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UNCG, moms needn't share day

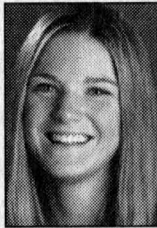
Moms of UNCG seniors will finally have the day to themselves. UNCG's graduation will no longer be held on Mother's Day.

For the next two years, UNCG will hold spring graduation on a Friday.

The university will hold its 2002 ceremony on May 19 — a week after Mother's Day — because of a change in the university calendar. But it has held the ceremony on moms' day for years.

Many students have told university leaders that Mother's Day ceremonies were a problem for their families. Sundays in general were also a problem for people who wanted to attend worship services, leaders said.

"We have been asked over the years, 'Why don't you move it?'" Registrar Ellen Robbins said in a statement. "This change probably won't make everyone happy, but it's a good



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compromise that moves commencement from Mother's Day and Sunday."

By having the ceremony on a Friday morning, academic and professional schools can use the afternoon and evening for diploma and recognition ceremonies, she said.

UNCG has held December graduation ceremonies on weekdays for years, and attendance has remained strong throughout, leaders said.

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UNCG will host UNCTA's "Trade CEO Forum" on May 21, bringing together business, industry and education leaders from across the Triad.

Participants include L.M. "Bud" Baker Jr., chairman of the Piedmont Corp. board; Robert Brown, CEO of BAC; Associates; Mackley McDonald, CEO of VF Corp.; David Roberts, CEO of

RF Ware; Services; and Patricia Sullivan, associate of UNCG.

And Chris, author and former News & Record reporter, will be the moderator.

The event begins at 8 p.m. in the Taylor Building. It's free, but seats are limited.

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William Blakes, a former National Security Council staff member, will speak in the Triad World Affairs Council on May 14.

Blakes, a council staff member at the White House from 1994 to 2000, will speak about "Hearts and Minds: America and the United War of Iraq."

The Triad World Affairs Council is a nonprofit group created in 1998 by area business and cultural leaders. Its goal is to raise public awareness of international political, economic and cultural issues.

The council is based at Greensboro College and is one of 88 worldwide

linked to the National Council of World Affairs Organization.

The event begins at 8 p.m. at the OTJ Center located on Green Valley Road in Greensboro. Admission costs \$10 for members and \$20 for non-members. For more information, call 773-7180, Ext. 333.

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UNCG will hold a Graduate-Level Executive preparation course in June.

The 28-hour course will run from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. the first four Saturdays in June. Tuition costs \$200, and early registration is required. For more information, call 644-1126, Ext. 4126.

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