



The University and Towns IN BRIEF

Miles Named Full-Time Study Abroad Director

A leading European sociologist has been named the first full-time director of the study abroad program in UNC's College of Arts and Sciences.

Robert Miles, professor of sociology and dean of external affairs at the University of Glasgow, Scotland, will join UNC Sept. 1, working with faculty and students to ensure quality opportunities, increase participation and more fully integrate study abroad programs across the curriculum.

At the University of Glasgow, Miles served as a liaison for the International Office for North American Programmes, directed the Europe-Japan Social Science Research Centre and coordinated academic exchange programs between the University of Glasgow and Japanese universities. He began teaching in 1978 at Glasgow and chaired the sociology department.

His research interests include the theory and history of racism, international migration, the history of free and paid labor, and most recently, the sociology of airports and air travel.

Cisco Systems Honors Late Leader with Gift

The School of Information and Library Science at UNC has received a \$120,000 gift from Cisco Systems Inc. and the Cisco Systems Foundation to honor the university's late chancellor.

The gift establishes the Michael Hooker Graduate Fellowship in Applied Networking, honoring the chancellor who died in June 1999 after a six-month battle with lymphoma.

Income from the gift will support the fellowship, which will help pay tuition and expenses for a graduate student who is studying networked information systems. Details on the fellowship amount and when it will first be offered are being worked out.

Nursing Professor New Women's Center Head

Diane Kjervik, professor and associate dean for community outreach and practice at the UNC School of Nursing, has been named director of the Carolina Women's Center.

Kjervik joined the nursing school in 1995 to work with and further develop its community outreach program. She focuses on creating and developing partnerships between the school and community organizations, and also teaches courses on ethics and law.

She is a lawyer who holds a master's degree in psychiatric nursing, is admitted to the bar in Minnesota and admitted as attorney and counselor of the U.S. Supreme Court. She also is licensed as a registered nurse in North Carolina. Previously, she taught nursing and women's studies at the universities of Texas (Austin) and Minnesota.

Chapel Hill Celebrates With Downtown Picnic

Mark your calendars now, because you don't want to miss the 5th Annual Downtown Picnic will be from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. today in Chapel Hill.

Gillis' Barbecue will provide an outstanding array of pork, chicken, slaw, baked beans, and "the area's best" hush puppies. Jamil Kadoura of Mediterranean Deli will offer up his terrific bounty of hummus, grape leaves, falafel and baklava. Mark Burnette at He's Not Here will have very cold blue cups available for the hot and thirsty crowd. Joe Snipes and his Kickin' Grass Band will play some of the best bluegrass you'll hear all summer long.

Tickets are \$7 in advance and \$8 at the Village Green. You may purchase your tickets at CO Copies, Emma's Contemporary Fashions or the Carolina Brewery, or by calling the Downtown Commission Office at 929-9700.

University Blood Drive Calling Local Donors

The 12th annual University-wide Blood Drive is set for July 25 from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Dean E. Smith Center. Donations will support the Carolinas Blood Services Region, which serves 110 hospitals in 80 counties in the South. To meet demand, the Red Cross needs 1,500 units of blood each day.

Donors can make appointments by calling 96-BLOOD or by contacting a departmental recruiter. Walk-ins will be accepted but the process will be shorter for those who sign up beforehand. Shuttle service will be available as well as free parking in unreserved spaces in the Manning and Bowles lots. Details about the drive can be found at <http://www.sph.unc.edu/blood>.

From Staff Reports

Women Lend Strength to African Continent

Chuck Stone recently travelled to Africa under the auspices of CARE, the international relief organization. In an effort to shed light on the often ignored continent, Stone has provided The Daily Tar Heel with three columns, courtesy of the Philadelphia Daily News.

CHUCK STONE
Special to The Daily Tar Heel

"If a man be gracious and courteous to strangers, it shows he is a citizen of the world, and that his heart is no island cut off from other lands, but a continent that joins to them."

Francis Bacon, "Of Goodness and Goodness of Nature," 1625

JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA - We live and thrive on images, flickering fireflies of memory that define our courage and exalt our indestructibility.

