

UNC Charlotte team to help with Homeland Security analysis

A team from UNC Charlotte and Georgia Tech will soon develop techniques and tools to assist homeland security analysts. "The focus of our work here at UNC Charlotte



William Ribarsky, Ph.D.

and of our partners at Georgia Tech will be developing visual and analytical reasoning methods for intelligence analysis and decision making," said Dr. William Ribarsky, Bank of America endowed chair in information technology at UNC Charlotte.

The combined team has been named a Regional Visualization and Analytics Center by Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL) in Richland, Wash., and will combine analytical tools in an artificial analytic reasoning system. This system can then analyze enormous multimedia databases, such as the data generated by the Web in the forms of text, imagery, video and Web cast.

PNNL leads the Department of Homeland Security's National Visualization and Analytics Center (NVAC). NVAC brings academic expertise to the nation's efforts to discover information that may warn officials of a terrorist attack.

"The UNC Charlotte and Georgia Tech team's proposal had an outstanding education plan and an impressive list of nationally recognized technical leaders in visualization," said Jim Thomas, PNNL's chief scientist for information technologies and NVAC director. "Their dedication to this field

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Installation of Chancellor Feb. 3

All faculty, staff and students are invited to attend the installation of Dr. Philip L. Dubois, who will be installed as UNC Charlotte's fourth chancellor. The ceremony is set for 10:30 a.m. on Feb. 3 in Halton Arena of the James H. Barnhardt Student Activity Center. A reception in the food court immediately following the ceremony is open to all who attend the installation. All classes on Feb. 3 have been cancelled so that the entire campus community can participate in this very special occasion.

All employees are encouraged to attend and participate in the upcoming Installation activities while assuring coverage of critical functions. Those able to attend will not have to charge any such time to personal leave.

The Chancellor's thoughts on installation and other topics were recently recorded for the university's cable TV show "UNC Charlotte Close Up" and began airing Jan. 20. It will also air at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 27, 30; and Feb. 1 and 2. Chancellor Dubois was a guest on the 90.7 FM WFAE show "Charlotte Talks" on Jan. 25.



Chancellor Phil Dubois



UNC Charlotte Homecoming begins Jan. 29

The university's week-long Homecoming celebration begins Jan. 29. Detailed information including the schedule of events is online at <http://homecoming.uncc.edu>. The Alumni, Athletic and Parent Luncheon will be held

on Feb. 4 from 12 – 2 p.m. in the Barnhardt Student Activity Center. The men's 49er basketball game vs. University of Dayton will take place following the luncheon at 2 p.m. Luncheon tickets are \$12 per person, game tickets are \$10 per person and combined luncheon and game tickets are \$20 per person. RSVP by Jan. 27 by mailing a check or call with credit card information: UNC Charlotte Alumni Affairs Office, 9201 University City Blvd., Charlotte, NC 28223; (704) 687-2273, 1-800-PIK-UNCC.

Upcoming Events

Jardine, James exhibit on campus

Kathleen Jardine's exhibit "Kathleen Jardine: Paintings" in the Rowe Gallery continues until Feb. 10. Gordon C. James, painter and associate art professor at UNC Charlotte, will exhibit at the Cone Center Gallery until Feb. 19.

Admission to both exhibits is free and parking is available in the Cone Center Deck. The Cone Center Gallery hours are Monday to Friday 9 a.m. – 11 p.m., Saturday noon – 11 p.m., and Sunday 1 – 11 p.m. Rowe Gallery hours are Monday to Friday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., and by appointment on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. For more information, contact Dean Butckovitz at ext. 7-4479 or by e-mail: dnbutcko@email.uncc.edu.



"Dormida," Gordon James oil on board

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and the success of NVAC is evident."

"Intelligence analysts are a precious resource and they need effective tools to help them manage information and make decisions in the presence of huge amounts of data. Unfortunately, matters are further complicated because the data is often incomplete and the people involved don't always know what they're looking for," continued Ribarsky. "Visualization technology integrated with analytic reasoning is the best, and perhaps only, effective way to approach this problem. Together with Georgia Tech, we are strong in both areas."

The UNC Charlotte and Georgia Tech partnership is one of four university team selections. The others are the University of Washington, Purdue University and Indiana University's School of Medicine, and Pennsylvania State University. Stanford University was named a regional center earlier this year.

More information about NVAC is available online at: <http://nvac.pnl.gov/>.

