



Knapp-Sanders Building Reopens for Business

After four years of demolition, expansion, renovation, and renewal, the School of Government's Knapp-Sanders Building opened for classes on January 8, 2004.

The new building features 21 new class and seminar rooms, updated technology, improved parking, and plenty of networking and meeting space. In its first week of business for the new year, it hosted participants in A. John (Jack) Vogt's Budget and Financial Planning course and Section I of the Municipal and County Administration courses.

The faculty and staff of the school extend their deepest thanks and gratitude

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to the many supporters and friends who helped with financial and other contributions to the building during its construction. The school's \$4 million capital fund-raising goal has nearly been met. Financial contributions are being sought in 2004 to complete the final \$500,000, which will purchase the remaining furniture, landscaping, and information technology equipment needed for the building.

**Save the Date
Dedication Scheduled for
September 10, 2004**

Mark your calendar now for Friday, September 10, 2004, and plan to celebrate in Chapel Hill with your friends and colleagues as the School of Government formally dedicates the new Knapp-Sanders building. Festivities will begin at 9:00 a.m., and culminate in an afternoon open house. Watch for more information later in the year.

Vogt Receives National Award

School of Government professor A. John (Jack) Vogt has received national recognition for his thirty-year contribution to public finance.

The American Society for Public Administration's Association for Budgeting and Financial Management presented the Kenneth Howard Career Achievement Award to Vogt at its national conference in Washington, D.C., on September 19. Vogt was recognized for his research, pub-

lications, teaching, and service to North Carolina local government officials.

Vogt joined the School of Government in 1973 and through its Institute of Government has taught budgeting and finance in the Municipal and County Administration courses, which he directed from 1990 to 1995; in programs for newly elected mayors, city council members, and county commissioners; and in special programs for local budget and financial officials. Vogt also has advised state legislative committees on capital budgeting. He recently finished a new book, *Capital Budgeting and Finance: A Guide for Local Governments*, which will be published in 2004. Vogt holds a Ph.D. in public administration from Cornell University.

S. Kenneth Howard, for whom the career achievement award is named, was a faculty member at UNC Chapel Hill in the 1960s, holding a joint appointment in the Political Science Department and the Institute of Government. He played a key role in establishing the University's Master of Public Administration Program before holding positions as North Carolina state budget director,



Wisconsin state budget director, and then executive director of the U.S. Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, in Washington, D.C.

Hunt Receives Lewis Award, Is Appointed International Committee Chair



School of Government faculty member Joseph E. Hunt was honored with the Henry W. Lewis Award at the fall conference of the North Carolina Association of Assessing Officers (NCAAO) in Charlotte in November. NCAAO President John C. Petoskey presented the award, which the NCAAO gives periodically to recognize people for "their service to the citizens of North Carolina by providing dedicated leadership and knowledge to the North Carolina Tax Assessors and the Institute of Government." The award was last presented in 2001 to William A. Campbell, also a faculty member at the School.

Earlier, Hunt was appointed by President Fred Chmura of the International Association of Assessing Officers (IAAO) to chair the organization's Ethics Committee. This committee develops, maintains, and publishes an ethical code and standards of professional practice, and addresses ethical complaints. The ethical code and standards conform with the Appraisal Foundation's Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice. Together, these ethics and standards describe a pre-



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ferred model of ethical and professional behavior for the property tax professional.

The NCAAO is an organization of North Carolina state and county assessing officials that works to achieve and maintain a high level of performance in property tax assessment administration through professionalism, education, and communication. Its members number about 350.

The IAAO is an educational and research association of people in the assessment profession and others with an interest in property taxation. Its mission is to promote innovation and excellence in property appraisal and property tax policy and administration through professional development, education, research, and technical assistance. Membership, which currently totals about 8,500, is open to anyone and includes people working in government, private industry, and academe and members of the general public.

Center and Project Honored with Friends of Northeast Award

The Institute of Government's Center for Public Technology and an eight-county demonstration project of the Institute entitled Developing Economically Competitive Rural



Communities in North Carolina recently received Friends of the Northeast awards from the Roanoke Chowan Partners for Progress (RCPP) in recognition of outstanding and professional support in the state's northeastern region.

The RCPP presented the awards at its second annual Community and Economic Development Awards Gala, held in December 2003 in Ahoskie, Hertford County. Kevin FitzGerald, planning director of the center, accepted them on behalf of the Institute.

FitzGerald and the center were recognized for their assistance with RCPP's strategic planning process and successful organizational development. The strategic planning process evaluated regional needs and developed a long-term vision statement. The organization's goals focus on information technology, housing, business and organization development, and retention of the region's youth.

