



History

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill was the nation's first state university to open its doors and the only public university to award degrees in the 18th century. Authorized by the N.C. Constitution in 1776, the university was chartered by the N.C. General Assembly Dec. 11, 1789, the same year George Washington first was inaugurated as president.

The cornerstone was laid for Old East, the nation's first state university building, Oct. 12, 1793. Hinton James, the first student, arrived from Wilmington, N.C., Feb. 12, 1795.

Location

The 729-acre central campus includes the two oldest state university buildings, Old East and Person Hall. Old East and Playmakers Theatre, an 1852 Greek-revival building are National Historic Landmarks.

The American Society of Landscape Architects selected the Carolina campus as one of the most beautifully landscaped spots in the country. That list, released in 1999 timed to the society's centennial, is among the latest praise affirming the charm of mighty oaks, majestic quadrangles, brick sidewalks and other landscaping synonymous with UNC.

Chapel Hill has been called "the perfect college town" by publications including Sports Illustrated.

UNC anchors one corner of the famed Research Triangle Park, which has played a vital role in nurturing the economic development of North Carolina.

Recent Rankings

In the U.S. News and World Report magazine's 2002 "America's Best Colleges" guide, UNC was ranked fifth among the nation's top public universities and tied for 28th overall among both public and private campuses. Among undergraduate business programs, the Kenan-Flagler Business School ranked fifth nationwide. Carolina also was mentioned for becoming the nation's first major highly selective public university to announce an end to early decision admissions.

U.S. News also ranked numerous graduate degree programs and specialty areas at UNC among the top 25 nationwide, in April 2002. The magazine rated programs in the schools of business, education, law, medicine, nursing and public health. Several schools, degree programs and specialty areas were in the top 10.

Kaplan/Newsweek's "How to Get into College" guide, in a 2003 edition, ranked Chapel Hill one of 12 "hot colleges."

"The Unofficial, Unbiased Insider's Guide to the 320 Most Interesting Colleges" listed Carolina second among the top 10 "hot and trendy" national universities, based on results of the Kaplan 2002 National Survey of High School Guidance Counselors. Carolina was second behind Harvard University among top schools.

Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine ranked UNC first among 100 best public colleges combining great academics and affordable tuitions. These rankings are based on cost, quality and financial aid factors. "Overall the rankings aren't

radically different from our 1998 and 2000 surveys," according to the magazine. "In fact, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill tops the rankings for the third time -- a remarkable three-peat for the Tar Heels."

Key Statistics

Now in its third century, UNC belongs to the select group of 61 American and two Canadian campuses forming the Association of American Universities. UNC's academic offerings span a broad range of fields and include 69 bachelor's, 111 master's and 75 doctoral degrees as well as professional degrees in dentistry, medicine, pharmacy and law. Five health schools -- which, with UNC Hospitals, comprise one of the nation's most complete academic medical centers -- are integrated with liberal arts, basic sciences and high-tech academic programs.

In fall 2002, Carolina enrolled about 26,000 students from all 100 North Carolina counties, the other 49 states and more than 100 other countries. Eighty-one percent of Carolina's 15,961 undergraduates were from North Carolina. Sixty-one percent of Carolina's students were undergraduates, 30 percent graduates and another 9 percent were professional degree-seekers.

Those students learn from a 3,000-member faculty. Many of those faculty members hold or have held major posts in virtually every national scholarly or professional organization and have earned election to the most prestigious academic groups.

Carolina's 230,072 alumni live in all 50 states and in 141 countries around the world. Notable alumni include writers Thomas Wolfe, Shelby Foote and Jill McCorkle; athletes Michael Jordan, Vince Carter, Mia Hamm, Marion Jones and Davis Love III; former White House Chief of Staff Erskine Bowles; U.S. Sen. John Edwards; Bill Harrison, chief executive officer of Chase Manhattan Bank; Scott Livengood, Krispy Kreme Doughnut chairman, president and chief executive officer; Sallie L. Krawcheck, chairman and chief executive officer of Smith Barney, a division of Citigroup; U.S. President James Polk; geneticist Francis Collins; actors Jack Palance, George Grizzard and Andy Griffith; corporate banker Hugh McColl; and fashion designer Alexander Julian.

