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Top Story

4.NINER K runners defy rain, raise \$27K for scholarships

More than 600 runners and dozens of volunteers braved the rain Saturday, Oct. 24, to participate in the first-ever 4.NINER K. The event, a 4.9 kilometer race/walk, raised more than \$27,000 for need-based scholarships at UNC Charlotte. At press time, race organizers continue to receive donations in support of the 4.NINER K Fund.

“It’s gratifying to see so many people turn out and make this race an overwhelming success,” said Chancellor Philip L. Dubois. “Almost every day, I receive e-mail messages from students faced with financial decisions no student should have to make. Their families are suffering financially and cannot help them, and they often already work, sometimes more than one job, to supplement the financial aid they receive. Many are first-generation college students – in fact, UNC Charlotte educates the largest number of first-generation students in the UNC system. The proceeds from today’s run will help many stay in school.”

For the fall semester, UNC Charlotte welcomed a record enrollment of more than 24,700 students. Come spring, a significant number of these students may be unable to continue their studies due to state budget cuts to need-based financial aid. Due to the current economic climate, an even larger number of students applied for financial aid this fall. However, the state budget eliminated several sources of potential aid.

“This year, financial aid applications are up 30 percent. With less aid from the state, some of our neediest students would be unable to return in the spring,” said David Dunn, vice chancellor for university relations and community affairs. “Thanks to the runners, volunteers and our steadfast sponsorship partners, many students may be able to stay in school.”

Details on how the scholarships will be awarded are being finalized.

Jordan Olsen and Aurora Trujillo from Charlotte were the overall male and female winners of the event. The top men and women in various age categories were recognized, too. After the race, runners and their families enjoyed a post-race barbeque and other activities, including 49er Fan Day in Halton Arena, where Charlotte 49ers men’s and women’s basketball teams held scrimmages and signed autographs.

Major sponsors for the inaugural 4.NINER K included the UNC Charlotte Alumni Association, Presbyterian Hospital Huntersville, the Charlotte Observer, Fifth Third Bank, 49Fanatics.com, Chartwells and Trader Joe’s.

Around Campus

H1N1 vaccinations for students to begin, staff and faculty later

The Student Health Center (SHC) has received approximately 4,100 H1N1 vaccines and will begin dispensing these to students. **Vaccinations for staff and faculty will NOT occur during this time** but may become available in the coming weeks, as the University receives more vaccine.

Vaccinations for students will be provided according to the schedule below:

Next Monday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the food court area of the Barnhardt Student Activity Center, vaccines will be administered to students on a first-come, first-served basis while the supply lasts. Students will be notified directly by e-mail and those residing in residence halls will be contacted directly.

On Wednesday, Nov. 4, and beyond, remaining vaccines will be administered at the SHC until the supply is exhausted.

Special-priority students have been notified and will be vaccinated at appointed times. These individuals include students at high risk for flu complications and College of Health and Human Services students who, through their clinical training in hospitals, have direct patient contact.

“The current supply of vaccines is not enough for the entire campus community, but we expect to receive ongoing shipments of vaccine every week or two throughout the flu season,” said SHC medical director Dr. Robert Jones. “We are following guidelines set forth by the Centers for Disease Control to vaccinate as many people as we can, as soon as we can. When an individual is vaccinated, it benefits all of that person’s contacts. Before we receive additional vaccines, we are required to use all our current doses.”

Information about vaccinations for staff and faculty will be provided as it becomes available, through Campus News, e-mail and the “H1N1 Flu Update” link on the University home page www.uncc.edu.

Staff Council researching community service leave opportunities

Each year, University employees receive up to 24 hours of paid child involvement/community service leave. The UNC Charlotte Staff Council is seeking opportunities to help faculty and staff take advantage of this benefit.

“We feel that maybe folks on campus don’t utilize their community service leave because they are not sure how or where to use it,” said Diana Hill, Staff Council vice president. “One of the goals of the council’s Events and Education Committee is to find the opportunities and communicate them to the staff. We are looking for opportunities where a group representing the University can volunteer.”

According to Hill, the committee will try to locate opportunities related to people, the environment and animals/pets. As part of this effort, Hill and Lynn Cauble attended the SECC agency fair kick off and discussed opportunities with representatives from attending agencies.

The first opportunity identified, which has been approved by the University’s Human Resources Department, is in support of St. Jude’s Research Hospital. Volunteers are needed from 1:30 to 6 p.m., Monday, Dec. 7, to stuff envelopes for the charity’s Thunder Road Marathon. Employees who have community service hours to use and who would like to volunteer should obtain their supervisor’s approval and e-mail Cauble at lacauble@uncc.edu or call ext. 7-2327 to sign up.

Other volunteer opportunities will be cleared through HR before being publicized, and the council's Events and Education Committee is looking at opportunities in neighboring counties (Cabarrus, Iredell and Union).

