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Budget convocation to provide update for faculty, staff

UNC Charlotte Chancellor Philip L. Dubois will hold a “budget convocation” Friday, April 24, to provide faculty and staff members with the latest information about the economic and financial issues affecting the University.

“The purpose of this convocation will, in part, be to provide information about the state’s revenue situation, the governor’s proposed budget and legislative options, how permanent and one-time cuts could impact our campus and potential strategies for managing those reductions,” wrote Chancellor Dubois in an e-mail to all faculty and staff.

The convocation will be from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. in Cone University Center, McKnight Hall.

Elizabeth Hardin, vice chancellor for business affairs, stated media coverage of the state budget process makes it valuable to provide current budget information to a broader audience, in person, via the budget convocation. State-level negotiations started following Gov. Beverly Perdue’s proposed budget for fiscal year 2010-11.

This past fall, Hardin convened a campus-wide Budget Council, which included representatives from faculty, staff and students and budget managers from every division and college. The council, meeting weekly or more often, has provided information during this unusually fluid budget cycle. Meeting notes from council meetings are available on the [Web](#).

The final state budget is not expected for several months. Now that the governor has delivered a budget, the N.C. House and Senate each develop one. As part of the legislative process, members from the House and Senate ultimately will work together in conference committee to resolve differences between each budget. Once the General Assembly completes a single document, it will be presented to the governor for approval.

UNC Charlotte receives enrollment growth funding from the state of North Carolina. This funding is designed to ensure that qualified applicants have an opportunity to attend college. Hardin said, as a high-growth campus, these enrollment growth funds mitigate the immediate impact of permanent or non-recurring budget cuts.

“While other system campuses have been forced to reduce staffing in anticipation of permanent budget cuts, UNC Charlotte’s primary challenges are providing educational opportunities to a larger student body with fewer resources,” stated Hardin.

Faculty and staff department heads are encouraged to attend the April 24 budget convocation to learn more about the University’s fiscal efforts and provide University leadership with feedback and suggestions.

Around Campus

Union marketing campaign answers ‘What’s in it for me?’

As construction nears completion on UNC Charlotte’s new 196,000-square-foot Student Union, one question campus community members might have is “What’s in it for me?”

Administrators with the Student Union, Activities and Recreation Office hope an innovative marketing campaign will answer that question. During the next few weeks, selected 49ers will appear in ads and marketing materials highlighting the broad array of services, programs and amenities of this new facility. The campaign also will address the union’s value and impact on student life and the campus community.

“This building is truly unlike any other building on campus – you just can’t walk inside without getting excited,” said James Hoppa, associate vice chancellor for Student Union, activities and recreation. “From the beginning, we agreed that the union would be student-centered. That means designed specifically for students, to meet students’ needs. Throughout the design and construction phases, we remained faithful to that commitment, and the result is a testament to that vision and our collective collaboration.”

In addition to providing a wide variety of food options including board dining, retail dining and an Outtakes convenience store, the union will become the new headquarters for student activities, which provides a connection and resources to approximately 300 student organizations. Student government, Campus Activities Board and student media are among the organizations that will have permanent office space in the Student Union. The Center for Leadership Development and the Multicultural Resource Center will be housed there, too.

When it opens this summer, the Student Union will have a 210-seat movie theater, game lounge, meeting rooms, art gallery, outdoor seating areas and ample space for gathering, study and relaxation. Current services that will be offered are reservations, a copy and mailing center, laptop computer checkout, ATMs and the ID Card Office. Proposed services may include a hair salon, computer store and bank. The Campus Bookstore will move to the facility in the fall.

“I firmly believe the Student Union will fundamentally change student life as we know it today and will serve the growing campus body well into the future,” said Hoppa.

More information about the Student Union, including floor plans, construction images, and a complete list of features and amenities is available on the [Web](#). Preparations are under way for a special grand opening in August.

Solar cell technology team competes in Global Venture Challenge

A team of UNC Charlotte students and faculty recently traveled to Oak Ridge National Labs to vie in the Global Venture Challenge.