Images ignore national boundaries. Some hopscotch across continents, resonating as global symbols of humanity - an awe-inspiring tableau of U.S. Marines raising an American flag on Iwo Jima ... a lone Chinese man standing before an unforgiving line of tanks in Beijing's Tiananmen Square ... Mozambican Rosita Pedro birthing her baby in a treetop above a Maputo river's raging flood waters ... a short, black female teenager, walking briskly in a dirt poor South African village at dawn, one hand gracefully balancing a huge sack on her head and her baby in a backpack, the other hand carrying a pail of water.

South Africa, the continent's wealthiest, lusciously suburban, industrial

power, embodies the continent's stark contrasts. Large all-black townships have unemployment rates of near 50 percent, violent crime epidemics and the world's fastest accelerating rate of HIV with 1,800 infections each day. In one Johannesburg hospital, 75 percent of pediatric deaths are AIDS-related.

The continent's health crisis compounded by wars, famine and droughts agitated the British magazine, "The Economist," into headlining a recent cover story on Africa as "The hopeless continent."

But the magazine used almost identical phrases to describe the problems of Africa and Russia.

Africa: "... powerful politicians ... use their political positions to amass fortunes which they then use for political ends."

Russia: "Ministers and top civil servants all too often treat their work as a source of speedy enrichment rather than public service."

If "The Economist" laments a half-empty glass pessimism about Africa's survival, South African Airways president Coleman Andrews radiates a half-full glass optimism that embraces the 21st century as "the African century," celebrating their "indaba" (in-gathering of people).

Granted Africa suffers from multi-

tudinous problems engendered by climate, disease, poverty, savage warlords and European-perfected corruption.

But many of the countries also are uplifted by the people's quenchless resiliency, the dedication of CARE's VIPs (visionary, industrious pragmatists) and the continent's secret weapon - its Promethean women.

CARE-administered agricultural development, health, disease-control reproductive, children-survival and educational programs are making a difference. Inexorable progress can be measured.

So can service. Several CARE workers in Mozambique are former members of the Peace Corps. Like the flame at Kennedy's grave, idealism of purpose never dies.

But the roots of Africa's many-blossomed family trees are its women.

They nurse babies, raise children, superintend households and run countless errands in the villages.

In Mozambique, they include Louisa Diogo, minister of finance, members of parliament, vice ministers, national directors and the powerful Graca Machel, widow of a former president, now married to Nelson Mandela and the head of a major non-governmental agency. "She's our star," said a beaming bank teller.

In Ghana, Nigeria and Zaire, they are so successful as the dominant forces in the market places that the phrase, "Mama Benz," is an automotive metaphor for durability and prestige.

In South Africa, black and white women are top business executives,



PHOTO COURTESY OF CHUCK STONE

Professor Chuck Stone talks to CARE worker Marydean Purvis (left) and Ida Bila, who supervises a maternal health care clinic in Mozambique.

teachers, interracial civic workers and influential television personalities.

During a visit to a Lesotho mountain village, this septuagenarian jestingly wondered if any of the residents were older. Smiling 78-year-old Adelina

Lettsa raised her hand and with a flourish, autographed my business card.

Today, it is as true in the 21st century as it was in the first century when Pliny the Elder wrote: "There is always something new out of Africa."

Fines for Handicap Violations Increase

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Starting on August 15, anyone who parks in a handicap space on or around campus will have to pay \$250 instead of the previous fine of \$100, making it the most expensive parking violation.

The raised fines are the result of a new law the N.C. General Assembly passed at the beginning of the year recommending the maximum penalty for parking in a handicap spot be raised.

The maximum fine was raised because of increased illegal usage of handicapped spots and an increase in the demand for handicap passes, said Allison Bowlen, an employee for the Governor's Advocacy Council for Persons with Disabilities.

Bowlen said, "The change was not meant to be punitive, but should help to serve as a disincentive to those who misuse the parking spots." As the fine increases, she said she thought fewer people will want to make the financial

sacrifice to park illegally.