Yale Initiative adds Charlotte to its League of Teachers Institutes

The Yale National Initiative formally announced that the Charlotte Teachers Institute (CTI) is the newest member of its League of Teachers Institutes.

CTI is an innovative educational partnership among Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools (CMS), Davidson College and UNC Charlotte. It joins teachers institutes established in New Haven, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia. Each institute links institutions of higher education with a school district that serves a significant proportion of students from low-income communities. Institutes focus on the academic preparation of school teachers and on how to apply what they learn at their respective institutes in their own classrooms.

"We are impressed by the enthusiasm and commitment to CTI expressed by the three partner institutions," said James Vivian, Yale Initiative director. "CTI promises to become precisely the kind of exemplary teachers institute that we hope to develop in each state."

Vivian announced CTI's admission into the league during the initiative's recent fifth annual conference, attended by hundreds of teachers, school district officials and higher education administrators from 11 participating cities and counties.

Each teachers institute offers seminars on subjects that teachers request in the humanities and sciences. During seminars, faculty members contribute their knowledge of a subject, while the school teachers contribute their expertise in elementary and secondary school pedagogy, their understanding of the students they teach and their grasp of what works in the classroom. Teachers write a curriculum unit to be used in their own classroom and to be shared with others in the same school and other schools through both print and electronic publication. Currently, 50 teachers participate in four CTI seminars; the institute plans to double its offerings in fall 2010. Seminars take place at Davidson College and UNC Charlotte. Participating teachers, called fellows, are treated as members of each campus community with access to all campus facilities.

"UNC Charlotte views the Charlotte Teachers Institute as a primary means by which to fulfill our commitment to forging pre-kindergarten through college partnerships and helping prepare today's students to succeed in an evolving and diverse world," said UNC Charlotte Chancellor Philip L. Dubois. "We are pleased to have a Yale National Initiative Teachers Institute in Charlotte."

Faculty, staff staking their claim to annual SECC drive

In its first week, the University's annual State Employees Combined Campaign (SECC) is off to a quick start. At press time contributions totaled more than \$49,300, which puts it ahead of the same point as last year (\$40,097).

"The SECC is another opportunity for UNC Charlotte faculty and staff members to put 'Stake Your Claim' into action," said David Dunn, vice chancellor for university relations and community affairs and SECC co-chair. "Last year, the UNC Charlotte family came through in a meaningful way to help hundreds in our community. I am confident that our 49er spirit will be even stronger this year. With more than 900 agencies associated with the campaign, every employee can select the one that reflects his or her interests and passions. Every contribution makes a difference."

The SECC is a charitable giving effort governed by state employees. There are more than 900 health, educational, environmental and social service organizations to which contributions can be directed. Click [here](#) to make a pledge, which can be done as cash/check, payroll deduction or credit card. Everyone who pledges will be eligible for the SECC donor drawing featuring the following prizes: one-year gold membership to the SAC fitness center, two tickets to four performances at the Robinson Hall for the Performing Arts, \$25 Barnes and Noble gift certificate, tickets to the Southern Christmas Show, package of five parking tokens, lunch for two at Ritazza and Ritazza Grande Gourmet coffee for a week.

Graduate School honors annual award recipients

The Graduate School recently held an awards luncheon to recognize the recipients and donors of 14 fellowships and scholarships that provide more than \$110,000 to outstanding graduate students in a variety of disciplines.

Kelly Charles, who is pursuing a master's degree in social work, is the inaugural recipient of the Faye Jacques Memorial Graduate Fellowship. The honor's namesake was a veteran UNC Charlotte employee of almost 40 years, much of that time with the Graduate School.

Other recipients included Irka Templeton, a master's in business administration and accountancy student who received the Joanna Baker Fellowship, and Jessica Schillinger and Danielle Woodall, Ph.D. students in health psychology and nanoscale science, respectively, who were honored with the Wayland Cato Jr. First-Year Graduate Fellowship. Christina Frick, a student pursuing a master's in counseling, and Ashley Parker, who is working on a doctorate in curriculum and instruction, won the Herschel and Cornelia Everett Foundation First-Year Graduate Fellowship. Three doctoral candidates received the Lucille and Edward Giles Graduate Fellowship – Heather Gordon (organizational science), Jennifer Rettew (biology) and Evan Suma (information technology). April Dellinger, a master's student in English, won the John Paul Lucas Jr. Scholarship, and Debi Wessinger, who is working on a master's in business administration, received the Zonta Club of Charlotte award. The International Undergraduate Student Scholarship went to Sarai Garcia, a first-year student in music, and Shankari Somayaji, a Ph.D. student in biology, won the Graduate School Dean's Distinguished Dissertation prize.

“Through the generosity of donors supporting graduate education, UNC Charlotte is able to attract top academic talent at both the student and faculty levels,” said Tom Reynolds, associate provost and dean of the Graduate School. “These student recipients are already contributing their intellectual capital to the Charlotte area and are among the up-and-coming leaders in their fields.”