The team, SolarMax Engineering, competed against 14 other universities from around the world. Led by Mohamed-Ali Hasan, optoelectronics and optical communications, SolarMax Engineering has developed a photovoltaic technology that could revolutionize the solar-based energy sector by lowering the costs of solar cells while increasing efficiencies up to 50 percent. Other members of the team are graduate students Tanya Dias and Terence Goveas, electrical engineering, and David Schroder, business. Besides Hasan, other faculty advisers are Michael Fiddy, optoelectronics and optical communications, and Ken Paulus, Charlotte Research Institute.

While the team failed to make it into the semifinals, Paulus noted the challenge was highly competitive. “UNC Charlotte was well represented and will likely collaborate with faculty at Oak Ridge in the near future.”

Global Venture Challenge was sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy’s Industrial Technologies Program.

Kinesiology obtains accreditation for degree programs

The Department of Kinesiology in the College of Health and Human Services recently received an initial five-year accreditation for its undergraduate degree in exercise science and graduate program in clinical exercise physiology from the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP).

“These programs were tested through rigorous peer review of accreditation standards. The ensuing attainment of new accreditation from CAAHEP, and continuing accreditation from CAATE for the maximum number of years, reflects program excellence that has resulted from the ongoing efforts of the faculty and staff involved,” said Karen Schmaling, dean of the College of Health and Human Services.

The department is one of only a handful of departments in the nation that boasts CAAHEP-accredited programs in exercise science and clinical exercise physiology. The department also received a 10-year continuing accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE) for its bachelor’s degree in athletic training.

“We take our role in preparing allied health professionals across our state, region and nation very seriously,” said Mitch Cordova, chair of the Kinesiology Department. “Garnering accreditation for these programs is validation of our commitment to preparing our students for the professions they will embark upon.”

PR Office updating media guide

In 2007, the University’s Public Relations Office compiled and produced “UNC Charlotte Experts: A Guide for the Media.” The publication was distributed to print, radio and TV outlets across the metropolitan Carolinas.

In its effort to update the guide, the PR Office will send faculty an e-mail with a link to a Web-based survey/questionnaire. Faculty members interested in being included in this next edition of the experts guide should provide the requested information. Faculty members currently in the guide are requested to resubmit information. The deadline for submissions is Friday, April 17.

“The media guide is a valuable resource for promoting the University,” said John Bland, PR director. “Every day, our office fields calls from reporters, editors and columnists who seek expert commentary and authoritative perspective on a variety of subjects. Our faculty members not only possess a wealth of information, but they are engaged in innovative research. Journalists value the respected, authoritative sources that the University offers, which helps enhance the academic reputation of the institution and professional reputation of the source.”

Recreational services to offer summer youth programs

Beginning this summer, the Recreational Services Department will offer a summer youth program for children age 6 to 12. According to the department, the program is dedicated to providing children the opportunity to develop athletic, artistic, interpersonal and group interaction skills.

“Camp activities are designed to help each camper become more independent, enhance self-confidence and develop both mind and body in a fun and safe learning environment,” said Spencer Fresk, camp coordinator.” A variety of activities such as art, crafts, sports, team building, outdoor activities and swimming will broaden participants’ experiences and enhance lifelong wellness.”

The summer youth program will consist of seven weekly sessions beginning June 15 and ending Aug. 7 (There will be no camp offered June 27–July 3). Camp hours will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, with morning and afternoon extended times available. Each weekly session will involve activities designed around a different theme. Registration will continue until all sessions are filled.

More information is on the [Web](#) or e-mail Fresk at sfresk@uncc.edu or call ext. 7-2365.

CRES accepting reservations for 2009-10

The University’s Conference, Reservations and Event Services Office (CRES) will accept reservation requests from all UNC Charlotte departments for the 2009-10 academic year during the week of April 20-24.

