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Freshman SOAR often a family affair

You're letting go and hoping it turns out OK.

That's the reality for parents and family members seeing their young high school graduate embark on a college career, says Megan Moore (Orientation & Family Programs). She leads the Parent and Family part of SOAR (Spartan Orientation, Advising and Registration), while Dr. Kim Sousa-Peoples is responsible for the overall SOAR program.

Freshman SOAR provides a resource not only for all incoming freshmen, but for their families as well. About 85 percent of the freshmen have at least one family member attend the sessions.

These two-day freshman sessions began earlier in the month and continue through June 30.

Some sessions are held with everyone attending. Some are just for family members. A very popular one, held while students receive academic advising, is "Expect the Unexpected," led by Dr. Cherry Callahan (Student Affairs). The parents go through different scenarios – their child has a difficult roommate, Facebook concerns, they won't call home – and SOAR student leaders assist as the parents consider how they'd react and what they'd do.

"It's practical advice," Callahan explained last Friday, as the parents consulted. "They're hearing it from each other."

The students spend one night in Phillips-Hawkins Residence Hall. Some parents spend the night at home or a hotel, but others want to stay at Moore-Strong, where there are twin beds, hall-style bathrooms and no TV. Those who attended college may experience déjà vu.

The two-day sessions are self-supporting, Moore says. Fees are charged for students and



each family member.

The family members are diverse – a parent, an aunt, an older brother. And their emotional state at check-in is as well. Some are pleased to be seeing their last child leave the house, Moore explains, while others may have driven a long way or gotten stuck in traffic and are frazzled or on edge.

While they're not dropping them off as they will, starting Aug. 19, Moore notes, "They get a preview of what that will be like."

Over the two days, the students and parents get information on topics such as campus organizations, student life, computer accounts and health services. They get a SpartanCard and may complete the financial aid process, take tours, learn about UNCG traditions, take foreign language exams, get prepared for the second day's academic advising and register for classes.

The knowledge gained during SOAR will help parents support their students, if problems or questions ever arise. And they learn they may use the Orientation & Family Programs office or Dean of Students office at any time as a conduit for information.

What are typical comments as family members leave Freshman SOAR? Moore often hears "I feel so much better now ... I know my students will be in good hands."

Second Student Has H1N1 Flu

UNCG has a second confirmed case of the H1N1 flu. A female student came to the Student Health Services with flu-like symptoms on Monday, June 15, and test results received June 17 confirmed that she has the H1N1 virus. The student has been treated and is isolated at home and recovering. The student lives off-campus and is employed outside of the campus.

UNCG is working closely with the Guilford County Public Health Department to monitor this situation. The two will continue to coordinate services and resources as necessary.



Professorship Endowment Will Honor Sullivan

An endowed professorship is being created in honor of Patricia A. Sullivan in recognition of her service as UNCG chancellor.

The Patricia A. Sullivan Distinguished Professorship in the Sciences is being created by several donors who have contributed or made pledges for the necessary \$417,000 for the endowment. UNCG will apply for matching funds – \$250,000 from the C.D. Spangler Foundation and \$333,000 from the N.C. Distinguished Professorship Endowment Trust Fund – to bring the total endowment to \$1 million. The endowment is being created as part of the Students First Campaign, which ends June 30.

The fund will add a nationally known scholar to UNCG's faculty when the pledges are fulfilled. Sullivan is a biologist by training, and the endowment will establish a professorship in the College of Arts & Sciences, to be assigned to the Department of Biology, Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry, Department of Geography or Department of Physics & Astronomy.

"This is wonderful recognition of Pat Sullivan's service and dedication to this university for almost 14 years," said Vice Chancellor for University Advancement Patricia W. Stewart.

"I want to recognize the Excellence Foundation Board for its primary leadership and support to raise the needed dollars," she added, "and also give special thanks to the Board of Trustees and Board of Visitors for their support."

Sullivan became chancellor on January 1, 1995, and retired July 31, 2008.

For information about the Students First Campaign, call 4-5677 or visit donate.uncg.edu.

Countdown to Online Edition

After this issue, only two more print editions will be distributed by Campus Mail to the campus. Starting in August, Campus Weekly will be exclusively online. More details in a future issue.

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Aphasia Support Group

Although a million people in the U.S. are believed to suffer from aphasia, roughly 40 percent have no contact with other aphasics.

In order to help aphasics and their families and friends deal with the communication disorder and the social isolation it often causes, the UNCG Speech and Hearing Program at the North Campus of Gateway University Research Park hosts an aphasia support group, which meets 4-5 p.m. on the second Monday of each month.

Caused by brain trauma, most often stroke, aphasia can impair speech, comprehension of speech, writing and reading.

"With many aphasics, a big part of the problem they face is social isolation, because they can't communicate like they used to," said Sena Crutchley, a speech-language pathologist and the support group facilitator. "They lose relationships, because families and friends no longer know how to communicate with them."

At the support group's next meeting, July 13, graduate students in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders will speak about low-tech and high-tech options for alternative communication.

The North Campus is located at 5900 Summit Ave., Browns Summit, near Bryan Park. For directions or other information, call 217-5120.

In Memoriam

Professor Emerita Theresa Vaughan died June 13. Dr. Vaughan was a mathematics faculty member for 21 years. She retired in 2008. Her husband, Dr. Jerry Vaughan, is a faculty member in Mathematics & Statistics.



