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"Where there is an open mind, there will always be a frontier." — Kettering

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UNCA ranks high again

In "The 1991 Guide to America's Best Colleges," UNCA ranked 12th out of 147 colleges and universities in the south.

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News Editor

The academic reputation of UNCA, as judged by its education peers in the South, has placed UNCA in "The 1991 Guide to America's Best Colleges" published by U.S. News & World Report magazine, according to Larry Wilson, vice-chancellor of academic affairs.

Last year, the guide listed UNCA as one of the nation's "up and coming" regional colleges. The "judgment of their peers" category is a new measure of quality included in the 1991 guide.

According to Wilson, the survey was sent out to presidents, academic deans and deans of admissions at each of the 147 schools listed in the survey.

Wilson said the survey was four pages long with six to eight different categories in which he was to rank the colleges and universities he knew something about.

Robert J. Morse, chief economist for U.S. News and World Report, said UNCA ranked 12th among 147 regional colleges and universities in the South.

Wilson said the judgment of peers can be one of the most accurate measures of a college or university's academic quality.

Many surveys are based on statistical formulas, and formulas do not always reflect what is actually happening at the institution, according to Wilson.

"Those who rank us probably know us the best," he said. "They have the opportunity to see the statistical information needed to rate us, but they also know people at the university, such as administrators and students."

Wilson said the judgment of peers is very significant. "By contrast, the judgment of peers is important because it reflects the opinions of educational leaders who probably know us best."

How UNCA ranked specifically in each of the categories of the survey is not known. Wilson said he has requested that additional information but doesn't know when it may arrive.

"You should be very proud of your school," Wilson said. "This survey says an awful lot about us as a university."

State offers summer internships

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Staff Writer

The Institute of Government at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill will give 30 students the chance to work as paid government interns in Raleigh during the summer of 1991.

The students will work in responsible positions, working on real projects.

"It is an excellent chance to learn firsthand about government and to gain valuable work experience," said Steve Allred, program director.

The students are assigned to work with officials on public interest projects. Typically, they propose a strategy for handling it.

The students not only do library research on the subject, but field work as well. The interns talk with private citizens and other government officials to gather information about their topic, in addition to possible solutions.

In addition to the internship itself, the students participate in weekly seminars with government officials.

Each seminar begins with a presentation by a state official, after which the interns question their guest. Debates are not uncommon, since topics range from gay and lesbian rights to

funding for the arts.

Field trips are also a part of the summer program. Last summer, the interns toured Central Prison, the State Bureau of Investigation, and the state mental hospital in Butner. Some of the interns visited Washington, D.C., where they met with Senator Terry Sanford.

Some trips were not all work, as the students visited the beach, amusement parks and nearby lakes.

The interns will live together in dormitories on the campus of Meredith College. Allred said that the living arrangements provide a stimulating environment for the students, as well as help to develop strong friendships.

College credit is available for the internship, and it must be arranged through the registrar's office.

Applications are now being accepted for next summer's program. The program pursues students from all academic areas, not just political science. Students interested in biology, journalism, engineering, foreign languages, education, social work, and other areas are welcomed.

Last year, more than 300 students applied; ninety were invited to interview for the thirty positions. Sixty-one different schools were represented by the applications, including most North

Gantt visits Grove Park

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U.S. Senate candidate Harvey Gantt spoke to about 60 people at a press conference held Oct. 30 at the Grove Park Inn, in which he confirmed his trust in the people of North Carolina and voiced his disapproval of both the voting record and the negative ad campaign of his opponent Senator Jesse Helms.

"I trust the people of this state that if they know the truth they're going to make the right choice. I trust the intelligence of the people of this state to appreciate and understand what the important issues are that are facing us this year," said Gantt.

Gantt said Helms did some interesting things that he believed Helms wants to hide from North Carolina.

"He voted against the Conference Report on the Clean Air Bill, his chance to rectify a wrong he committed last summer, he voted against the clean air bill anyway," said Gantt.