To make advance reservations, departments must schedule an appointment with CRES, located in the Administrative Office of the Cone University Center (behind the Candy Shoppe). CRES will begin setting appointments at 8 a.m., Monday, April 20, on a first-come, first-served basis. The first appointment will begin at 8:30 a.m. that day and will last approximately one hour depending upon the scheduling time each department requires. Appointment scheduling is accepted in person only in the CRES Office; departments/offices should send a representative to sign up for an available time slot. The same representative does not have to attend the reservation session.

During appointments, CRES will take requests for any special events, conferences or workshops that will occur between Aug. 15, 2009, and May 15, 2010. Come prepared with back up dates, if possible, in case first choices are not available. As a reminder, requests for the Barnhardt Student Activities Center (SAC) between Nov. 1 and March 15 cannot be confirmed until the athletic schedule is finalized. In addition, requests between March 16 and April 5 cannot be confirmed until post-season tournament play is determined.

Direct questions to ext. 7-2652 or e-mail Lucian Wilhelm at lwilhelm@uncc.edu.

Early FSL requesters must purchase by April 3

Friday, April 3, is the deadline for individuals who requested to be on the reservation list to purchase a 49ers Seat License (FSL) to act upon that option. The Athletics Department began accepting reservations this past fall after the Board of Trustees approved adding football. FSLs give the holder the right to purchase season tickets for 49ers football; the University expects to field a team in 2013.

Individuals who reserved the right to purchase an FSL will receive priority through Friday. After, April 3, anyone can purchase one.

Detailed information on the FSLs and payment plans are available through the Web site charlotte49erfootball.com. The site, which went live in January, was created by the local public relations/marketing/advertising firm Luquire, George, Andrews (LGA).

“LGA was brought on board to assist with the planning and execution of a comprehensive marketing and public relations plan,” said Tom Whitestone, associate athletic director for media relations. “The company developed the ‘It’s a Rush’ theme, promotional video and the attractive, informative charlotte49erfootball.com Web site.”

In addition to providing a method to purchase an FSL, the Web site includes a section about the history of football and several free downloads, including wallpapers, the “It’s a Rush” video and an MP3 of the fight song.

Bookstore forms campus advisory group

The Campus Bookstore has formed an advisory group comprised of faculty, staff and students to provide input on textbooks and future services as it plans to move into the Student Union later this year. The University’s Business and Auxiliary Services Office led the formation of the group at the direction of the UNC Board of Governors. UNC system institutions were instructed to convene such groups primarily to advise bookstores on issues related to textbook affordability.

“Making textbooks affordable for students is even more urgent in a tough economy,” said Karen Natale, bookstore licensing and program manager. “At UNC Charlotte, we are trying some new approaches, such as the guaranteed buy-back program. The Bookstore Advisory Group will be a new forum for our faculty and students to help identify additional solutions.”

The group will hold its first meeting April 8. For more information, e-mail Natale at knatale@uncc.edu.

History graduate students to hold conference at UNC Charlotte

The Graduate History Association (GHA) will host its 21st annual Graduate History Forum starting Friday, April 3. This two-day event features 12 panels on a diverse array of topics and a keynote address by Walter Johnson of Harvard University. He will speak on “The Carceral Landscape: Slaveholders, Slaves, Cotton Fields, Swamps, Woods, Horses and Dogs.”

The forum, organized and run solely by students in the University’s graduate history program, provides graduate and advanced undergraduate students from universities and colleges along the east coast an avenue to present research to peers.

This year, 37 students will present papers on a variety of topics, such as pirates and privateers, the portrayal of race in children’s literature in the second half of the 20th century, the battle over the integration of Little League baseball, Huey Pierce Long, Stalinism and the effect of the Civil War on Confederate women’s fashion.

UNC Charlotte history professor Peter Thorsheim will deliver the forum’s opening address “How Recycling Helped Defeat Hitler: The British Program to Turn Waste into Weapons during World War II.”

The forum panels are free and open to the public, but registration and a fee are required for the keynote luncheon with Johnson on April 4. For a full list of events or to register, e-mail GHA@uncc.edu or call ext. 7-4633.

