for this plan terminated in December. If you were enrolled in this plan, you were notified of the plan’s termination by NC Flex as well as in the communication the University distributed during annual enrollment.

**Life Insurance**

Increases in life insurance above any guaranteed issued amounts are subject to evidence of insurability (also known as proof of insurance). Coverage changes will take place upon notification of an approved increase by the insurer.

Cancer Insurance

If you elected coverage or switched to a higher plan during annual enrollment, you would have been subject to evidence of insurability (also known as proof of insurance). Coverage changes will take place upon notification of approval by the insurer.

**Vision Coverage**

If you elected coverage or switched plans during annual enrollment, you should have received new ID cards. NC Flex Vision Plan I covers exams and materials, while Vision Plan 2 covers basic materials. Don’t forget that if you are enrolled in the State’s Smart Choice PPO health plan, the PPO provides in-network coverage for one routine comprehensive eye examination per benefit period, subject to a co-pay amount.

Spring semester’s tuition waiver deadline is Jan. 15

Tuition waiver forms for the spring semester must be turned in no later than 5 p.m. Jan. 15. Deliver forms to the Benefits Program Administration Office in Human Resources, located in the Administrative Office Building at 104 Airport Drive, Suite 1700. The tuition waiver program allows eligible employees to have their tuition waived for a course taken at any of the 16 campuses of the UNC system. Participation is voluntary and courses may be taken for career development or for personal interest. Tuition may be waived for up to three courses per academic year. Tuition waiver deadlines may vary from institution to institution.

Employees are responsible for knowing the deadline applicable to the institution at which they are enrolled.

For more information on the tuition waiver policy and a link to the required form, refer to hr.unc.edu/Data/benefits/tuitionprograms/tuitionwaiver.

For information about the tuition waiver policy, contact Ruth Holt at 962-3071.

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2007 UMDP graduates

Human Resources congratulates the 2007 graduates of the 10-month University Management Development Program (UMDP), designed for University managers and supervisors.

For information on UMDP, refer to hr.unc.edu/employees/spa-employees/training/umd. The next nomination period will begin in June.

Tiffany Allen
Christina Artis
Adam Beck
Vicki Behrens
Connie Blumenthal
Shawn Caldwell
Stephen Campbell
Michael Carroll
Carolyn Cates Newman
Robert L. Chapman, Jr.
Randal V Childs
Chuck Crews
Shannon Eubanks
Jocelyn Foy
Priscilla Godwin-Hanson
Elizabeth Gunn
Tommy R. Gunter
Holly Harmes
Derek Hoar
Jeremiah Joyner
Lisa Katz
James W. Lindsey
Greg Marrow
J Ingrid Mathis
James McAdam
Victoria S. Morgan
Rachel Morris
Jessica C. Russell
Peter Smith
Ingrid Wicker-McCree
Chris Williams
Jerome Williams
Tina Zimmerman

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**WINTER BLOOD DRIVE A RESOUNDING SUCCESS**

Carolina Blood Driveيف co-founders Ed Phillips, director of business operations with Facilities Services, and Pamela Billing, office manager for the Arts and Sciences Foundation until her retirement in 2005, assist Rameses with a blood donation at the Ninth Annual Winter Blood Drive Dec. 18. The drive exceeded its goal with 341 units of blood collected, which will help to sustain or save the lives of 1,023 North Carolinians.

**Call for entries: 20th blood drive logo, theme**

The 20th annual Carolina Blood Drive will be held June 3 at the Smith Center. The blood drive committee is accepting ideas from the campus community for a theme and/or graphic logo.

Concepts should focus on the 20th anniversary of the drive and the more than 50,000 North Carolinians who have been helped by Carolina’s blood donors.

The winning theme and logo will be used on the poster, T-shirt and Web page. The contest winner(s) will receive a blood drive presentation poster, the new 20th anniversary T-shirt and design acknowledgment on the blood drive recruitment Web site. Submit ideas by Feb. 1 to Shelly Green, Employee Services, CB # 1045 or e-mail employee_services@unc.edu.

For more information call Employee Services, 962-1483.
Preserving history: the restoration of Gerrard Hall and Playmakers Theatre

Campus construction is everywhere. Dodging workmen, construction materials and scaffolding, it can be difficult to navigate from one end of campus to the other. At the same time, it is easy to overlook the details of the many projects under way.

While the new construction is eye-catching, the University also has recently completed two important historic restorations. Both projects are performing arts spaces: Playmakers Theatre, also known as Smith Hall, and Gerrard Hall, located beside South Building.