International Coffee Hour Jan. 26, first and third Thursdays

The International Student/Scholar office invites all students, faculty and staff to participate in the International Coffee Hour in the Prospector faculty/staff dining room from 4 – 6 p.m. on Jan. 26, and then on every first and third Thursday of the month. The Coffee Hour is an opportunity to meet people from around the world, share ideas and enjoy coffee and refreshments. More information is online at: <http://www.isso.uncc.edu/internationalcoffeehour.htm>.

Weight Watchers on campus

At least 15 participants required by Jan. 30

As part of an initiative by Human Resources to promote health and wellness among UNC Charlotte employees, the next on-campus Weight Watchers session will begin Feb. 6 and continues for 12 weeks. To start the program, a commitment from at least 15 people by Jan. 30 is required. A free informational meeting will be held at noon on Jan. 30 in 5092 Colvard.

Regular meetings will be held on Mondays, noon to 1 p.m., in 5092 Colvard beginning Feb. 6. The cost is \$144 and can be paid in three installments of \$48 each (post-dated checks dated one month apart or the full payment is required at the first meeting). All program materials are included in the cost of the program. Participants may also purchase Weight Watchers snacks, cookbooks and other merchandise at each meeting. Twenty-four spaces are available in the class.

If you are interested in joining the on-campus group, please contact Jeanne Madorin at ext. 7-2804 or via e-mail: jlmaiori@email.uncc.edu; or Michelle Smith at ext. 7-2794 or e-mail: mismith@email.uncc.edu.



Upcoming Events

Civil War history expert to deliver lecture Jan. 31

Professor Bruce Levine of the University of California at Santa Cruz will present a public lecture titled "Confederate Emancipation: Southern Plans to Arm and Free Slaves" at 4 p.m. on Jan. 31 in Fretwell 121. Levine is a leading social historian and author of several books, including his recent work, "Confederate Emancipation: Southern Plans to Free and Arm Slaves during the Civil War."



Bruce Levine, Ph.D

The UNC Charlotte history department is sponsoring the lecture. For more information about Levine, visit: <http://history.ucsc.edu/directory/details.php?id=16>. For more details about his latest book, visit: http://history.ucsc.edu/news_and_events/view_news.php?id=22. For more information about the lecture, contact Professor John David Smith at ext. 7-4822.

Homecoming blood drive on Jan. 31

The Association of Student Nurses and the Athletic Department are co-sponsoring the Homecoming Blood Drive on Jan. 31 in the Cone Center's Lucas Room from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Donors can sign up online or call Mark Verburg at ext. 7-6308. Go to: <http://www.cbcc.us/donate> and enter code UNCC.

Institutional Review Board Training Jan. 31-Feb. 2

The Office of Research Services Compliance Office will be offering training Jan. 31-Feb. 2 for faculty and students who are planning to start research projects involving human subjects. The sessions begin at 10 a.m. and are scheduled for Jan. 31 and Feb. 2 in Cameron Applied Research Center room 101. Evening sessions begin at 5 p.m. and are scheduled for Feb. 1 and Feb. 2 in the same location.

For more information and to pre-register for a session, go to: http://www.research.uncc.edu/Comp/human_trng.cfm.

Family Day on Feb. 4

Festivities for Family Day 2006 start Feb. 4, at 8:30 a.m. with check-in for registered attendees in the Cone Center Lobby. Full of activities, the day ends as the 49ers men's basketball team takes on the Dayton Flyers. For details, visit: <http://www.uncc.edu/giving> and click on "Family Day."

High Team Challenge course event Feb. 4

Challenge your body and stretch your mind on campus at the Venture's High Team Challenge course Feb. 4. The High Team Challenge course is a series of cooperative challenges that require teams to work together *continued on page 4*

"The Vagina Monologues" arrives at UNC Charlotte in February

In celebration of V-Day, the global movement to stop violence against women and girls, a production of "The Vagina Monologues" will take place Feb. 10 at 7 p.m. and Feb. 12 at 2 p.m. in McKnight Hall of the Cone University Center. "The Vagina Monologues" is an episodic play written by Eve Ensler. Recurring themes throughout the piece include female empowerment and feminine individuality. It premiered Off-Broadway in 1996 and won an Obie Award.

The V-Day College Campaign strives to empower women to find their collective voices and demand an end to epidemic levels of violence and abuse. The money raised from the production will be used toward future programs that raise awareness to stop violence. Proceeds from the event are donated directly to local organizations in the community. Admission is \$7 for the general public and \$5 for students with a valid identification; tickets are available in the King Building, Room 119. For more information, contact Kimberly Kendall-Drucker at (704) 516-7943.

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High Team Challenge course event Feb. 4

to solve obstacles in the air. It includes a range of physical challenges that are appropriate for all levels of physical fitness.