SEANC accepting scholarship applications

The State Employees Association of North Carolina (SEANC) District 13 is accepting applications for the association’s scholarship program, which awards nearly \$100,000 a year in district- and state-level scholarships to qualified SEANC members and their dependents.

Applications are available on the [SEANC Web site](#) (click the link SEANC scholarship foundation). For more information, e-mail District 13 member Angela Eddie at angela.eddie@cpcc.edu or call 704-330-6908 or contact Renee Vaughan in the SEANC office at (919) 833-6436 or (800) 222-2758 or e-mail rvaughan@seanc.org. Mail completed applications to Eddie in care of 6358 Mallard View Lane, Charlotte, NC

28269 or to her attention at Central Piedmont Community College, PO Box 35009, Charlotte, NC 28235-5009. The application deadline is 5 p.m., Wednesday, April 15.

Faces

Name: Annette Heller
Title: Supervisor
Department: Travel and Complex Payments
Location: Reese Building, Room 418A

Receipts, receipts, receipts – Annette Heller fervently recommends that employees save every receipt when traveling or conducting business on behalf of the University.

“We all benefit when employees keep and submit receipts in a timely manner,” said Heller. “The IRS has strict guidelines related to the reimbursement of business expenses. It could actually cost employees if travel and other complex payments aren’t handled properly.”

According to Heller, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) considers the University to be an accountable plan institution, which means employees are required to make an adequate accounting of their allowable expenses with their employer. Reimbursements for travel and other complex payments that meet proper guidelines can be issued on a tax-free basis. If an employee delays submitting a reimbursement, then it is considered a taxable fringe benefit and reported as income.

Typically, individuals who travel for University business request an advance, said Heller. “These prepayments are loans; we still must have the original receipts to justify the expense. Sometimes we have to push people to submit their documentation, but we have to satisfy University policies, state budget regulations and IRS guidelines.”

As supervisor for travel and complex payments, Heller manages four full-time staff members – two travel auditors, a complex payment auditor and an accounts reconciler. Her operation, which reports to the Controller’s Office, reviews expenses to ensure they are appropriate for their funding source. While the majority of their work deals with travel and its compliance issues, Heller and her staff also handle expenses related to reportable income, such as visiting faculty honorariums and discretionary funding (non-state appropriations), primarily for the purchase of food.

Keeping abreast of ever-changing regulations is one of the greatest challenges in her role. To help keep the campus community up-to-date, Heller’s office holds workshops throughout the year. A few years ago, she helped organize an administrative chat room listserv. Subscribers to the listserv share information and best practices on a variety of topics related to administrative matters; they also meet monthly during the academic year.

A Pennsylvania native, Heller has more than 25 years of accounting experience. At 14, she started work for a certified public accountant reconciling bank transactions. The coloring company Crayola was her final employer before she moved south a decade

ago. During this time, her children attended middle school, and they really appreciated the corporate give-a-ways.

Currently, Heller and her husband Randy live in the Stanly County town of Oakboro. Their son Scott is a graduate of the NASCAR Technical Institute. Daughter Ashley is a full-time University employee with Atkins Library administration; she also is part-time student working toward a bachelor's degree in elementary education. Away from the job, Heller and her family take advantage of being close to the mountains and the beach. She and her husband also enjoy spending time on nearby lakes. "He's fishing, while I'm riding in the boat."

Upcoming Events

Spring Faculty Reception set for April 7

Provost Joan Lorden and the UNC Charlotte chapter of the national honor society Phi Kappa Phi invite all members of the faculty to attend the Spring Faculty Reception, which is scheduled for 4 to 6 p.m., Tuesday, April 7, in the hospitality suites of the Robert and Mariam Hayes Stadium. Following the reception, attendees will have a great view to watch the 49ers baseball team play N.C. A&T.

Botanical Gardens to hold annual Spring Plant Sale

The Botanical Gardens will hold its annual Spring Plant Sale April 17-18. According to Paula Gross, assistant director of the Botanical Gardens, plant lovers can expect to find a wide selection of wildflowers, trees, shrubs, perennials, carnivorous plants, orchids and indoor plants at the gardens' largest sale of the year. Sale hours are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Friday and Saturday. Cash and checks accepted.