'Lutz Live!' to broadcast from Wild Wing Café

Charlotte 49ers basketball coach Bobby Lutz will broadcast his weekly coach's show “Lutz LIVE!” this season from Wild Wing Café, located at 9539 Pinnacle Drive in the University City area. The show will be carried live on WFNZ-AM 610 “The Fan” or WBCN-AM 1660 “America's Talk” on Thursdays from 7 to 8 p.m. beginning Nov. 12. Hosted by Matt Swierad, the voice of the 49ers, the one-hour show will include call-ins and questions from the audience in attendance, and each week a 49er player will appear for a segment.

The Wild Wing Café will host the “49ers Hoops Tip-Off Party” at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 4. The 2009-10 season begins the following evening with an exhibition game against Johnson C. Smith at Halton Arena.

“I am looking forward to joining the staff on Thursdays at Wild Wing Café for the show and visiting with the 49er fans throughout the year. This is a fun format for me,” said Lutz, the all-time winningest coach in 49ers history. “I am glad to have this format to exchange dialogue with our fans. See you at Wild Wing Café.”

Kiran Navare, owner-operator of the host Wild Wing Café, said “We are excited to be hosting Coach Lutz and the show. We want to be a big part of college basketball in the area. Stay tuned for the 49er specials we will feature for ‘Lutz Live’ and the TV parties.”

New travel authorization policy approved

Chancellor Philip L. Dubois approved Policy Statement No. 126 “**Travel Authorization and Reimbursement**” on Oct. 20. This new policy statement serves as an overarching statement regarding the purpose and scope of the travel manual and the responsibilities of University employees while in travel status as well as the responsibilities of individuals and offices that participate in the travel authorization and reimbursement process. This is the University’s initial policy statement and procedure manual related to University travel, and it documents in one place the related federal, state and University requirements.

Nominees sought for 2010 Bank of America Award for Teaching Excellence

The selection committee for the 2010 Bank of America Award for Teaching Excellence is soliciting nominees. This award is one of the most important and prestigious presented by the University, as it honors outstanding teachers on campus and provides an example of UNC Charlotte’s commitment to teaching excellence.

In its call for nominations, the committee is seeking to honor individuals respected as outstanding teachers and mentors. The strongest nominations include specific examples from students and colleagues alike. In order to be eligible for the Bank of America Award for Teaching Excellence, a faculty member must be tenured, must be on the UNC Charlotte faculty for seven years and must be teaching in the year that the award is given. Nominees cannot be a former recipient or have been a finalist within the past two years.

As in the past, the Bank of America Award Committee will select five finalists from among the nominees. The award recipient will be selected from the finalists and will be honored along with them at an awards ceremony in September 2010.

For more information or to nominate a teacher, go to the Web site www.provost.uncc.edu/BOFAaward. Nominations are due by Friday, Dec. 4.

Faculty/staff bowling tournament results reported

This year’s annual faculty/staff bowling tournament drew 112 participants. Held as part of Staff Recognition Week, the tournament is a popular event. The winning team was “Bosco the Bull” comprised of Charlie Bowling, Jeff Brindle and David Burkette, housing and residence life; and Chris McKinney, facilities management. Brindle and Burkette tied for high men’s game with a score of 208; McKinney’s 519 total for three games won high series. Beverly Guessford, Lee College of Engineering, won women’s high game (177) and high series (479).

Awards also were given for best team name and attire/theme. “Dollz with Ballz” (Ann Benson-Holt, Alicia Clapp, Meagan Flood and Maria Rutherford, conference services) won best team name; honorable mentions went to “The Wood Splitters,” “The Bowled and the Beautiful” and “3 Seconds in the Lane.” Best attire/theme went to “Bone Rollers” (Salem Adnan, Greg King, Kate Lehman and Andrew Pasch from housing and residence life).

UNC Charlotte magazine third quarter edition now online

The third quarterly installment of the UNC Charlotte magazine is now online. Among the stories featured in this edition are “Learning to Serve,” which provides details on the Levine Scholars Program that was announced in August, “The Gift of Literacy,” which centers on education professor Diane Browder’s work to champion disabled students and “Rocking the Campus,” which focuses on student musicians Brandon Kirkley and Jocelyn Ellis. Click [here](#) to read the magazine.

What’s on UNC Charlotte Cable TV?

“My Brand New Life” is one of the new programs on UNC Charlotte Cable Television. This show is dedicated to a younger crowd with an emphasis on different cultures and lifestyles. Each episode features two kids who swap lives to experience a new opportunity. In one episode, a hockey player and ballet dancer switch lives to learn what it takes to become the other. Preconceived ideas and stereotypes are targeted in order for the kids to experience a brand new life. The show airs at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

A complete UNC Charlotte Cable TV program schedule is available [online](#) and at TVGuide.com (Charlotte - Time Warner Cable, Channel 22). UNC Charlotte Cable TV is produced by the University’s Broadcast Communications Department, which provides a wide variety of video and media services. For more information, e-mail Ashley Rowell, program director, at abrowell@uncc.edu.