Three years of planning, 14 months of labor and about $3.5 million have gone into the restorations, supervised by Paul Kapp, manager of historic preservation for the University.

Modernizing a vintage building

Gerrard Hall has undergone the more extensive change. The building’s cornerstone was laid in 1822, and construction was completed in 1837. Originally a lecture hall and chapel, the building was heated by a radiator and had no bathrooms, running water or air-conditioning.

“It was pretty spiteful during the summer-time,” Kapp said with a smile.

Several renovations were made to the building. Workers dug a crawl-space by hand, creating a space for air-conditioning and heating systems. A raised stage was lowered to increase accessibility, seats in the balcony were torn out and seating dating to the 1930s was restored.

The building was also brought up to code with the installation of sprinkler and fire systems and improved accessibility.

“Cramming all that into an 1822 vintage building and still trying to keep its historical look and integrity has been a challenge,” Kapp said.

Designing the portico, or the columns at the entrance of the building facing Polk Place, was one of the biggest changes, Kapp said. Joseph Caldwell, the University’s first president, wanted the portico to face south, indicating his hopes for continued expansion of the campus.

“It was the suggestion of another quad,” Kapp said, referring to Caldwell’s decision to have the portico face south. “Everybody nowadays says, ‘You put the portico on the wrong side’, but that’s really not what happened at all.”

With Caldwell’s intent in mind, Gerrard was restored using marks on the sides of the building left from the original columns, and the new portico faces Polk Place just as it did originally.

The building’s original columns began to rot in the 1890s and were torn down in 1901. Workers left them on the side of the road to be hauled away, but Chapel Hill residents had other ideas. “Various people just took them,” Kapp said.

In summer 2002, however, Kapp discovered that some pieces of the University’s history refused to disappear.

“I was jogging down Battle Lane, and in someone’s lawn was a yard ornament,” he said. Upon closer inspection, Kapp realized that it was the top of one of the columns from Gerrard, about a half-mile from its original location of a century ago.

Facelift for a masterpiece

While Gerrard has undergone extensive renovations, Playmakers Theatre, which was completed in 1851, has undergone a facelift, with restoration focused on the exterior.

“We kind of redid the envelope of the building,” Kapp said.

The bases of the front columns were rebuilt to as well. George Fore, one of the leading conservators in the South, was brought in to analyze the exterior paint color of Playmakers.

Fore used a lift to get paint samples from the exterior of the building. He then floated the samples in silicon, cut them and analyzed the colors of years past using spectrographic analysis. As a result, Fore put together a palette of the building’s previous colors, which was presented to the Board of Trustees who chose the exterior color seen today.

The completed project has created additional performance space for students and faculty.

Unlike that on newer campuses, the University’s arts community is not concentrated in one place, but is scattered across campus, said Emil Kang, executive director for the arts.

“I think we’re going to be a campus with important historic buildings, and through these buildings hopefully we’ll be able to stitch together an arts community,” Kang said.

Kapp said that although the exterior restoration of Playmakers, a national historic landmark, is essentially complete, the inside has a long way to go. He estimates that an interior restoration would require $4 million to $4.5 million.

The University plans to ask the General Assembly for the money next year, Kapp said. Until any further restoration begins, though, Playmakers will remain available for use.

True to their original intent

Gerrard is now in use again, recently housing events ranging from an open forum of the Chancellor Search Committee to a folk music concert.

“Among the biggest challenges in the restoration process were efforts to comply with building codes meant for newly constructed buildings, Kapp said.

Working with the N.C. State Historic Preservation Office, campus architects and the fire marshal, however, they were able to update the building to current safety standards without compromising the integrity of the structure.

“Buildings like Gerrard are going to be used, and used a lot,” Kapp said. “I think that’s one thing our preservation program is very proud of. You’ll find that these buildings have been continually used.”

Moreover, they are used with their original purpose in mind.

“Every building on both of these historic quadrants is being used as they were intended when they were built,” Kapp said, “and that’s pretty good stuff.”

Editor’s Note: This story was contributed by Joyce Pope from Raleigh, a senior in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication.
ITS maintains several sites for videoconferences

WHAT’S ABOUT

There are several Information Technology Services (ITS)-supported videoconference facilities on campus, which faculty use for everything from classes to symposiums to research collaboratives to interviews to dissertation defenses.