"This is our major fund-raising event and all proceeds support McMillan Greenhouse and gardens operations," said Gross. "More than two-thirds of our operating funds come directly from donations and plant sale proceeds. Whenever someone buys a plant, the profit goes into a fund we use to buy pots, soil, fertilizer, seeds, new plants and tree care."

The Botanical Gardens and McMillan Greenhouse are more than a living classroom for our students, Gross explained. "We maintain a very diverse collection of plants – from the more than 900 species native to North Carolina to a tropical orchid collection to a desert succulent collection. The greenhouse and gardens are a community resource, and they provide a source of enjoyment, relaxation, information and exploration about the world of plants."

For more information about the Spring Plant Sale, call ext. 7-2870.

University to host Charlotte-Mecklenburg Women's Summit

UNC Charlotte is the host site for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Women's Summit "A Woman at the Table: A Better Feast for All." Part of the summit's "Economic Impact Series: Women and Politics," this event will focus on what happens when women are part of the decision and policy-making effort. It is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesday, April 28, at Cone University Center.

Victoria Budson, founding executive director of the Women and Public Policy Program at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, is the featured speaker. Provost Joan Lorden will deliver a welcome and introduction, and Nancy

Gutierrez, dean of the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, will moderate the panel discussion “Policy and You.”

Registration to attend is \$20 on or before April 20, \$30 afterward. More information about the summit and registration, which closes April 23, is on the [Web](#).

Proposal development to give grants.gov overview

The Office of Proposal Development will present an overview of the grants.gov system from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m., Thursday, April 2, in the College of Education, Room 007. Grants.gov is the central storehouse for information on more than 1,000 federal grant programs.

This hands-on, computer-based session will explain how to find funding opportunities on grants.gov and how to download, complete and submit an application package. It also will explain everything about the Adobe Reader-based application system at grants.gov. According to proposal development, this overview does not deal with any specific agency, but it is intended for faculty and staff who are new to grants.gov. Faculty members who have questions about best practices for using the new Adobe forms are welcome. Space is limited; register [online](#).

For more information, e-mail Lesley Brown at labrown@uncc.edu or call ext. 7-4330.

Focus Forward conference open to all UNC institutions

Focus Forward, a daylong conference to discuss the UNC sustainability policy and the objectives of UNC Tomorrow, is scheduled for Friday, April 3, at UNC Greensboro. Mathew St. Clair, sustainability manager for the University of California Office of the President, will be the keynote speaker.

Click [here](#) for more details about registration cost and the conference schedule.

Award-winning Yale historian to speak April 6

Glenda Gilmore, UNC Charlotte alumna and award-winning historian of the American South at Yale University, will speak on “The Nazis and Dixie: African Americans Interpret the Rise of German Anti-Semitism in the 1930s.” This free, public talk, scheduled for 6 p.m., Monday, April 6, at the Levine Museum of the New South, is co-hosted by the University’s [Department of History](#) and the [Center for the Study of the New South](#).

An eighth-generation North Carolinian, Gilmore received her bachelor’s degree in psychology from Wake Forest University. She earned a master’s and doctorate in history from UNC Charlotte and UNC Chapel Hill, respectively. Prior to joining the Yale faculty in 1994, she taught history at Queens University. Gilmore is known as a masterful storyteller, who is well-acquainted with the history of the area.

Following her lecture, Gilmore will sign copies of her book “Defying Dixie: The Radical Roots of Civil Rights, 1919-1950.” Described as “rich....powerful and profound” by The New York Times, “Defying Dixie” deals with the battle against Jim Crow by telling the many stories of black and white Southern activists whose work comprised the origins of the larger Civil Rights movement.

