

## UNCW move means business as usual for couple

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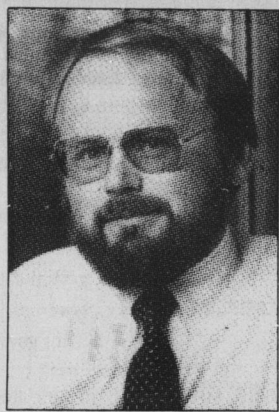
Howard and Joanne Rockness don't have to worry about a long-distance relationship.

The Rocknesses — Howard, an associate dean in the Kenan-Flagler School of Business, and Joanne, a professor of accounting at N.C. State University — both applied for jobs in the UNC-Wilmington's Cameron School of Business. Thanks to what the UNCW chancellor called "a happy coincidence," both got the jobs they applied for — Howard as dean of the school and Joanne as the Cameron professor of accounting.

"The application process for the professorship and the dean's position were handled entirely separately," said UNCW Chancellor James Leutze. "This was just a happy coincidence."

The two appointments were approved Friday by the Board of Governors.

The search for a UNCW business school dean attracted 60 applicants. Rockness was chosen because of his national reputation and his wide range of experience, Leutze said.



Howard Rockness

"We were looking for someone who would enhance the reputation of the school and who cared about public service," Leutze said. "We want to enhance the school, to make it as student-oriented as possible."

Howard Rockness, who has led a major overhaul of the Kenan-Flagler masters-of-business-administration program, echoed Leutze's sentiments and said his first objective at UNCW was to make the business school a part of the community.

"My first goal is to make this business school that is customer-oriented," he said. "Our business school needs to be very aware of who it serves, including the local business community, North Carolina, and certainly including students and the parents of students."

Howard Rockness will oversee a school that employs about 50 faculty members and serves 1,600 students, including freshmen and sophomores who have not declared majors. UNCW has almost 8,000 students overall.

The new UNCW dean has served as associate dean for the Kenan-Flagler MBA program since 1988. In 1984 he

won the MBA Outstanding Teaching Award.

Before coming to UNC-CH, Rockness taught at Dartmouth College and Duke University and worked for the U.S. General Accounting Office. He is a graduate of the University of Washington.

Joanne Rockness has taught at N.C. State since 1983 and has won several teaching awards during her tenure. Rockness is a graduate of Western Michigan University and taught at UNC-CH from 1982 to 1983.

At UNCW, Joanne Rockness will assume the Cameron professorship, UNCW's first joint state and privately funded chaired professorship. "We wanted someone for this chair who would bring it the prestige it deserved," Leutze said. "Because of Dr. Rockness' background and national reputation, we knew she was that person."

### Elvis

of the stamps.

"(The canceled stamp) might be worth a few dollars, but it's not going to be worth a lot of money," Wertheimer said. Stamps printed more than 40 years ago are more in demand by dealers, he said.

For many customers, the stamps are just for nostalgia and fun.

"It's a stamp that I can relate to. It's somebody that I've heard of," said Kate

Parker, a UNC graduate student. The stamps are one way she can share with her 8-year-old son the kind of music that she likes, she said.

Elvis fan Kristin Hicks of Chapel Hill said she probably would use the 120 stamps she purchased.

"It's just fun," she said. "I think people will love to get an Elvis stamp on their letters."

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## UNC gets ringing inaugural role

### Staff Report

While students and faculty members are busy ringing in the new semester, UNC administrators are preparing to help ring in the new administration of President-elect Bill Clinton — literally.

The historic bell in South Building will ring for the first time in more than a year later this month as part of Bells for Hope, a nationwide event scheduled for Sunday.

The South Building bell will sound just before 6 p.m. Jan. 20. At the same time, Clinton will ring a replica of the Liberty Bell at Arlington National Cemetery.

The University was one of 200 sites chosen for the event.

The South Building bell once was used to mark the time and to celebrate major sports victories.

In recent decades, its primary use has been to mark events important around the world and in the University community, including the death of President John Kennedy in 1963 and Chancellor Paul Hardin's inauguration in 1988.

The bell was last used in October 1991 to kick off the Bicentennial Cam-



South Building bells

paign, the \$320 million fund-raising campaign scheduled to coincide with the University's 200th birthday celebration.

Tyron Palace in New Bern is the only other N.C. site taking part in the Bells for Hope ceremony.

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for Clinton, Washburn said. The president-elect might face health challenges, assassination attempts and many international crises. But whatever Clinton achieves in office during his first term will occur this year, Washburn said.

Hardman predicts Clinton will not win a second term in the 1996 presidential race due to tremendous money problems and his inability to live up to his promises of change. The Leo president will be succeeded by a Taurus — a Republican in his 40s, she said.

Washburn, who predicted Clinton would win the presidential race, said it was too early to say whether Clinton would win a second term. The astrologer sees Jack Kemp as the Republican front-runner in '96 and an "important transfer of power" in the year 2000.

Hardman has good news for N.C. liberals: U.S. Senator Jesse Helms, a Libra, will retire by September due to health problems, and the person who replaces him will be someone he will not have hand-picked.

As for third-term Gov. Jim Hunt, a Taurus, who lost an ugly race to Helms for the Senate seat in '84, Hardman said the Wilson native was at a career peak. But don't expect the governor to announce any big plans until August, Hardman said. "He will go in there carefully." And he's likely to have yet another term in office, she said.

Washburn, who predicted to the month the start of the Persian Gulf War eight months in advance, sees Iraqi President Saddam Hussein making many headlines this year, especially from April 19 to April 22. "He's going to be very bad, very aggressive," Washburn said. "He will be creating trouble through the mid-'90s."

The astrologer said that further warfare would occur between Iraq and Iran and that Hussein could resort to using biological and nuclear weapons. "There will be non-stop trouble (in the Muslim

world) for the remainder of the decade."

Cuban President Fidel Castro will be ousted by the end of this year or by the end of '94 at the latest, and Cuba will make the swiftest conversion to capitalism of any former socialist state, Washburn said.

The future doesn't look bright for Russian President Boris Yeltsin either. The leader, who has pushed for rapid democratic change in the wake of communism, will be out by the end of this year or next, Washburn said.

Washburn, who has predicted Duke University basketball team's NCAA championship wins the past two years, said Duke and Carolina would do well this year. A Duke fan for most of his life, Washburn said Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski was at a 2 1/2 century peak and would be difficult to beat. "(But) the more successful Coach Krzyzewski is, the more it will light a fire under Dean Smith."

Although Washburn said he would not make his predictions for this year's Final Four until March, he is certain that an N.C. team, either UNC or Duke, will win the NCAA championship in 1994, when the Final Four is played in Charlotte.

Charlotte, also at a 2 1/2 century peak, will be awarded an NFL franchise team in the next two years, and the Charlotte Hornets will reach the NBA playoffs, Washburn said.

Snow might be in the air. The Triangle will experience moderate-to-severe cold temperatures in 1993 with the possibility of some snow, he said. There will be snow and lots of it in '94. "1994 will be very cold, very wet," he said.

The astrologer said he made his predictions after much research and after he was fairly certain of them. "I love my work," he said. "Astrology is a valuable science, and the proof is in the pudding."

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