Students, alumni and families are encouraged to take part in this unique Homecoming event. Participants may come alone, with a partner or in a foursome. Shuttles will leave from the main steps of the Cone Center every half hour from 9 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$3 per person, \$5 for 2 or \$8 for 4. Minimum age is 14. To pre-register, call the Venture Office at ext. 7-2486. For more information, visit the Venture Web site at:

<http://venture.uncc.edu/main.asp>.

High school seniors interview for scholarships Feb. 24

UNC Charlotte has accepted 42 outstanding high school seniors for admission and has invited them to campus on Feb. 24 for scholarship interviews.

The group features 18 students who are ranked first, second or third in their graduating classes. Their average high school grade point averages are 4.70 and average SAT scores are more than 2100. Five students had perfect scores of 800 on individual parts of the new SAT, which now tests writing, critical reading (formerly verbal) and math readiness for college. All are heavily involved in leadership and community service activities.

“The group gets stronger each year. It is a tribute to the quality of our faculty and academic programs that we have attracted such outstanding students,” says Director of Admissions Craig Fulton. “These students applied for admission, not for just for scholarships.”

The 20 boys and 22 girls include 15 seniors from the Charlotte region, two from Columbia, S.C., and one each from Georgia, Pennsylvania, Maryland and New York. Intended majors include engineering, architecture, biology, business areas, psychology and communication studies.

Students will interview with UNC Charlotte faculty, alumni, current student scholars, high school counselors and honored guests from the Charlotte community. They will tour the campus with their parents and view presentations about the Honors College, education abroad, leadership opportunities and residence hall facilities. Chancellor Dubois will speak to the group at the closing luncheon. The selection committee will choose and announce the winners in early March.

SEANC District 13 to sponsor Fire Bowl

The State Employees Association of North Carolina (SEANC) District 13 will sponsor the Annual Fire & Life Safety Bowl on March 16 at the Oasis Temple, located at 604 Doug Mayes Place in Charlotte. This event, organized by the Mecklenburg County Fire Marshal's Office, consists of public and private Charlotte – Mecklenburg schools that have formed teams of fourth and fifth grade students using injury prevention study materials to compete in a game show format. Last year's Bowl was also sponsored by District 13 and a number of its members served as volunteers, adding to the event's success.

Teams will compete for cash awards, trophies, medals, certificates and T-shirts. SEANC members interested in volunteering should call Marie Walley at ext. 7-2218 or Gwen Whitley at (704) 449-9759.

Register online for on-campus summer programs

The Office of Summer Programs will offer events for children in grades 1 – 12. More information and registration is available online at:

<http://www.summer.uncc.edu/camps>, or contact the Office of Summer Programs at ext. 7-4447.

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www.uncc.edu/campusevents



“Engineering Technology,” a week-long introduction to contemporary engineering technology for grades 7 – 12

Around Campus

Personal Training

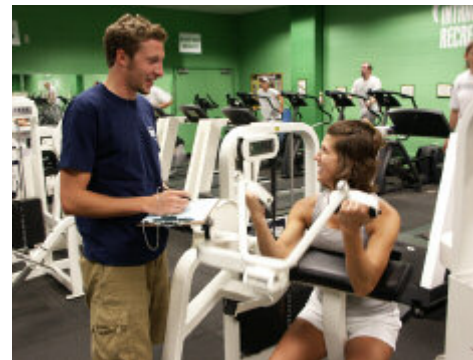
If you're looking for extra motivation to get back in shape, UNC Charlotte's Personal Training program may be for you. More information is available online at: http://www.recservices.uncc.edu/fitness_personal.htm, or call Matt Petty at ext. 7-2264.

UNC Charlotte ad available online

Since August 2005, the office of Public Relations has developed a weekly advertisement that circulates in the "Neighbors of University City" section of the Sunday Charlotte Observer. Features in the advertisement have included UNC Charlotte trustees, faculty, staff, outstanding alumni, new academic programs and buildings on campus. To view the latest advertisement online, visit: <http://www.publicrelations.uncc.edu/default.asp?id=2> and click on the Community Ad icon in the lower right-hand corner.