Engineering students to compete in regional fishing tournament

Tyler Beam and Eric Self, undergraduate students in the Lee College of Engineering, will compete in the National Guard FLW College Fishing Regional Championship being held Nov. 7-9 at Lake Norman.

National Guard FLW College Fishing is a national competitive bass-fishing program open to all full-time students at four-year colleges and universities. It consists of 20 qualifying events, five regional championships and the national championship. The Lake Norman regional event will be televised on the cable channel Versus. Should Beam and Self win, they would receive a \$25,000 unrestricted donation with the same amount for the student bass-fishing club.

Facilities management to host silent auction

The Facilities Management Event Committee will host a silent auction from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 4, at the College of Health and Human Services/College of Education quad. Proceeds from the auction, which is open to the campus community, will benefit the organization’s social fund, which is used to offset expenses for its holiday party and spring picnic.

Among the items donated thus far are three sets of tickets for four to the North Carolina Zoo in Asheboro, two Taylor Made golf clubs/drivers, gift cards to Home Depot and a Sony computer with docking station (model VGN-BX760PB). These items are

valued at more than \$500. In addition, there will be a raffle for cash prizes of \$50 and \$100.

Prospective bidders will be able to view items on site. A minimum bid will be on the silent auction sheet. Bidders can check back during the auction's time frame and re-bid until the conclusion of the event. The highest bid will be declared the winner; this individual must pay for the prize with a check payable to UNC Charlotte with "FM Silent Auction" in the memo line at the Facilities Management/PPS Building, Room 207 or 215. For more information, contact Jen Evans at ext. 7-6285.

Nominees for honorary degree sought

One highlight of commencement is the recognition of individuals for exceptional and distinctive service to the University or the greater community through the awarding of an honorary degree from UNC Charlotte. The Faculty Honorary Degree Advisory Committee is seeking assistance in nominating persons for this honor.

The University Board of Trustees has established the following criteria regarding prospective nominees:

- Exceptional and distinctive service to the University, the region, state or nation; or state, national or international esteem because of activities recognized as significant in higher education
- Eminent achievement in scholarship, high distinction in public affairs or noteworthy accomplishments in humanitarian endeavors or artistic attainment
- High qualities of character and personal reputation
- Not currently employed by UNC Charlotte (former faculty and staff are eligible if the individual has achieved distinction in a second career or in work unrelated to his/her University position)
- Merit rather than popularity

A nomination should include the full name of the nominee, a vita and a statement of the rationale for the nomination. It also must include the name of the nominator in order to be considered by the committee. Confidentiality is very important; therefore, the nominee should not know of his or her nomination.

The deadline for nominations is Friday, Oct. 30. Direct nominations to Julie Putnam, program assistant to faculty governance, Office of Academic Affairs, 533 Reese Building. For more information or questions, contact Cem Saydam, committee chair, at ext. 7-7616 or e-mail saydam@uncc.edu.

Exhibit of Polish printmakers at Rowe Arts Galleries

The Department of Art + Art History is hosting the Wroclaw School of Printmaking Exhibition from the Academy of Art and Design in Wroclaw, Poland.

Featuring the works of 12 master printmakers, the exhibit includes more than 60 works employing a variety of techniques, such as copper plate, lithography, mezzotint, drypoint, silkscreen, woodcut, stencil and contemporary digital prints. UNC Charlotte is part of a three-city tour for the display, which will be exhibited through Friday, Nov. 6.

For more information, contact George Kaperonis, Rowe Art Galleries manager, at ext. 7-0189 or e-mail gkaperon@uncc.edu.

Proposals sought for collaborative grants program

Proposals are being solicited for a collaborative research grants program between the Carolinas Medical Center (CMC) and UNC Charlotte.

According to Charlotte Research Institute (CRI) officials, the goal of this grants program is to create new research collaborations that include principal investigators from both organizations. Investigators should prepare seed grant proposals for research that will lead to grant applications at external federal or other granting agencies. Requested amounts should not exceed \$35,000; additional consideration will be given requests of lesser funding in order to maximize the number of projects funded. This program was created by Herbert Bonkovsky, CMC vice president for research, and Robert Wilhelm, associate provost for strategic research partnerships and CRI executive director.

The deadline for proposals is Sunday, Nov. 1, with grants being awarded by the end of the calendar year. In the future, this program will accept proposals twice a year, March 1 and Oct. 1. Additional details, proposal guidelines, format requirements and submission information are on the [Web](#).