Destructive cults topic of RSL-sponsored talk

Rick Ross, founder and executive director of the Rick Ross Institute, will discuss “Destructive Cults in America” at 7 p.m., Monday, April 6, in Cone University Center, McKnight Hall. Ross is considered an internationally known expert on destructive cults,

controversial groups and movements. The Office of Religious and Spiritual Life is sponsoring this free, public event.

University to remember lost loved ones

Faculty, staff and students are invited to a memorial service to honor and remember members of the University community who have passed away this year. This service, sponsored by the Dean of Students Office, will begin promptly at 7 p.m., Tuesday, April 7, at the Harris Alumni Center.

Alumni Association to hold career management series

In response to the current economic environment, the UNC Charlotte Alumni Association is sponsoring an Alumni Career Management Series to provide alums assistance with career transition. The second of the six-segment series is “Job Searching – Managing the Downs Successfully” set for 6 p.m., Wednesday, April 8, at the Harris Alumni Center. Certified career coach John Snelsire ('89) and Katie Topper, who holds a master's in social work, will provide techniques for attendees to discover their strengths.

“Dealing with Ambiguity: Knowing What to Do” is the third segment, scheduled for Monday, April 14.

Alumni can register to attend segments online at www.unccharlottealumni.org or call ext. 7-7799.

Human Resources

Staff Recognition Committee to meet April 15

The Staff Recognition Committee will hold its first meeting from 2 to 3 p.m., Wednesday, April 15, in Cone University Center, Room 210, to begin planning events for UNC Charlotte's annual staff recognition observance. A number of sports tournaments are held from early September through the first week in October as part of the observance. Employees interested in coordinating an event or who have ideas to share for staff recognition activities are welcome at this meeting. If planning to attend, contact Barbara Greene at ext 7-4269 or e-mail bgreene@uncc.edu by Wednesday, April 8.

Registration still open for HR workshops

The University's Human Resources Department offers learning and development workshops for employees as part of their career development plan. Space is still available for the following workshops:

- Workers Compensation for Supervisors
2 to 4 p.m., Tuesday, April 7
Presenter: Angela Allen, Safety Office
A new training and development workshop being offered to supervisors, this training will provide direction and a clearer understanding of the workers' compensation process and the completion of forms.
- Purchasing and Accounts Payable 101

9 a.m. to noon, Thursday, April 16
Presenters: Brian Richardson, materials management, and Jerri Painter, accounts payable

This workshop provides the latest information regarding the University's purchasing policies and procedures as well as procedures for invoice payments on purchase orders and direct pay requests.

- **AP: Travel and Complex Payments**
2 to 4 p.m., Thursday, May 7
Presenters: Annette Heller and staff from travel and complex payment
This workshop will provide participants with the latest information regarding procedures to prepare travel forms and direct pay requests for complex payments (tuitions, stipends, awards, honorarium, etc.). The travel and complex payment team will review the policies and regulations associated with University travel and complex payments.

All workshops will be held in the Training Room, Colvard Building, Room 5092.
Register online at the [HR training Web site](#).

Shared leave requested

Miltonette Denise Blount, Atkins Library, technical services, 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.

Low-cost, free e-filing and tax preparation assistance

Low-cost and free e-filing options are available to state employees who meet certain requirements. According to the Department of Revenue, more than 60 percent of state employees may qualify. Go to www.irs.gov or www.dornc.com and click on the link for e-filing to learn more.

In addition, the State Employees Credit Union (SECU) is offering qualified members free tax preparation assistance through its Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. VITA-trained SECU employees will be available through April 15 to help members. Households with 2008 incomes less than \$42,000 may qualify, and the SECU will file returns electronically. Service is for SECU members and through appointment only. Visit www.ncsecu.org for more details.

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. Note that the registration fee listed is the discounted fee for qualifying UNC Charlotte faculty and staff. Some upcoming courses are listed below.

April 3 **Human Behavior in Organizations**. 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., UNC Charlotte Uptown. Cost: \$125.

April 7–21 **SAT Exam Prep Program B**. Tuesdays and Thursdays. 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., UNC Charlotte Main Campus. Cost: \$245.