The Center for Public Technology, established in 2000, is dedicated to improving local and state government information technology management.

The demonstration project was undertaken by Anita Brown-Graham, associate professor at the School of Government, and James Johnson, professor at the UNC Kenan-Flager Business School. Funded by a grant from the Golden LEAF, it covered four western counties in addition to the four eastern counties in the RCPP region.

The RCPP is a five-year-old consortium of organizations from Bertie, Gates,

Hertford, and Northampton counties formed to coordinate economic development efforts of nonprofits, grassroots organizations, community-based organizations and local governments in the region. It includes more than 200 organization and individual members.

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Publications Staff Receives Editing and Design Awards

The Society for Technical Communications has presented three publishing awards to the School of Government in recognition of its excellent design treatment of technical material.

Motor Vehicle Law and the Law of Impaired Driving in North Carolina, by School faculty members Ben F. Loeb Jr. and James C. Drennan, was recognized with a Distinguished Award in Technical Publishing at the national competition. The judges were especially impressed that the School offers the publication in both paper-back and





searchable CD-ROM format.

This publication later received a Best in Show award in the society's international competition.

Popular Government

also received a Distinguished Award in Technical Publishing. The judges evaluated an entire volume of the magazine and praised the overall effectiveness of its layout and design. They commented on how well the design accommodates a wide variety of technical material without sacrificing its appealing format.

Congratulations to the entire Publications staff for their award-winning work on these publications. Congratulations also to Teresa Perrien and John Rubin, at the time the designer and the editor, respectively, of *Popular Government*.

School of Government Annual Report Wins PICA Award

The judges bestowing PICA awards deemed the School of Government's fiscal year 2002 annual report to be the best "combination annual report" (four-color cover and one- or two-color interior) produced and printed in the Carolinas this year, based on quality of design and production.

PICA awards have been the premier symbol of excellence for the graphics industry in the Carolinas since 1966. Printers submit their best-realized projects for consideration, and each submission is judged by a number of criteria, including overall effectiveness, success in achieving the stated objectives, clarity of the message, visual impact, and production values. The judges represent a mix of business-to-business marketing professionals, including manufacturers and agency personnel as well as PICA bureau members.

Congratulations to all those who contributed to this success: Angela Williams and Ann Simpson (managing editors), Robby Poore (designer), Katherine Kopp



Robby Poore, annual report designer



Lisa Wright (desktop publisher), Roberta Clark (editor), Katrina Hunt (assistant marketing and sales manager), Lucille Fidler (editor), Jennifer Henderson (editor), Angela Williams (director of publications), Robby Poore (designer), and Dan Soileau (designer). Not pictured: Nancy Dooly (editor), Christopher Toenes (bookstore manager/marketing and sales assistant), and Elaine Welch (desktop publisher).

(writer), Nancy Dooly and Lucille Fidler (editors), Chamblee Graphics (printer), members of the annual report editorial board, and the faculty and staff of the School of Government.

Denning Joins Faculty

Shea R. Denning joined the School of Government in October 2003 as assistant professor of public law and government, specializing in property tax law. Before joining the School faculty, she served as assistant federal public de-

fender in the Office of the Federal Public Defender, Raleigh. Earlier, Denning worked for the King and Spalding law firm in Atlanta and was judicial clerk for U.S. District Judge Malcolm J. Howard in Greenville, N.C. She holds both a B.A. and a J.D. from The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Denning can be contacted at denning@iogmail.iog.unc.edu or (919) 843-5120.



Environmental Finance Center Taps New Director

Jeff Hughes has succeeded Richard Whisnant as director of the UNC Environmental Finance Center (EFC), a joint project of the School of Government and the Kenan-Flagler School of Business, Office of Economic Development. Before this appointment, Hughes served as associate director of the center.

In announcing the transition, Whisnant said, "Jeff has shown that he has the knowledge, skills, and drive to build the EFC in a way that will fit quite well with the mission of the school and the Institute of Government." Whisnant will continue to work with the EFC as a senior adviser and on a project-by-project basis.

The EFC is part of a national network of university-based centers that work in a variety of environmental areas, including water resources, solid waste management, air quality, and land conservation. The EFC assists local communities; provides training and policy analysis; and disseminates tools and resources on topics such as environmental cost accounting, rate setting, and development of sustainable cost recovery and institutional management systems.

Information about the EFC is available at www.efc.unc.edu.

More news and information about School of Government faculty, staff, and recent activities, and copies of the School's annual report and Friends of the Institute newsletter, are available online at www.sog.unc.edu. Click on "About the School."