No-cost ways to save energy & money

- Turn off electrical equipment not in use such as lights, televisions and computers. Activate "sleep" features on computers and office equipment that power down when not in use.
- Check the furnace or air conditioner filter each month and clean or replace it as needed. Dirty filters block air flow through your heating and cooling systems, increasing your energy bill and shortening equipment life.
- During hot months, keep window coverings closed on the south, east and west windows. In winter, let the sun in.
- Glass fireplace doors help stop heat loss up the chimney. Close the fireplace damper when not in use.
- When cooking, keep the lids on pots. Better yet, use a microwave oven instead.
- Dress appropriately for the weather, and set your thermostat to the lowest possible comfortable setting. On winter nights, put an extra blanket on the bed and turn down your thermostat.
- In summer, use fans whenever possible instead of air conditioning (AC), and use fans at night when practical. Using fans to supplement AC allows you to raise the thermostat temperature, using less energy. Fans cost less to use than AC.
- About 15 percent of an average home energy bill goes to heating water. To save hot water, take five-minute showers instead of baths. Do only full loads when using the clothes washer or dishwasher. Using cold water for laundry saves up to \$63 a year—detergents formulated for cold water get clothes just as clean.
- Lower the temperature on your water heater. It should be set at "warm," so that a thermometer held under running water reads no more than 120 degrees.
- Only heat or cool the rooms you need. Close vents and doors of unused rooms.



Important Links

Main campus calendar:
<http://calendar.uncc.edu>

Other campus calendars:
<http://search.uncc.edu/calendars/?p=other>

University People Finder:
<http://search.uncc.edu/people/?p=search>

Chancellor:
<http://www.administration.uncc.edu/chancellor>

Homecoming events and more:
<http://homecoming.uncc.edu>

Public Relations:
<http://www.publicrelations.uncc.edu>

HR benefits and important news:
http://www.uncc.edu/humanres_is/

Personnel announcements:
<http://jobs.uncc.edu>
Also visit the Human Resources office in 222 King to view the Employment Opportunities board.

Continuing Education:
<http://www.continuinged.uncc.edu>

Athletic schedules, news and more:
<http://www.charlotte49ers.com>

Alumni Affairs' online community for UNC Charlotte alumni:
<http://www.uncccharlottealumni.org/>

Summer Programs:
<http://www.summer.uncc.edu/camps>

Reminders

Nominations due Feb. 10 for Student Humanitarian Award

The Jamgotch Humanitarian Award Committee seeks nominees who have conducted cooperative problem-solving or conflict resolution, improved the human condition or provided a foundation for future intellectual and scientific breakthroughs. Nomination packages are due no later than Feb. 10. For more information, contact Jane Sanges in the Vice Chancellor's Office for Student Affairs at ext. 7-2206 or via e-mail at jlsanges@email.uncc.edu. More details are also in the Jan. 18 issue of Campus News:

<http://www.publicrelations.uncc.edu/resources/pdfs/newsletter/01.18.06.pdf>.

Graduate Students Sought for Campus Research Fair Competition

Deadline to submit an application is Feb. 15

The Graduate and Professional Student Government (GPSG) requests that all faculty and staff encourage their graduate students to participate in the sixth annual Niner Research Across the Disciplines graduate research fair on April 8 in the Cone Center. The deadline for submission of student applications to present their research is Feb. 15.

Application materials and related information are posted on the GPSG Web site at: <http://www.sco.uncc.edu/gpsg/news-events/research-fair/>. Additional information may be obtained from GPSG Vice President and Research Fair

Coordinator Usman Malik at uzmalik@uncc.edu or from GPSG President Pilar Zuber at pdelcast@uncc.edu. More details are in the Jan. 18 issue of Campus News.

Nominate a graduate assistant by Feb. 24

Nominees for the Excellence in Teaching award must be graduate students in the College of Arts and Sciences who teach independently, lead discussion or problem groups, or serve as lab instructors or in some other teaching capacity. Nomination materials should be presented in a portfolio to the Graduate School Office (210 Cato Hall) no later than Feb. 24. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Dunatov, assistant dean for Graduate Student Affairs, The Graduate School at ext. 7-3375 or e-mail: ljdunato@email.uncc.edu. More details are in the Jan. 18 Campus News.

Free energy saving resources

- Visit: <http://www.powerisinyourhands.org> for extensive tips and resources to manage energy bills this winter.
- Obtain the free booklet Power\$mart: The Power is in Your Hands, by calling 1-888-878-3256 or view online at: http://www.ase.org/uploaded_files/powersmart/PowerSmartBklt-web.pdf. An interactive Home Energy Checkup with tips to troubleshoot home energy waste while calculating efficient improvements is at: <http://www.ase.org/section/audience/consumers/homecheckup/>.
- Obtain a free booklet, Energy Savers: Tips on Saving Energy and Money at Home, in English or Spanish by calling 1-877-337-3463 or online at: <http://www.eere.energy.gov/consumer/tips>.
- A free copy of the Guide to Energy-Efficient Cooling and Heating is available at: <http://www.energystar.gov> or call (888) STAR-YES.
- A free home insulation booklet from the North American Insulation Manufacturer's Association is available at: <http://www.naima.org/pages/resources/library/order/BI409.HTML>.