Faces

Name: Celeste Corpening
Title: Applications Analyst
Department: Information Technology Services
Location: Atkins Library, Room L10

Technology is a tool that can make jobs easier to accomplish, and applications analyst Celeste Corpening approaches her work with that as a goal.

“Developing an application and seeing it utilized on campus is very rewarding,” Corpening noted. “Whether it’s fixing something that isn’t working or creating an interface that helps people do their job better, I really enjoy being able to help our clients and users.”

A graduate of UNC Greensboro with a bachelor’s degree in information systems and operations management, Corpening is a member of the ITS student group. She handles a variety of computer-related assignments, including maintaining data records and assisting with second-level support for the Help Center. Often, Corpening’s work involves “as-needed” applications based upon requests from campus offices and departments. Recently, she completed a project for the Registrar’s Office that dealt with data protection.

Due to the complexity of her position, Corpening said a major challenge in completing assignments involves communication. She noted the flow of information could be better. “Everyone has assignments, and sometimes they overlap. One person’s priority may not be another’s, so it’s a matter of trying to get everyone into sync.”

Corpening recently marked the completion of her 11th year at UNC Charlotte in September. During her time on campus, she has seen a number of changes – the most significant being the move to Banner. While she acknowledged that parts of campus were resistant to the switch, Corpening stated Banner represented the future and would offer the campus more benefits.

Prior to joining the University, Corpening worked with Alydaar, a Charlotte-based company that specialized in Y2K conversions. Before that, she worked with Healthtex in Greensboro providing desktop support.

Although her parents were North Carolina natives, Corpening spent the majority of her formative years at various duty stations across the country and abroad. During her father's service in the Air Force, the longest period Corpening lived in one location was four years in Japan. High school graduation was from Simon Sanchez in Guam.

When not contemplating computer applications, Corpening is consumed with spending time with daughter Alyssa, who is almost 3 years old. Otherwise, she is actively involved with her church Progressive Outreach Ministries in Salisbury. In addition to her undergraduate degree, Corpening has a certificate in graphic design, so she helps the church with its Web site and various print projects, such as fliers and bulletins. She also enjoys photography and watching basketball.

Upcoming Events

Theatre Department presenting Arthur Miller's 'The Crucible'

The Department of Theatre in the College of Arts + Architecture presents Arthur Miller's "The Crucible." The production will run Wednesday, Oct. 28, through Sunday, Nov. 1, in the Anne Belk Theater of Robinson Hall for the Performing Arts. Performances begin at 8 p.m. weekdays with a 2 p.m. Sunday matinee.

Written in the 1950s, "The Crucible" is one of Miller's most frequently produced works. It was the playwright's response to McCarthyism and the investigations of the House of Representative's Un-American Activities Committee. Set during the Salem witchcraft trials of 1692-93, the play uses the persecution of those accused of witchcraft as an allegory for the "witch hunt" that resulted in the blacklisting of government-accused Communist Party members.

"The Crucible" is the second production of the 2009-10 theatre season "American Ideas, American Masters." Programmed as a yearlong celebration of the work of master American playwrights, the Department of Theatre season is designed as a study of the American experience and aims to raise questions about the country's identity, history and potential as a creative people.

Tickets for all performances are available through the Robinson Hall Box Office. General admission is \$14 for the public, \$9 for senior citizens and UNC Charlotte faculty and staff and \$6 for students. For tickets and additional event and venue information, visit www.performances.uncc.edu or call the Box Office at ext. 7-1849.

Murdock Research Institute to hold lecture series

The David H. Murdock Research Institute (DHMRI) is sponsoring the lecture series "Discovering DHMRI." On Tuesday evenings in November and December, various speakers will give presentations about the institute and technologies being used to make research advances in diseases, agriculture and nutrition. Each event begins at 7 p.m. in the Murdock Core Laboratory First Floor Meeting Room.

Michael Luther, DHMRI president, will kick off the series with "What and Who is DHMRI – Exploring Beyond the Core" on Nov. 3. He will discuss the mission and

strategies for DHMRI as well as review current and future activities associated with the institute and research campus.

There is no charge to attend the lecture series; however, registration is requested due to limited seating. To register, e-mail workshops@dhmri.org or call (704) 250-2600.

Education professor to discuss Sino-American research

Chuang Wang, assistant professor in the Department of Educational Leadership, will discuss “Sino-American Educational Research: Opportunities and Challenges” at 12:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 5, in the College of Health and Human Services, Room 207. This talk is part of the Global Perspective Series, sponsored by Phi Beta Delta honor society for international scholars.

UNLV social work professor to lecture

Stacey Hardy-Desmond, associate professor in the School of Social Work at the University of Nevada at Las Vegas, will present “The Elephant, the Bull and the Lion: Forensic Social Work as a Model for Culturally Competent Practice in the Human Services” at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 12, in the College of Health and Human Services, Room 155 . A reception will follow at 6:30 p.m.

