

Susan Moeser Brings Love of Teaching, Gardening to UNC

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Although she was only seen standing beside her husband at Friday's events, Susan Moeser is well-established in her own right.

The wife of UNC Chancellor-elect James Moeser, the native Kansan said

she was excited about moving to North Carolina.

"We lived in South Carolina before we lived in Nebraska. I absolutely fell in love with this part of this country."

Moeser grew up in Kansas with her parents and brother, who now resides in Omaha. "I'll miss being in the Midwest," she said.

At the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Moeser served as a senior lecturer in the School of Music teaching Music theory and organ lessons.

She said she wanted to teach at UNC. "I've taught part-time, and my goal is to do that again," she said. "But I'll wait a bit until I get nestled into life here."

Moeser said she was impressed with

UNC's Department of Music.

"It's one of the best musicology departments in the country," she said.

In Nebraska, she served on a number of arts-related boards, like the Lincoln Arts Council, a community-based group that funds and supports organizations for arts in the city, and the Lied Center for the Performing Arts, based at UNL.

Moeser is currently focused on wrap-



Susan Moeser, wife of the chancellor-elect, hopes to eventually teach part-time at the University.

ping up her classes at UNL and planning her family's move to Chapel Hill. "I'm sort of the details person for the move," she said.

Many faculty members at UNL spoke highly of Moeser and her musical talent.

George Ritchie, an organ professor at UNL, touted her academic achievements.

"She's had a lot of experience at the university-level teaching," he said.

Moeser received a doctorate of Musical Arts from the University of Kansas, he said.

She also won the Fort Wayne (Ind.) National Organ Playing Competition at Frist Presbyterian Church in the 1980s, he added.

Many mentioned her love of marathon running. Donald Greiner,

associate provost and dean of undergraduate affairs at the University of South Carolina, befriended Moeser while her husband served as provost at USC.

Greiner said Moeser was an avid runner who had qualified to run in the New York marathon. "It's an interesting combination — a world-class artist and a (competitive) marathon runner," he said.

At USC, Moeser taught music history and also played the organ in the community, Greiner said.

When she has time, Moeser enjoys gardening, said Richard Durst, UNL dean of fine and performing arts.

"One of the reasons she's thrilled about moving down there is the wonderful weather you have to grow flowers," he said.

Durst praised Moeser's generosity. "I've never heard her say no," he said.

About two years ago, there was a function for the Nebraska Repertory Theater, which took place in a Lincoln mansion, Durst said.

Moeser was asked to play the pipe organ for the occasion.

"She not only played but she showed up in period costume and prepared a whole program," Durst said. "It's all due to her own initiative; she didn't have to do that."

In addition to being known nationally for her music, Moeser also comes alive in the classroom, Durst said.

"She loves being in contact with students," he said. "I was told by two people when I first came here that she is the best that they have ever had in that particular discipline."

Durst said Moeser showed enthusiasm for teaching freshmen as well as graduate students. "She's really pitched in. She teaches all levels of classes," he said.

Durst himself is leaving UNL to take a position at Penn State University.

"One of the great sadnesses is that I will lose touch with both Susan and James," he said.

Herbert Howe, associate to the chancellor at UNL, said Moeser was a pleasant and engaging person who got along well with others.

He spoke fondly of the couple. "Nebraskans have gotten to know them very well. You folks are very lucky."

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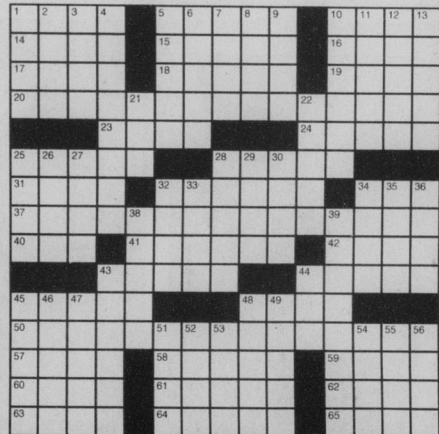
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Casual conversation
 - 5 Stood up to
 - 10 Bugle call
 - 14 Top-rated
 - 15 Domesticated guanaco
 - 16 Runaway GI
 - 17 Buddy, down under
 - 18 Island near the Statue of Liberty
 - 19 "Doctor Zhivago" heroine
 - 20 1981 Sidney Lumet film
 - 23 Bohemian
 - 24 Cars
 - 25 Carmichael of "Stardust" fame
 - 28 Warning signal
 - 31 Shaft between wheels
 - 32 Like news
 - 34 Bathroom fixture
 - 37 Monarch-to-be
 - 40 T or F, e.g.
 - 41 Deed holders
 - 42 Remnants
 - 43 Sandwich holder
 - 44 Spanish goodbye
 - 45 Walks to and
- DOWN**
- 1 Pitch a tent
 - 2 Flime
 - 3 Not pro
 - 4 Adolescent

- 5 Armada
- 6 Metal mixture
- 7 Young whale
- 8 Send forth
- 9 Elan
- 10 Dusting powder
- 11 Look forward to
- 12 __ Novo, Benin
- 13 Bumps off
- 21 Shout
- 22 Soil
- 25 Chuckle
- 26 Cart-pulling pair
- 27 Mehemet or Muhammad
- 28 Yearned (for)
- 29 Lascivious look
- 30 Picnic pests
- 32 "Jane Shore" dramatist
- 33 Sicilian spouter
- 34 Writer Morrison
- 35 Reverse an action
- 36 Porgy's love
- 38 Body bulk
- 39 1988 Super Bowl winners
- 43 Sires
- 44 Pro vote
- 45 Coniferous trees
- 46 Video-game pioneer company
- 47 Channel of politics
- 48 Bullwinkle, e.g.
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