April 7–8 **Cost Estimating and Cost Management**. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., UNC Charlotte Uptown. Cost: \$500.

April 8 **The Generational Impact to Business**. 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., UNC Charlotte Ben Craig Center. Cost: \$125.

April 8–9 **Analyzing and Satisfying Requirements**. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., UNC Charlotte Uptown. Cost: \$500.

General information is on the continuing education [home page](#); click [here](#) for details about discounts and registration or call ext. 7-8900.

Swap ‘n’ Shop

For sale:

1986 Nissan 300ZX with more than \$1,000 in extra parts and accessories. \$3,500 or best offer. 172,000 miles. Paint is four years old, factory silver with the factory pin striping. Three window unit air conditioners, all run on 110-volt standard outlet. LG 15,000 BTU with remote control, LG 10,000 BTU with remote control and a 5,000 BTU unit. All bought new last year and used for one summer. \$700 or best offer. Bin of miscellaneous residential and commercial locks. Almost 200 pounds, consisting of mostly padlocks, all have keys. Lock cylinders, knob sets, padlocks and a variety of hardware. Most still in original packaging. Looking to sell as a complete lot. \$400 or best offer. Pictures available upon request for all items. Call 704-305-6270 or e-mail amlavoie@uncc.edu.

Four bedroom, two-and-a-half bath home on 1.8-acre waterfront lot. Open house from 2 to 5 p.m., Saturday, April 4, 2120 McLean Road. Reduced \$50,000. Click [here](#) for more information.

24-foot round swimming pool, 5 years old with 2-year-old Hayward pump/filter. Dissassembled and ready for pickup, many extras. \$500. Sears Craftsman 10-inch radial

arm saw, excellent condition. \$350. Also various other woodworking tools. E-mail jdlattin@uncc.edu for details.

Oak-colored corner entertainment center that will hold a 32-inch TV. Made from real oak not particle board. Asking \$150 or best offer. E-mail Lisa at lnewman@uncc.edu.

Children's clothes, toys, house décor, furniture and even a kitchen sink at this multifamily yard sale, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, April 4, 5179 Rocky River Crossing Road, Harrisburg. Proceeds will help a local family's adoption cost of two children from Ethiopia.

For rent:

Plaza Midwood bungalow, owned by two architects. Two bedrooms, one bath with living room, dining room and modern kitchen with hardwood floors throughout and two wood-burning fireplaces. Screened porch, brick and slate trellised patio, fishpond and fenced yard. Pets are allowed, a large fenced dog run separate from fenced yard. Renter responsible for paying to repair damage, if any, caused by pets. Perfect for two people, renters could share the cost through separate contracts with owner. No smokers. Ten minute walk to Central Avenue shops, restaurants, library, nightlife, etc. House will be available for rent for three years starting July/August 2009 (exact date negotiable). \$1,500 per month, utilities included. The lease will run for one year, renewable yearly thereafter. Pictures are [online](#).

Two bedroom, two bath loft in the heart of Dilworth and historic South End with lots of upgrades. Hardwood floors throughout. Stainless steel appliances, washer and dryer included. Fully tiled showers with frameless glass doors. Custom cabinetry with granite countertops. Private rooftop terrace and much more. Ready for immediate occupancy. To schedule an appointment, call Beverly at ext. 7-8448 or e-mail bsetz@uncc.edu.

Wanted:

Wrought iron stand for a 10-gallon fish tank. Can pay up to \$20. Call 704-572-0582.

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.

Steve Ott, finance and business law, provided comments for the Charlotte Business Journal article "[Looming stress for real estate projects across Charlotte area.](#)"

Laura Talbot and Margaret Wilmoth, nursing, were quoted in the Salisbury Post story "["Wounded warriors' getting top-notch care, speakers say."](#)

Tony Plath, finance and business law, was interviewed for the WCNC segment “**What are ‘Toxic Assets?’**”

George McAllister, Small Business and Technology Development Center, provided comments to WCNC for the segment “**Angel investors helping new businesses get started.**” The story also was published on MSNBC’s Web site.

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