This presentation is the second in a four-part speaker series focusing on health and human services disparities in communities of color. Funding for this series is provided by the Chancellor’s Diversity Challenge Fund. RSVPs are requested via e-mail by Nov. 7 to CHHSEvent@uncc.edu. For additional information, call ext. 7-7917. A certificate of attendance will be available.

Atkins Library to host collector of African American artifacts

Thomas Wirth, a leading collector of African American literary and historical artifacts, will present “Collecting African Americana: In Pursuit of Langston Hughes” at 3 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 15, in the Halton Reading Room of the J. Murrey Atkins Library. This presentation is for the 13th annual Julian D. Mason Talk on Rare Books and Book Collecting.

Wirth, who holds a Ph.D. in chemistry from the California Institute of Technology, began collecting literary and historical African-Americana in the mid-1970s. His emphasis is on materials written by African American authors. From 1965 to 1970, Wirth taught chemistry and physical science at three historically black colleges in the South. During this time, Wirth noted, “the unavailability of books relevant to the black experience was a huge impediment to our students’ intellectual development...So I began to collect. It was a way of contributing to the preservation of rare and historically important materials devalued in the mainstream. It also was a way to maintain my connection with the black community after I left the South.”

Currently, Wirth is pursuing Harlem Renaissance scholarship as project director and editor of the Amistad Research Center’s “Countee Cullen Correspondence Online” project.

The Julian D. Mason Talks are endowed by an anonymous donor; the talk’s namesake is a UNC Charlotte professor emeritus of English.

‘BachNight 2009’ to feature free concert of Baroque music

The Department of Music in the College of Arts + Architecture, in partnership with Myers Park Baptist Church, will present “BachNight 2009” at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 20, at the church’s sanctuary, located at 1900 Queens Road.

Jeffrey Price, UNC Charlotte music professor, will lead this musical collaboration and community celebration of J.S. Bach and other composers of the Baroque period. The program will include organ performances, choral and instrumental chamber music as well as two chorales sung by all in attendance.

Among the performers for this event are violinist David Russell, Belk Distinguished Professor of Music; tenor Brian Arreola; Hope Thacker, mezzo-soprano; Mira Frisch, cello; Matthew Manwarren and Jacqueline Yost, organ; and Susan Savage, oboe. The UNC Charlotte choirs, under the direction of Randy Haldeman; Myers Park Baptist Church Chancel, conducted by Jonathan Crutchfield; and Singers of Renaissance, directed by Robert Pritchard; also will perform.

Admission is free; donations will be accepted in support of Myers Park outreach ministries and UNC Charlotte music scholarships.

Second Faculty and Staff Social scheduled

Faculty and staff members can join colleagues at this semester's second Faculty and Staff Social, which will be from 4 to 6 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 29, at the Harris Alumni Center. Wine, beer, soft drinks and snacks will be provided at this networking event, cosponsored by the Alumni Association and Chancellor Philip L. Dubois. The final social of the semester will be from 4 to 6 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 9. Due to limited parking, attendees should use West or Cone Decks.

CHHS lecture series to focus on disparities

Rumay Alexander, clinical associate professor of nursing and director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs, School of Nursing, UNC Chapel Hill, will present "Health Disparities: Managing the Despair" at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 29, in the College of Health and Human Services, Room 155.

This presentation is for the Health and Human Services Disparities in Communities of Color Speaker Series. The Chancellor's Diversity Challenge Fund is supporting this series during the 2009-10 academic year.

Atkins Library to hold Scare Fair '09

The J. Murrey Atkins Library will hold its Halloween spectacular Scare Fair '09 from 2 to 4 p.m., Friday, Oct. 30. Games, contests, food, drink, fright and fun will be part of this event. Celebrity judges for the fair include Michele Howard, associate vice chancellor for student affairs and dean of students, and Kathi Baucom, associate provost for enrollment management.

Brain injury and recognition topic of brown bag colloquium

Barbra Zupan, assistant professor in the Department of Applied Linguistics at Brock University, will be the featured speaker at a brown bag talk scheduled for noon, Tuesday, Nov. 3, in Colvard Building, Room 4039.

During this discussion, Zupan will highlight her research on affect recognition among people with traumatic brain injuries. Her research, funded in part by the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research and the Humanities Research Institute, involves testing of alternative ways to solicit emotions from individuals with affect recognition deficits.

The University's Health Services Research Academy, Communication Studies Department and the interdisciplinary health psychology doctorate program are cosponsoring this event in conjunction with Carolinas Medical Center.

Fall Faculty Reception set for Nov. 9

Provost Joan Lorden and the UNC Charlotte chapter of the national honor society Phi Kappa Phi invite all members of the faculty and professional staff to attend the Fall Faculty Reception scheduled for 4 to 6 p.m., Monday, Nov. 9, in the lobby of the Robinson Hall for the Performing Arts. During this event, the 2009-10 performing arts season will be highlighted, and a door prize drawing will be held for tickets to upcoming performances.