“Remember that you don’t necessarily have to travel to another university to collaborate with colleagues — you can reach them with our help,” said Tom Cox, senior learning space consultant with ITS Teaching and Learning. “Videoconferencing is easy, and Classroom Hotline staff are happy to provide faculty with a demo of the room’s equipment to make them feel comfortable with the setup.”

Videoconference facilities are available in Peabody Hall, Phillips Hall, the Johnston Center, the Health Sciences Library and the Carolina Center for Educational Excellence. To see a map of all ITS videoconference locations, refer to its.unc.edu/it/maps/videoconf-map.pdf. Learn more about scheduling a room at hotline.unc.edu.

All facilities offer H.323 (Video over IP) videoconferencing, and some offer added features such as a second camera and push-to-talk microphones that allow audience/class members to collaborate more easily. Several of the rooms offer multi-point conferencing, allowing you to see and hear people in several locations at once. Some also offer data sharing, which allows participants to share their computer screens to display visuals such as PowerPoint presentations.

“If faculty already have a partnership set up with another institution, they should consider holding some meetings by videoconference instead of driving to another city or state repeatedly throughout the year,” Cox said. “This saves time and money, and it will become increasingly important at Carolina, with our growing focus on research funding and collaboration.”

The Classroom Hotline provides key classroom technology to Carolina instructors and students. To learn more, refer to hotline.unc.edu, e-mail hotline@unc.edu or call 962-6702.

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Business skill courses such as time management, conflict resolution and project management are also available.

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Eurasian and East European Studies and the U.S. Department of Education Title VI Program

“After the Fall: Russia Post-Communism” will be held from 9:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Tuition fee is $120. To register, visit www.unc.edu/depts/human or call 919-962-1544.

Hutchins lecture analyzes tobacco epidemics in world, South

The Center for the Study of the American South with support from the UNC General Alumni Association presents the James A. Hutchins Lecture Feb. 5: “What Does the Cigarette Epidemic in the American South Tell Us About Global Tobacco Control Today.” Louis M. Kyriakoudes, associate professor of history at the University of Southern Mississippi, will present the talk at 3:30 p.m. in the Royal Hall of the Hill Alumni Center.

For more information, refer to www.unc.edu/depts/csas/Hutchins2007-2008/Kyriakoudes.html.

Carolina to host literary festival in 2009

Carolina began the North Carolina Literary Festival in April 1998 to celebrate Southern writers and readers. The inaugural event featured many University faculty members and other Southern literary luminaries.

Chancellor James Moeser, with a $200,000 commitment to the UNC Library in December, ensured that the biennial festival would continue.

In a Dec. 14 letter to the leaders of the other three area universities that have hosted or participated in the event — Duke, N.C. State and N.C. Central — Moeser said Carolina would host the festival in 2009. Carolina hosted the event in 1998 and 2002, N.C. State in 2004 and Duke in 2006.

It was the University’s turn to stage the festival this year, but Sarah Michalak, UNC librarian and vice provost, said in November that financial constraints kept the UNC Library from organizing the event. Traditionally, each host school has raised the needed money and developed a slate of authors to appear.

“This festival, rotating among our respective universities, is an outstanding showcase for the important literary heritage and makes a major contribution to the cultural climate of the Triangle,” Moeser wrote.

Moeser said he hoped that the area campuses could work together to help create a sustainable future for the event.

“It is now clear that Carolina faculty and students consider it a critical aspect of academic scholarship and community outreach,” he said.

Michalak said she was thrilled by the chancellor’s support for the festival and excited about planning an excellent event. A date and planning committee for the festival will be announced early this year, she said.

LGBTQ program funds available

As part of its mission to help foster and sustain the quality of LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer) life in the University community, the Provost’s Committee on LGBTQ Life offers financial support for speakers, colloquia, performances and other professional activities and innovative programs.

To apply for funds, refer to provost.unc.edu/announcements/lgbtq2007 and complete the funding application.

‘A Dialogue on Development: Addressing Extreme Poverty’

The FedEx Global Education Center will offer a free public lecture by economist Paul Collier at 7 p.m. on Jan. 10 in the Nelson Mandela Auditorium as part of its Global Education Distinguished Speaker Series, co-sponsored by UNC’s African Studies Center.

Collier will address the struggles facing countries in extreme poverty and propose realistic solutions for growth.

Collier is a professor of economics and the director of the Center for the Study of African Economies at Oxford University. See global.unc.edu for more information.