Gantt said Helms voted against the bill because it wasn't the president's bill, "it was just too expensive."

"I would argue that the environment is too expensive for us to ignore in the sense that

Helms would do so," said Gantt.

Gantt explained to his audience that this bill was going to provide the toughest regulations against acid rain in our history.

The bill would have cut contamination from every major source of air pollution in our nation, and included the most inclusive environmental statutes ever approved by Congress. Most consider this to be the most exceptional piece of legislature to come out of Congress this year.

"Senator Helms was one of only ten senators who voted against this bill. He makes the argument that it is another big liberal spending program and does not represent North Carolina values," said Gantt. "Once again he does not act in the interest of the people of this state."

According to Gantt, Helms also decided to kill the President's Plan for Educational Excellence.

"In the last few days of Congress, Senator Helms was part of a conspiracy to keep that bill from ever being considered by the Senate," said Gantt.

Once again Gantt said Helms attempted to keep his participation secret.

"He tried to hide his participation, but we have it on good source and evidence that Senator



Photo by LeeAnn Donnelly

Harvey Gantt made his final campaign stop in Asheville Tuesday at the Grove Park Inn.

Helms was part of the reason that the bill was held up," said Gantt.

Gantt accused the senator of not appreciating the realities of the 1990s.

"He's voting against our children every time he votes against education in the United States

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Program earns accreditation

Kimberly Cooley
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After a three-year review process, the teacher education program at UNCA has been fully accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), according to Arthea Reed, chairman of UNCA's teacher education program.

UNCA's teaching program has never been accredited before. Reed said accreditation was always optional. "We didn't feel it was necessary to be accredited since the university was an accredited

university," Reed said it is now mandatory to be accredited in North Carolina.

The accreditation review was mandated by the State Board of Education in 1986 to strengthen teacher education in North Carolina. The state's 45 teacher education programs must complete the review by Dec. 31, 1992.

According to Reed, national accreditation is a long and expensive process. The program first must meet conditions to be considered for accreditation such as number of faculty, number of students, student test scores, courses offered, etc.

After this there is a review of the institution. Questions such as how the institution works and how the institution works with the teachers and students are addressed, Reed said.

All of these findings are combined into a 500 page book which describes the institution and the education program. "A five-member team then visited the campus for four days to prove our findings to be true," Reed said.

"There is a great deal of work and energy that goes into the process. UNCA is one of the first five or six programs in the state to get accreditation under this new

process," said Ione Perry, director of teacher education services for the State Department of Public Instruction.

Perry said, "It speaks very highly of UNCA that it has achieved NCATE accreditation."

NCATE cited faculty quality and UNCA alumni performance in the classroom and on the National Teacher Exam as program strengths.

UNCA graduates have a 100 percent pass rate on the

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Photo by Miranda Wyatt

It's your move
Saad Jafri left, and Greg Davidson anticipate each other's next move in a friendly game of chess.

Carolina universities, as well as 22 schools outside of the state.

The students are selected by a committee that includes college professors, former interns, and government officials. The final selection will be based on a number of factors, such as a

personal interview in Chapel Hill, extracurricular activities, academic performance and general interest in the government of North Carolina.

The Institute requires personal interviews of candidates being considered. Those interviews will

be held in March.

The college placement office has applications for the program. The applications must be postmarked by Jan. 25, 1991, or be hand delivered to the Institute of Government by Jan. 27.

Graduates faced with fewer job options

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Area graduating seniors can expect to earn \$3,000 to \$5,000 less per year than the national average for entry-level salaries, according to David Johnston, director of career counselling at UNCA.

Johnston said students are realizing they can't remain in the area and find good job opportunities. "We've had an awful lot of alumni coming back (to the Career Center)," Johnston said. "After they've looked around, they see the jobs just aren't available."

As a result, Johnston believes people are becoming more willing to relocate to bigger job markets

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