Eli Lilly executive, researcher to discuss FDA

Gail Cassell, vice president for scientific affairs and distinguished Lilly Research Scholar for Infectious Diseases at Eli Lilly and Company, will present “Science and Mission at Risk in the Food and Drug Administration: A Historical and Ethical Perspective” at 5:30 p.m., Monday, Nov. 9, in the College of Health and Human Services, Room 376.

Cassell, who holds a doctorate in microbiology from the University of Alabama at Birmingham, has been involved in establishment of science policy and legislation related to biomedical research and public health. For nine years, she was chair of the Public and Scientific Affairs Board of the American Society for Microbiology. Cassell also served as an advisor on infectious diseases and indirect costs of research to the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, and she has been an invited participant to numerous Congressional hearings and briefings related to infectious diseases, anti-microbial resistance and biomedical research.

The ADVANCE Office, College of Health and Human Services, Department of Public Health Sciences, Health Services Research Academy and the Center for Applied and Professional Ethics are cosponsoring this event.

Multicultural Leadership Conference set for Nov. 14

The eighth annual Multicultural Leadership Conference will be held Saturday, Nov. 14, in the Cone University Center.

This one-day event provides student leaders and advisors the opportunity to explore the intersections of culture, diversity and leadership. This year’s program will include three breakout sessions featuring 18 workshops covering race, culture, sexual and gender diversity and leadership fundamentals.

The conference keynote speaker will be Brandon Major, chair of the board of directors of Time Out Youth. A human resources professional, Major has more than 25 years of experience in diversity training and organizational development in the retail grocery industry. He also served on the executive committee and as vice president of the Rowan-Salisbury chapter of PFLAG.

Conference fees are \$8 for UNC Charlotte students if registered before Friday, Oct. 30, \$16 if registering after this date. Since its inception, the conference has attracted increasing numbers of student from across the southeast. Registration includes breakfast, lunch, conference materials and a T-shirt.

The Center for Leadership Development and the Multicultural Resource Center collaborate to hold this event. More information is available on the conference [Web site](#) or contact Stephanie Schmidt at ext. 7-5323.

Human Resources

Shared leave requested

Hamp Brown, facilities management, housekeeping, needs shared leave donations.

To contribute leave, faculty and staff should refer to the requirements and participant forms in [Personnel Information Memorandum \(PIM\) 29](#) or in the literature racks outside of the Benefits Office, King Building, Room 225. For more information, contact Joy Finney, benefits counselor, at ext. 7-2892.

Perdue proclaims October ‘Disability Employment Awareness Month’

Gov. Beverly Perdue has proclaimed October 2009 as “Disability Employment Awareness Month” in North Carolina.

According to information from the Office of State Personnel, this year’s theme for National Disability Employment Month “Expectation + Opportunity = Full Participation” illuminates the state of North Carolina’s diversity efforts. Disability adds another dimension to the state’s diversity efforts, contributing to the development of unique and creative solutions. Employees with disabilities come from all backgrounds and ages and have varied skills and perspectives.

For additional information, click [here](#) to learn about civil rights and equal opportunity in the hiring process or read University Policy Statement No. 26 “[Equal Employment Opportunity](#),” which outlines UNC Charlotte’s commitment to EEO.

Faculty or staff members with specific questions on this topic and how it supports campus equal employment opportunity and diversity objectives should contact Jeanne Madorin, associate director of HR for employee relations and compliance, at ext. 7-2804. Questions more specific to the hiring process also may be directed to Kieffer Gaddis, associate director of HR for SPA Staffing/Employment, at ext. 7-4272 or Dawn Tench, EPA personnel manager, at ext. 7-5773.

NCFlex annual enrollment period continues through Oct. 30

The annual enrollment period for benefits through NCFlex continues through Friday, Oct. 30. NCFlex benefits include: dental, vision, critical illness insurance, group term life insurance, accidental death and dismemberment insurance, cancer insurance and health spending and dependent care accounts.

To enroll or make changes to NCFlex benefits, click [here](#). Employees who have not enrolled through this site previously must register and create a user name and password. Returning users should use their existing user names and passwords. Employees do not need to re-enroll for these benefits unless making changes, with the exception of the two flexible spending accounts. Members of a flexible spending account will need to re-enroll whether electing to make a change or not.

The state has made the following changes:

- Cancer – Employees are eligible to enroll in the low option for a one-time special guaranteed issue offer (no evidence of insurability is required), regardless of previous eligibility
- Group Term Life Insurance – Employees can increase coverage by \$10,000 (up to \$100,000) without submitting evidence of insurability

(EOI). If enrolling for the first time, employees can start at a \$20,000 coverage level without submitting EOI

- Critical Illness Insurance – No EOI required for new enrollees; this gives employees the chance to enroll for coverage, no questions asked
- Vision – Two-year lock-out periods waived for those who enroll in Plan 3
- Dental – Benefits remain the same with a 9.1 percent rate increase
- Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance – Employees are eligible for \$10,000 of core employee-only coverage at no cost
- Health Care Spending Account – Annual contribution limit increased to \$5,000 from \$4,200

NCFlex booklets have been distributed to employees. These booklets, which contain information about each benefit and step-by-step enrollment instructions, are available [online](#).