The University's Transportation and Parking Advisory Committee and the University's Board of Trustees approved the recommended fine increase.

Sheryl Stout, assistant director for parking services at the University, said, "The handicapped signs with the new fine have been posted, and tickets will start to be administered on the specified date."

Of all the fines for parking violations, the fine for illegally parking in a handicap spot is the only that has increased.

Other parking fines on campus range from hundreds of dollars down to petty cash. For displaying a lost, stolen, or counterfeit parking permit, the fine is \$200, but an expired meter is only \$15.

The increased fine for illegally parking in handicapped spaces is also high relative to other parking violations in the town of Chapel Hill, which is separately enforced from the University.

Around town, some businesses have placed a sticker on handicap parking

It Could Cost You

While the town of Chapel Hill maintains parking regulations in residential areas and around town, UNC controls both traffic and parking on campus. Here's a look at how parking in the wrong place could mean asking for a big fine.

Violations	UNC	Chapel Hill
Expired Meter	\$15	\$15
Sidewalk or Landscape	\$20	\$50
No Valid Permit	\$30	\$40
Restricted Hours	\$30	\$40
Reserved Space	\$50	\$40
Service Vehicle Space	\$50	\$40
Disability Parking	\$250	\$250
Fire Lane / Hydrant	\$100	\$100
Counterfeit Permit	\$200	\$40
Bus Stop	N/A	\$50

signs to reflect the increased fine to \$250, but not all are up to date. Violators will have to pay the amount stated on the sign.

Some potential violators said they understood the state's decision to increase fines out of respect for disabled drivers. Burke Cathey, a senior environmental science major, said, "I don't think there is anything wrong with the increased fine for parking in a handicapped spot because I realize the importance of persons with disabilities being able to find a parking spot."

Others said the increased fine of \$250 was enough to scare them off from

that prime parking space. "I was reluctant to park in a handicap spot when I was in a rush before this price increase," said Paige Mayfield, a junior sociology major. "Now I'm not going anywhere near them because I can't afford to."

In raising the fine, Bowlen said the state was only doing what it could to ensure disabled drivers have somewhere to park. "It is really unfortunate we have to control people's actions so intensely," he said, "but it seems necessary to prevent the problem."

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Student Groups Seek Funds

In their final meeting of the summer, Student Congress decided on funding matters relating to student groups.

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In their second and last meeting of the summer, Student Congress members approved a bill Monday that will give the Women's Issues Network money to help fund a feminist conference, but failed to pass a bill that would give money to the Carolina Academic Team.

The team asked for \$452 to be used to buy a buzzer system and practice manuals. Congress voted against the bill after hearing that the team can borrow a buzzer system and that student government funds have not been used for practice manuals in previous years.

Finance Committee Chair Mark Townsend also noted another reason why the team failed to receive the funding request.

"They didn't show up at the meeting, especially for a funding request," he said. "If you're not there, we kind of put you on the back burner."

WIN did receive the funding members asked for at Monday's session, an approximate \$1,700. Jennifer Stark, a representative and member of WIN, said it will use the money to help with the costs of programming the conference and to bring in local speakers and entertainment for the event.

Stark said she hoped September's conference would help to recruit new members for the network and also inspire more feminist dialogue at the University.

The conference, which is planned as a day-long event, will feature workshops covering various topics such as sexist language, abortion rights and pornography. Workshops will be led by University professors and other student organizations.

WIN has also received money from different University departments and plans on charging a small admission fee for the event.

Congress approved the bill with less than ten members present. Members had originally planned to meet last week but poor turnout forced them to reschedule.

Townsend said he didn't think low turnout was typical for summer congress.