Students

Recent freshman classes at Carolina have set new standards of excellence as measured by the rigorous coursework students have taken in high school, as well as their grades and SAT scores. The incoming freshmen of 2003 are continuing that trend. Besides setting a new record for high school preparation, the newest class will become the very best group of first-year students Carolina has ever admitted.

UNC students have a long tradition of outstanding achievement. In December 2002, senior Morehead Scholar Karine Dubè of Canada was chosen for a Rhodes Scholarship, becoming the 36th UNC student to be so honored since 1902 and the 13th UNC winner since 1980. Carolina ranks second among public universities

for the number of Rhodes Scholars produced.



Champions in Chapel Hill



The University of North Carolina offers the best of all worlds to student-athletes: an outstanding academic institution with exceptional athletic programs, set in one of the nation's best college towns.



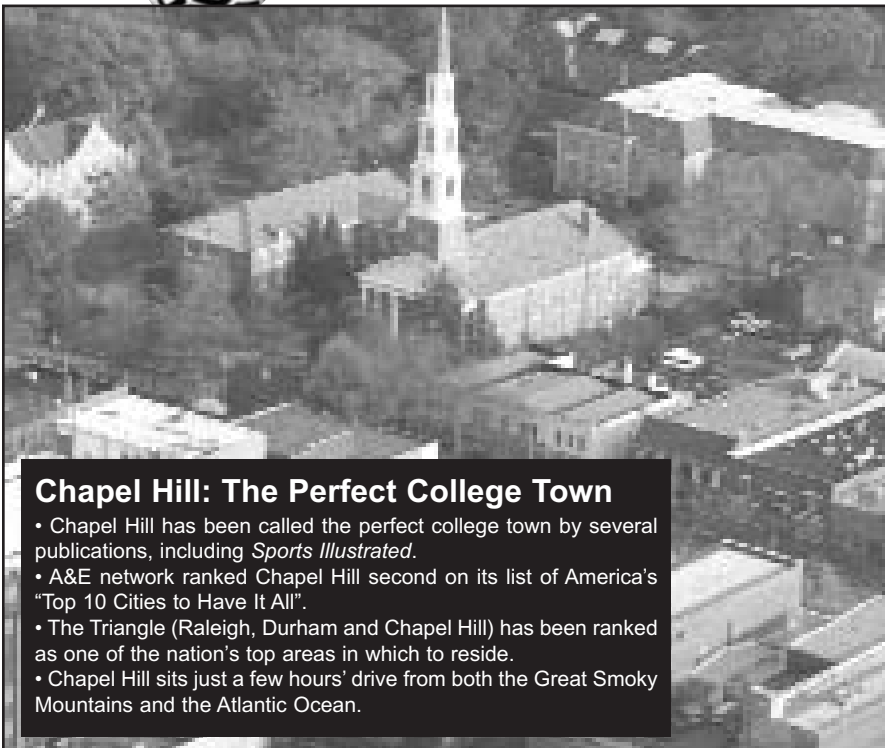
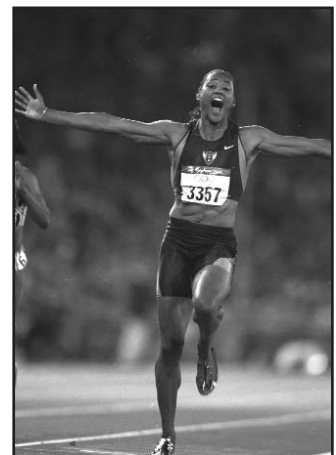
Tar Heel Titles

- Men's Basketball – 4**
1924, 1957, 1982, 1993
- Women's Basketball – 1**
1994
- Field Hockey – 4**
1989, 1995, 1996, 1997
- Men's Lacrosse – 4**
1981, 1982, 1986, 1991
- Men's Soccer – 1**
2001
- Women's Soccer – 18**
1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1996, 1997, 1999, 2000, 2003

Many Tar Heels have excelled at Carolina and gone on to great national and international success. Michael Jordan's game-winning jumper (above) helped UNC claim the 1982 NCAA men's basketball championship, one of four national titles the Tar Heels have won. Jordan went on to lead the Chicago Bulls to six NBA crowns.

Mia Hamm (left) helped lead the Tar Heels to NCAA women's soccer championships in each of her four years at UNC. She won an Olympic gold medal in 1996 and a silver in 2000 and continues to play for the U.S. National Team, as well as for the Washington Freedom of the WUSA.