Important HR links

- [HR benefits and important news](#)
- [Personnel announcements](#) (Also visit the Human Resources Office in King Building, Room 222, to view the Employment Opportunities board.)

Training

The [Continuing Education](#) Office offers numerous training opportunities. Discounts of approximately 50 percent are available for faculty and staff. The registration fee listed is the discounted fee for qualifying UNC Charlotte faculty and staff. Some upcoming courses are listed below.

Nov. 2 [Compressed Air System Management](#). 8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., UNC Charlotte Ben Craig Center. Cost: \$122.

Nov. 3–4 [Project Risk Management](#). 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., UNC Charlotte Ben Craig Center. Cost: \$497.

Nov. 3–5 [Careers in Human Resources](#). 6 to 9:30 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday, UNC Charlotte Ben Craig Center. Cost: \$122.

Nov. 4 [Understanding Basic Excel 2007](#). 8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., UNC Charlotte Ben Craig Center. Cost: \$122.

Nov. 5 [From Battlefields to Boardrooms: Timeless Leadership Lessons from the Civil War](#). 8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., UNC Charlotte Ben Craig Center. Cost: \$122.

Nov. 5 [The Financial Manager's Survival Kit: Obtaining Additional Capital in Difficult Times](#). 10:45 a.m. to 1 p.m., Online live instruction course. Cost: \$45.

Nov. 6 [Performance Excellence: Stress and Energy Management in a Tough Business Climate](#). 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., UNC Charlotte Ben Craig Center. Cost: \$62.

Nov. 6 **Employee Retention and Engagement.** 8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., UNC Charlotte Ben Craig Center. Cost: \$122.

Nov. 6 **SOX Compliance for the Smaller Public Company.** 8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., UNC Charlotte Ben Craig Center. Cost: \$122.

To see the full variety of courses offered, visit www.continuinged.uncc.edu. For details concerning discounts, including directions on how to register, contact the Continuing Education Registration Center at ext. 7-8900.

Swap 'n' Shop

For rent:

Four bedroom, two-and-a-half bath home. Two years old, near end of cul-de-sac with nicely wooded back yard. Two-car garage. Six miles from campus near Harrisburg. Home will be available for occupancy Dec. 1. \$1,145 per month. Call (704) 456-7060 evenings or ext. 7-7111 during the day.

Four bedroom, three-and-a-half bath house. Located at 10801 Dungarvon Court. Beautiful two-story with finished basement. 20-by-40 in-ground pool with 12-foot slide and diving board. Nine-person hot tub in enclosed screened deck. Six-foot privacy fence around rear yard. Landscaping galore in front and back. New black appliances. Two-car garage. More than 3,400 square feet of heated space and neutral colors throughout. Only 2.5 miles from campus. Rent is \$1,800 per month with one month's deposit and references required. Contact Bill at (704) 605-2277 or e-mail Billybroo@hotmail.com.

Miscellaneous:

Housecleaning service. Once a week or several days, whatever fits schedule - Janet Nagy's Housecleaning and Organization. Special cleanings and/or organizational projects or just normal everyday cleaning and laundry. Reasonable rates, references available (UNC Charlotte employees if needed). Charlotte, Harrisburg, Cornelius, Davidson, Huntersville, Concord, Kannapolis. Call (704) 400-3743 or e-mail janetsplace@rocketmail.com.

Of Note

UNC Charlotte is continually engaged in the community and its news coverage. From time to time “Of Note” is used to highlight some of that involvement.

Peggy Ceballos and Phyllis Post, education, were quoted in the article “Child’s Play” published in the October issue of University City magazine.

J. Allen Queen, educational leadership, provided comments for the Daytona Beach News-Journal story “[Shorter class periods test Flagler students, teachers.](#)”

Gary Caton and Starr Wimberly, parking and transportation services, were interviewed for the Charlotte Observer article “[Shared cars pull up to campuses.](#)”

Lori Thomas, social work, was quoted in the Charlotte Observer story “[Chronically homeless will live in apartments.](#)”

Tony Plath, finance, provided comments for the article “[Mixed results expected in bank earnings](#)” published on the Web site montgomeryadvertiser.com.

Vivian Lord, criminal justice and criminology, was interviewed for the WCNC segment “[Document: Fifteen-year-old pressured to get abortion.](#)”

John Connaughton, economics, provided comments for the WCNC video “[The big screen is big industry in Charlotte.](#)”

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