

# Reckford Lecturer Emphasizes Historical View

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Art historian Carlo Ginzburg demonstrated his technique of historical analysis of an artwork whose past has been lost in history to a crowded auditorium in the sixth annual Mary Stevens Reckford Memorial Lecture in European Studies.

"The Painter and the Jester: Jean Fouquet's Portrait of Gonella" was the title of Ginzburg's lecture, held Sunday evening in the Hanes Art Center.

The lecture was sponsored by the Institute for the Arts and Humanities of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Lloyd Kramer, acting director of the institute and professor of history at UNC, introduced Ginzburg, who currently serves as a professor of Italian Renaissance studies at the University of California at Los Angeles.

In his introductory remarks, Kramer said that Ginzburg had become "one of the most innovative scholars in history" by studying the past with a method known as microhistory.

Microhistory is a form of history that "focuses on the particular to explain the general," he said. Extensive understanding of these details can be used to expand modern historians' knowledge of an entire

culture, Kramer said.

Ginzburg began his lecture by emphasizing the need for exchange of information and ideas between art connoisseurs and academic art historians. He opened with a quote by Giovanni Morelli: "In order to become an art historian, one must first be a connoisseur."

Ginzburg demonstrated the use of microhistory through an extensive analysis of a single painting, Fouquet's portrait of Gonella, a court jester in the court of the duke of Ferrara in the mid-15th century.

For centuries after the painting of Gonella's portrait, its origins were unclear, Ginzburg said.

He used a mix of factual historical analysis and stylistic comparison with other works of art to identify the portrait's subject, artist and probable time of execution.

Ginzburg closed his lecture by stating that he had attempted to demonstrate "the truthfulness of an argument built on both archival and historical evidence."

The lecture series is held in honor of the late Mary Stevens Reckford, who was a student of art history and European studies throughout her life. She was the wife of Kenneth Reckford, professor of classics at UNC.

Kramer said, "Mary Stevens Reckford was a student of art history."

# School Board Develops Plans for Year at Retreat

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Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education members discussed programming and budget proposals for the 1995-1996 school year at their annual retreat Thursday and Friday, said Board of Education Chairman Ken Touw.

School board member Elizabeth Carter said between 50 and 60 people attended the retreat, which was held at the Friday Center on N.C. 54. She said the two-day

event served as an informal forum for principals, parents and school governance committee chairmen to review the status of current projects and voice ideas about the future.

"We wanted to review what has been accomplished in the past few years," Touw said. "We tried to look at what had been under-reviewed and to give the board direction as to what needs to be done."

Although board members discussed next year's budget, no final decisions were made, Touw said. A final budget proposal would be drawn up and presented to county commissioners later this spring, he said.

Touw said the board considered individual requests from schools for funds. These funds would be used to implement a number of programs that ranged from hiring more teacher aids to making capital improvements, Carter said.

"It is so sad," she said. "There are so many requests for funding ... they range from facility problems such as heating or

mildew to creating reading and writing labs at the high school to finding more money for staff development."

Board members also looked at the possible implementation of proposals made in a report by UNC business Professor Ron Pannesi concerning the restructuring of school budgets, Touw said. If approved, individual schools would have greater flexibility in determining their budgets, said School Governance Committee chairwoman Barbara DeLon.

Touw said the board discussed the possibility of using private funds to pay for one-time expenses at the new high school and elementary school, such as library books.

"We are trying to spread the cost of these one-time expenses out over the next two years," he said. "The expense is so large we expect county commissioners won't be able to add to what they've already budgeted this year."

One source of money for the school district came from the closing of a supply storage warehouse, which generated \$30,000, Touw said.

Retreat participants also discussed proficiency standards, he said. The board discussed the possibility of establishing minimum requirements that students would have to meet before progressing to the next grade level.

"Our goal is not to retain students, but simply to make sure they have the skills necessary to graduate from elementary school to middle school, from middle school to high school, etc.," Touw said.

Other topics reviewed included the district's academically gifted program, standardized test scores, individualizing the classroom experience and a "volunteer partnership" program designed to bring mentors into the classroom and form vocational training programs with local businesses.



Chapel Hill-Carrboro school board Chairman **KEN TOUW**

# Dinner Raises Money for Guatemalan Water Works

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More than 300 people attended WaterPartners International's third annual "Water for Life" dinner Saturday, providing donations to help build a clean water system in Llano Grande, Guatemala.

WaterPartners, a nonprofit environmental group founded by two graduates of the UNC School of Public Health's doctoral program, had been planning the dinner since fall to help provide clean water for the 260 families of Llano Grande.

Executive director and co-founder Gary White said that everything — food, entertainment and coordinating — was pro-

vided by volunteers. The dinner featured food by chef Giorgios Bakatsias of Durham's Parizade Restaurant. Entertainment included music by the Teacher Tones, the Duke String School, Joyce Peck and Sue Gilbertson and poetry readings by Michael McFee, creative writing professor.