For more information, contact Kathy Boutin-Pasterz, environmental educator and volunteer coordinator, at ext. 7-4283 or via e-mail at: kboutin@email.uncc.edu.

Two in UNC Charlotte extended community pass away

Ms. Emily Seamon, the former director of field education, died on Jan. 5. Seamon was an adjunct lecturer for a number of years as well as field director from 2000 to 2004. Her outstanding career as a dedicated social worker as well as social work educator reflected her commitment to the profession. She will be missed by her colleagues and students, and the UNC Charlotte Social Work Department expresses condolences.

Deepest sympathies go out to Donna Seamone of Recreational Facilities Management on the occasion of the death of her husband David Allan Seamone. The staff at Recreational Facilities Management support Donna and her family with their thoughts and prayers.

Belk College notes passing of sculptor Jim Gary

Artist's "Twentieth-Century Dinosaurs" exhibited at UNC Charlotte in 2004



Jim Gary, a sculptor who became known internationally for his fine, architectural, landscape and whimsical monumental art, died Jan. 14. He was 66 and lived in Farmingdale, N.J.

Gary's famous dinosaur sculptures were on display in Charlotte in the spring of 2004, first at Lowe's Motor Speedway's AutoFair and then on the UNC Charlotte campus from April to July. The exhibit brought many families to UNC Charlotte.

View articles about the exhibit at:

<http://www.belkcollege.uncc.edu/news/dinosaurs.htm>.

For more information about Jim Gary, visit:

<http://www.kafi-benz.com/>.

A "Sculptor Jim Gary Memorial Fund" has been established to ensure that his major works are placed in appropriate museums or institutions, as Gary requested. Condolences and inquiries about the fund or suggestions for permanent placement may be sent via e-mail at: jim.gary.tcd@gmail.com or by the e-mail link on his official Web site.

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at ext. 7-3100.

Upcoming courses and programs

The Continuing Education office offers numerous training opportunities. Discounts of approximately 50 percent are available for faculty and staff. Please note that the registration fee listed is the discounted fee for qualifying UNC Charlotte faculty and staff. Some upcoming courses are listed below:

- Jan. 30 – Feb. 22: GMAT Prep Course. Instructors: Stephen Shotts and Stephen Harris, Educational Testing Consultants Inc. Cost is \$450.
- Jan. 30 – April 3: Professional Engineer (PE) Civil Exam Review. Cost is \$340.
- Jan 31 – April 4: PE Electrical Exam Review. Cost is \$340.
- Feb. 1- April 5: PE Mechanical Exam Review. Cost is \$340.

For more information on all courses offered through Continuing Education and to register, visit <http://www.continuinged.uncc.edu> or call ext. 7-2424.

Shared Leave

Scotty Wilkerson with Facilities Management HVAC and Suzanne Penninger with Atkins Library are in need of shared leave. To contribute leave, faculty and staff should refer to the requirements and participant forms in PIM #29 or in the literature racks outside of the Benefits Office, King 225. For more information, contact Joy Finney, benefits counselor, at ext. 7-2892.

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- Jan. 28 Men - Charlotte vs. Richmond, Richmond, Va. A-10 Network WTVI Live
- Jan. 28 Men - Xavier vs. Dayton, Cincinnati, Ohio A-10 Network TWC Tape-Delay
- Jan. 29 Women - Charlotte vs. La Salle, Halton Arena A-10 Network TWC Tape-Delay
- Feb. 5 Men - George Washington vs. Richmond, Washington, D.C. A-10 Network TWC Tape-Delay
- Feb. 12 Women - Charlotte vs. Duquesne, Pittsburgh, Pa. A-10 Network WTVI Live
- Feb. 15 Men - Charlotte vs. Richmond, Halton Arena A-10 Network WTVI Live
- Feb. 18 Men - Rhode Island vs. Saint Joseph's, Providence, R.I. A-10 Network TWC Tape-Delay

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For Rent:

Spacious two bedroom-two bath apartment 15 minutes from campus, 28 x 28 great room with fireplace. Two car garage, covered deck in a residential neighborhood (Sharon Amity-Shamrock area). Utilities and cable TV included. \$750 per month, deposit required. Call (704) 536-4275.

Free:

Seasoned wood (must be cut and hauled by user) Call (704) 391-2659 or e-mail: lwdrake@email.uncc.edu.