Registration open for SILS summer international program

Registration is now open to anyone interested in being part of the School of Information and Library Science summer seminars in Prague, Czech Republic or Oxford, England. These international summer seminars can be taken for academic credit or non-credit. All registrations must be received by March 1. For more details, refer to sils.unc.edu/programs/international.

DJ Spooky to present lecture and demo of “Video Soul”

Paul D. Miller, better known as DJ Spooky, will present a discussion and demonstration Feb. 8 to illustrate the history of digital art and media of “Video Soul: Wattstax to the Avant Garde” prior to its world premiere Feb. 9 at Duke.

The event will take place at 3 p.m. in Hanes Art Auditorium.

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Lecture, presented by Steve Forbes, president, CEO of Forbes Inc. Koury Aud, McColl 6:30 p.m.

R.S.V.P.: 843-7787 or lbfdarosp@app.unc.edu.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30 – FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1

UNC Global, Peking University “Health Crises and Disparities: Working Together on Solutions.” www.pkuрослонglobalhealthforum.org

NOTEWORTHY

BELL TOWER TOASTMASTERS


Every Tuesday. Practice formal and informal presentations with feedback. 6th floor confer room, Health Sciences Library. 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.

FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING

www.unc.edu/faculty/facroum. 1:00 Stone Dr Hatchcock Room 3-5 p.m.

FEDEX GLOBAL EDUCATION CENTER

www.globed.unc.edu. Call Laura Grist (962-0318) or e-mail laurgriest@unc.edu. All events take place at the center.

LANGUAGE AT UNC

Second week of month. Grab lunch and practice language skills. Mon, Spanish; Tue, French; Wed, Portuguese; Thu, Chinese; Fri, Arabic. Global Cup Cafe. 11:30 am -1:30 pm.

SAFE ZONE ALLY PROGRAM

Call Danny DeFyur (943-9376) or e-mail defyur@email.unc.edu.

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www.hotline.unc.edu.

E-mail hotline@unc.edu, or call 919-962-1544.

UNIVERSITY MANAGERS ASSOCIATION

E-mail dvaal@lgp.fs.fgc.unc.edu. 1/16 Third Wednesday Conversations — brown bag lunch. Campus Y. 11:45 am.

DEADLINES TO WATCH

OFFICE OF HUMAN RESOURCES

1/16 Deadline to turn in tuition waiver forms for spring semester. See hr.unc.edu/Data/benefits/tuitionwaiver or call Ruth Holt (962-3050).

CAROLINA WOMEN’S LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

provost.unc.edu/announcements/facメン torsaward.

1/11 Deadline to make a nomination for a Faculty Mentoring Award. See Web site and make nomination online: www.unc.edu/pgc-bin/WILDMA_viewapp.pl.

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www.unc.edu/masseysawards/nominate. Call Carolyn Atkins (962-0800) or e-mail ccallin@unc.edu.

1/17 Deadline to make nominations for Massey Awards. See Web site for guidelines and nomination form. Make nominations online or mail to Carolyn Atkins, C. Knox Massey Awards Committee, CB 6100.

APPLES SERVICE-LEARNING PROGRAM

hub@email.unc.edu. provost.unc.edu.

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email.unc.edu. lbfdarosp@unc.edu. alliances@safezone.unc.edu. 10/0 Safe Zone Training. 3-7 pm.

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**THURSDAY, JANUARY 10**

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**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16**

1/16 | **School of Nursing**<br>Ofices of Research and Global Health: "Who and What Counts in the Media's Coverage of Health Care." Suzanne Gordon, freelance journalist, author. Stone Ctr. 4:30-6 pm. |

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 17**

1/17 | **Institute for the Arts & Humanities**<br>Paul Gilroy, London School of Economics, visits campus 1/17-19 as Kenan Visiting Scholar and will present keynote address 1/17 at the Paul Gilroy Conference. Aud, Stone Ctr. 6 pm. See isah.unc.edu/news/Gilroyprogram. |

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 24**

1/24 | **Injury Prevention Research Center**<br>“Child Maltreatment and Intimate Partner Violence in the Military.” Presenters: Deborah Gibbs, senior health analyst, Research Triangle Institute; Sandra L. Martin, professor of maternal and child health. IPRC Conference Rm. 3:30–5:30 pm. |

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 26**

1/26 | **Adventures in Ideas, Program in the Humanities and Human Values**<br>“After the Fall: Russia Post-Communism.” 9:15 am–6:15 pm. See www.unc.edu/depts/human. Call 919-515-4454. |

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