

Conductor Bernstein dies of lung failure

From Associated Press reports

NEW YORK - Leonard Bernstein, the impassioned American maestro who thrilled an international multitude with his spirited shows "On the Town" and "West Side Story," his podium pirouettes and his hundreds of recordings, died Sunday. He was 72.

Bernstein was a conductor, pianist, educator, author and composer. His

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University family are suffering."

The University has met similar crises in the past and has emerged stronger than ever, O'Connor said. "But there's no magic wand to cleanse the distractions."

By creating partnerships with industry, such as the Institute of Academic Technology, the University has increased opportunity by sharing resources, he said. This collaboration of efforts is the only way the University can escape the crisis, he said.

"Care and skill in creating partnerships will continue to set Chapel Hill apart," he said. "(Handling the crisis) is a tall order, and each of us is needed to fill it."

compositions included the theatrical, chamber music, symphonies, ballet and even a Mass.

He won Grammys, Emmys and a Tony, but in November 1989 refused to accept the National Medal of Arts to protest cancellation of a \$10,000 National Endowment for the Arts grant for a New York art exhibit about AIDS.

Bernstein died in his Manhattan

represent and strive to do our best." The future hope of excellence is coupled to access, he said. "The University must embody the richness and diversity that characterizes the state and the nation."

O'Connor ended his speech with a poem by Langston Hughes, focusing on the need to search for unity to preserve the University. O'Connor emphasized the part of the poem reading, "to save the dream for one, it must be saved for all."

Other speakers emphasized the need to work collectively to overcome the crisis.

Samuel Poole, chairman of the Board of Governors, said UNC must continue

apartment, his spokeswoman Margaret Carson said. Dr. Kevin M. Cahill, who was present, said the cause of death was progressive lung failure.

On Cahill's advice, Bernstein announced through Carson last week that he would retire from conducting. Cahill said emphysema and lung infections left Bernstein too weak to continue working.

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tive and upbeat," he said. "We're all pulling on the same oar, we have the same goals and the same mission."

Three Distinguished Alumnus tions by alumni.

ceived an award because of his outstanding leadership as governor of Alaska; Luke Powell, Class of '69, was rewarded for his accomplishments in photography; and Eleanor Sheldon, Class of '42, was rewarded for her scholarly activism in sociology.



"Our spirit must continue to be posi-

Awards were given during the ceremony to recognize the outstanding contribu-Stephen Cowper, Class of '60, re-





Sideshow