As guests entered the banquet hall, they were asked to sign a banner displaying WaterPartners' motto: "From watersprings life." White said that the banner would be taken to Guatemala when the group goes there this summer. He said it "forms a link between the people here this evening and the people of Guatemala."

White said that last year about 120

people attended the banquet. He was very excited about the increase in attendance and thanked those who had passed the word about the dinner to others.

WaterPartners has held seven other such dinners, raising a total of \$70,000 in donations. They have funded drinking water supply projects in seven Central American countries.

These new systems usually replace contaminated streams or waterholes that are shared with animals.

Members of the organization travel to their project sites every summer to monitor and record progress on active projects. Smith said that the first thing they do when they arrive at the target communities is

attend a meeting with the entire community so that they can be updated on how the project is going.

Smith presented a slide show during the dinner of the locations where water systems had been installed.

"WaterPartners feels responsible for staying in touch with our projects so we can let the donors know that they are supporting solid, sustainable work that is making a difference," White said.

According to WaterPartners, 80 percent of all sickness in the world is caused by inadequate drinking water. The organization reported that 1.2 billion people in developing countries do not have access to safe drinking water.

## RECRUITMENT

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American high school students and offer opportunities for visits and information. Three projects remain for this school year:

■ Project Uplift brings high school juniors to the University during the summer to meet with professors and administrators, tour the campus, and learn about admissions and financial aid processes as well as attend demonstration lectures and labs.

■ Pre-Orientation is a special set of activities on topics such as academic support, counseling services, student activities, cultural outlets and social groups as well as a chance to meet key University officials.

■ Decision Days are two days in March aimed at influencing students to accept admission. High school seniors who have already been accepted visit the campus to attend classes and talk with counselors.

Ervin said the University's General Administration would like to see the number of minorities attending public colleges

approximate demographics in the state, but he distinguished between having parity as a goal rather than as a quota.

The admissions office identifies students using college board searches that sort for high GPA and test scores and solicits recommendations from alumni, counselors and friends of the University, Herb Davis, associate director for Admissions, said.

Ervin said he tried to use the high level of student activism at UNC as a positive to counter the perception that there was hostility toward students of color here. "When parents wonder, 'Am I sending my son or daughter to a university that doesn't want them there?' I tell them what greater benefit can we offer students than having the ultimate development experience of learning to think for themselves," he said.

The Board of Governors made a commitment to the Department of Education about 15 years ago to increase representation of African Americans at historically white universities and to increase white attendance at historically black schools.

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opportunity to come to UNC-Chapel Hill?"

He criticized the governor for having political motivations for the proposed budget cuts and questioned the logic behind them. In light of this, Hardin opposed the proposed reduction of nonteaching faculty and protected positions.

He said that the state government had too much control over the university system and that it was doing a very poor job managing the schools. "We are the victims of incredible micromanagement," he said. "There has been no consultation with professional educators. You want a strategic plan, let us run our universities."

Hardin concluded his speech with a concern that the media across the state would imply that UNC was complaining and would pay no attention to his proposals. "When you go back to your hometowns, tell them that there was never a whine, never a whimper. There was a roar."

## SBP

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this, and it wasn't to see my picture up on the wall. It was to bring together people from different parts of campus who never would have met and give them a common focus," she said.

Cunningham agreed with Brandenburg. "The enormity of seeing my face on the wall wore off very quickly," Cunningham said.

He said the initial shock of the campaign had helped him to re-establish his goals as a candidate.

Both candidates said they were concerned about the low voter turnout. "Literally, every vote counts," Brandenburg said. "I think it (voter turnout) is indicative of disaffection with student government," Cunningham said. "It's back in the corner, back in the Union and back in people's minds."

Cunningham and Brandenburg said they wanted to improve communication between students and student government.

## HABITAT

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homeowner," Elkins said.

Several other area organizations and businesses contributed funds and labor to the cause, including Delta Sigma Theta, the Zonta Club, Mortgage Choice Inc. of Carrboro. The Thursday Therapy Quilters donated a quilt, which was raffled off at the dedication of the house.

Money raised by Habitat was used to buy building materials but was not used to purchase any land, Elkins said.

The house is the 34th house built or renovated by Habitat in Orange County, but it is the first in Chapel Hill because of the high cost of land in the town, she said. "Land is one of our sore points," she said. "The town of Chapel Hill gave us the lots in that neighborhood."

Although past Habitat fund-raisers' profits were not used to buy land, there will be a fund-raiser Sunday night at University Mall for that purpose, Elkins said.

Dinner will be served at the event, and there will be both a silent and a live auction. "The monies raised will be used specifically for land."

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