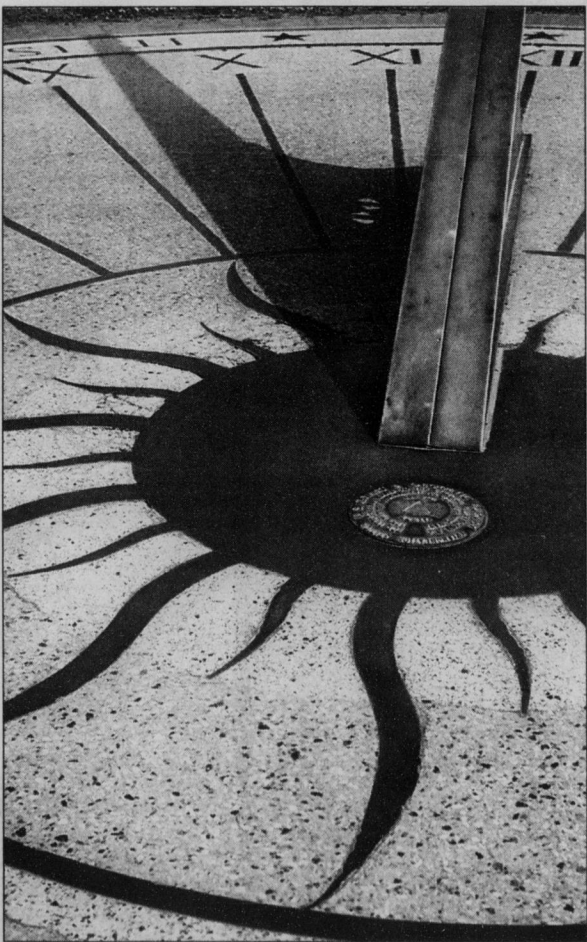
"I think it is just something that is particular to this summer session," he said, noting scheduling conflicts with members.

Still, Townsend said the low turnout during this summer session had not affected Congress's success.

"With the groups that have come and asked for money, I think we've done a good job," said Townsend.

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SHED A LITTLE SHADOW



DTH/EMILY SCHNUR

The sundial in front of the Morehead Planetarium notes the a.m. hour in the steady Wednesday sunlight. For July 20, 22 minutes should be added to the make the indicated time accurate.

Organizers Gearing Up For Upcoming Fall Fest

CHRIS STEGALL
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Incoming freshmen and returning students alike will soon have a chance to socialize and survey the variety of extracurricular activities available at the University in one fun-filled night.

Organizers said this year's Fall Fest, which is planned for Aug. 20, will be a nighttime festival where students can eat, listen to music and play games while campus organizations try to attract new members.

"The whole point is to mingle and have some fun," said Jon Curtis, the event's primary organizer and assistant director of student activities. "It's a great opportunity for incoming students to see what's going on campus."

Don Luse, director of the Student Union, said Fall Fest is an important way for students to meet and interact with campus groups.

"More than anything else it seems to be a gathering place," he said.

Fall Fest is an annual event that began in 1997 as a way to introduce students to all the activities available at the University.

Activities at this year's event will include demonstrations by sports clubs, and appearances by campus music groups such as Loreleis and the Clef Hangers. Climbing walls, an inflatable slide and information tables set up by about 75 student organizations will also be featured.

Luse said Fall Fest was an excellent time for campus groups to attract new members.

"This is a major recruitment opportunity for student groups," he said. "It's also a place to find your spot, your niche

on campus with the side benefit that it's fun."

Luse added that Fall Fest is not just for new students.

Curtis said previous Fall Fests were very popular.

"Students love this kind of thing," he said. "We frequently get requests for at least one other event like this a year."

Luse also said Fall Fest attracted many students, clubs, and University institutions.

"It's been amazing, the amount of participation everyone gets," he said.

Between four and five thousand students have attended Fall Fest in past years and organizers said they expect a similar turnout this year.

Funding, equipment and personnel for Fall Fest come from a variety of sources, such as the Carolina Union, the Carolina Parents Fund, the Department of Student Affairs, local businesses and various other sources.

Curtis said it would be helpful for more students to get involved with Fall Fest because organizers often struggle to find money and the needed personnel.

Curtis said the event has run smoothly in the past. The only problem occurred in 1998 when the festival was rained out.

This year's event will be much like the three previous ones, organizers said, though it will be in a slightly different location than in past years. Construction on the Student Union will prevent Fall Fest from occupying the adjacent part of South Road, so organizers plan to move it farther down the street next to Woolen Gym.

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