Marion Jones (right), the world's fastest woman, won three gold medals and two bronze medals at the 2000 Sydney Olympics. At UNC, won an NCAA Championship with the women's basketball team in addition to starring on the track.



Chapel Hill: The Perfect College Town

- Chapel Hill has been called the perfect college town by several publications, including *Sports Illustrated*.
- A&E network ranked Chapel Hill second on its list of America's "Top 10 Cities to Have It All".
- The Triangle (Raleigh, Durham and Chapel Hill) has been ranked as one of the nation's top areas in which to reside.
- Chapel Hill sits just a few hours' drive from both the Great Smoky Mountains and the Atlantic Ocean.





Anter Earns Ticket to Athens

Natalie Anter will become the first Tar Heel softball player to compete in the Olympic Games when she represents Italy in Athens in the summer of 2004. Anter, a catcher who started for UNC from 1999-2002, is one of the most decorated players in school history and holds numerous career and single-season records.



Anter

She now carries dual U.S. and Italian citizenship and helped Italy's National Team earn a berth in the Summer Games. "It has been Natalie's dream to play in the Olympics and I'm so excited that she's going to have that opportunity," said UNC coach Donna J. Papa. "It's a great accomplishment for her and also for our program, since she'll be UNC's first softball Olympian."

Tar Heels in the WPSL

Carolina was well-represented in the former Women's Pro Softball League (WPSL). Former UNC player and current assistant coach Beverly Smith played and coached for the Tampa Bay FireStix, while a number of other Tar Heels played in the league.

Former UNC players in the WPSL

- Brandy Arthur (Carolina Diamonds)
- Sonya Bright (Carolina Diamonds)
- Amy Cole (Durham Dragons)
- Yvette Davis (Durham Dragons)
- Jeanine Gunther (Georgia Pride)
- Vicki Huff (Carolina Diamonds)
- Lorin Slade (Durham Dragons)
- Beverly Smith (Tampa Bay FireStix)

Former Tar Heels to Play for National Pro Fastpitch League

Two former Tar Heels will play in the new National Pro Fastpitch league in the summer of 2004. Both pitcher Radara McHugh (UNC 1998-2001) and outfielder Tiffany Tolleson (UNC 2002-03) will play for the Akron (Ohio) Racers.

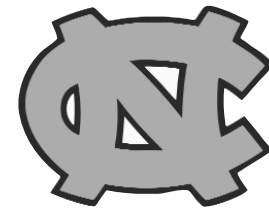
The league begins play on June 1 with eight teams. In addition to Akron, squads will represent Colorado, San Antonio, Sacramento, Tuscon, Houston, New England and New York/New Jersey.



McHugh



Tolleson



Carolina Softball Home Run Club

The official booster club of North Carolina softball

The Home Run Club is a booster organization for the softball program at the University of North Carolina. The mission of the club is to improve the softball program by raising funds to supplement the team's operating budget with tax deductible contributions.

Membership in the Home Run Club is far more valuable than the dollar amount donated. This support provides a better experience for the team and allows the players a greater opportunity to excel in their careers as UNC student-athletes. Past Home Run Club contributions have provided a new radar gun, protective screens and supplemental funding for Spring Break trips to top-level tournaments. With your support, we hope to purchase a tent for postgame events and neon lettering for the scoreboard and also supplement our operating budget.



Home Run Club members

(As of Jan. 1, 2004)

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| John and Susan Allen | Patti Gerckens |
| Emily Brown | Angie Gill |
| Henry Carpinella | Greg and Ann Higgins |
| Carroll and Linda Cox | Paul and Colleen Hoffman |
| Susan Dasso and Arthur Yin | Terry Holden |
| Susan Dees | Kay Holt |
| George Dudley | Vicki Kress |
| Edwin Ennis | George Nevole Jr. |
| Amy and Jody Fuller | Sharon Nicholas |
| Julie Fulp Gammons | Linda Olen |
| John Gelin | Steve Olen |
| Sharon Gentry | Shirely Papa |

Your support of Carolina softball is greatly appreciated!

For more information on the Carolina Softball Home Run Club, call (919) 962-5223.



When you support Carolina's 28 varsity sports programs through the Educational Foundation, you contribute to a Tar Heel student-athlete's academic and athletic success

Your annual gift to the Educational Foundation makes you a part of the Tar Heels' achievements, athletically and in the classroom.

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