Framing Women's Experiences with Urban Poverty

Much has been written about the rise of urban poverty in the 1950s and 1960s, decades considered to be the roots of the current problems in U.S.

inner cities. But most of it has been written from a male perspective, excluding the unique experiences of women trying to hoist their families above the poverty line despite the roadblocks they faced.

Dr. Lisa Levenstein (History) reframes the experience of urban poverty through the lenses of women in her new book "A Movement Without Marches."

Her findings challenge notions about the roots of chronic poverty. "Poor women did not cause their own poverty – they were not lazy, they were not irresponsible," Levenstein said. "It took a tremendous amount of work, foresight and determination to seek resources from public institutions and to survive on the meager amounts of assistance offered. These women were determined and resourceful as they strove to create better lives for themselves, and especially for their children."

Set in post-World War II Philadelphia, the book explores the hardships black women faced as they looked for employment, governmental assistance and quality education for their children. Women, married and single, expected to hold jobs, Levenstein said. But they were often constrained by the racism that impacted black men, as well as problems that were traditionally a woman's burden, such as finding childcare.

"I was drawn to Philadelphia because I found sources that allowed me to tell a detailed, on-the-ground story, one that centers on the experiences of women not as victims but as actors," she said. "They participated in shaping the history of this period."

with the staff

Good-bye

- Lucille C. Burwell, *Housing & Residence Life*
- Rachel E. Cable, *Office of Research Compliance*
- Peggy Cox, *Career Services Center*
- Laura S. Kelley, *Academic Systems & Student Achievement*
- Doreen King, *HFDS*
- Leslie Miller, *Facilities Design and Construction*
- Larry Neal, *Parking Services*

looking ahead

Exhibitions continue:

"Lest We Forget: The Voice of Art," through July 19, Weatherspoon.

"Eileen Neff: Photographs," through Aug. 16, Weatherspoon.

"Our Subject Is You," through Aug. 16, Weatherspoon.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

First summer session final exams.

THURSDAY, JUNE 25

Second summer session classes begin.

4 p.m. – Oral examination in defense of dissertation, Sara Migliarese, "Differences Between Risk Factors for Falling in Homebound Diabetics and Non-Diabetics," Room 124, HHP Building.

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

Exhibition opens, "Matisse and His Models: Two Themes," Weatherspoon.

MONDAY, JUNE 29

8 p.m. – Music, Eastern Music Festival's Monday UNCG Chamber Series concert, Recital Hall, Music Building. Tickets, 272-0160.

FRIDAY, JULY 3

Independence Day holiday. Classes dismissed, offices closed.

MONDAY, JULY 6

8 p.m. – Music, Eastern Music Festival's Monday UNCG Chamber Series concert, Recital Hall, Music Building. Tickets, 272-0160.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

10 a.m. – Oral examination in defense of dissertation, Sally Griffin, "Lintheads and Barons: A Rhetorical Study of the Discourses of the Loray Mill Strike," Room 3319, MHRA Building.

TRIAD

Request for Applications

The Teamwork in Research and Intervention to Alleviate Disparities (TRIAD) Center for Health Disparities is an interdisciplinary project funded by the National Center for Minority Health and Health Disparities at the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

It is accepting applications for undergraduate student research assistantships for the upcoming academic year. Sophomore, junior or senior undergraduate students who are fully enrolled at UNCG are eligible to apply. Preference will be given to students in the health and human service professions or related majors.

The particular focus of the grant is on early detection, prevention and avoidance of risk behaviors for cardiovascular disease, diabetes and HIV/AIDS and related risk factors in African Americans and Hispanics, and low income and rural persons. These assistantships will be with a project on the grant or with a health disparities researcher on campus. Applications are due by 4 p.m. on July 7.

For information or applications contact:

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Matisse and His Models

At the Weatherspoon, an installation of prints by Henri Matisse will focus on two aspects of the artist's favorite subject: the female form. The first group consists of seated women in interior scenes, many of them in quiet, pen- sive modes. The other group—reclining nudes—comes from a long tradi- tion in art to which Matisse added his own touch.



Henri Matisse, "Interior, reading," 1925.

The exhibition will open Sunday, June 28.

NA/NA Lite at WAM

A new "lite" version of the Weatherspoon's New Art/New Audiences program will introduce novice art-lovers to the art museum and contemporary art. It will be held Thursday, July 16, at 6:30 p.m. Individuals are welcome to attend the one-night only event that includes a tour of a current Weatherspoon exhibition and strategies for looking at contemporary art. Attendees are welcome to stay afterward and continue the discussion over coffee and dessert. Workshops are led by Ann Grimaldi, curator of education.

This program will be repeated on August 13. To register, call 4-5770.

Nature's Grandeur

An exhibition of photography by Jim Dollar, pastor at Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, is on display outside the Teaching and Learning Center, McIver Building. "Most are really beautiful and serene nature shots," says Nanny Foster (TLC). "They're like little mini-vacation and stress relievers."

Memory Loss Conference July 31

An international group of Alzheimer's researchers will present a one-day conference for the Triad – Living Well with Memory Loss: Finding the Balance – 8 a.m.-4:15 p.m. Friday, July 31.

The conference, held at the Weatherspoon, will cover ways recreational therapists, nurses, rehab professionals, long-term care administrators and advocates can help older adults with memory loss maintain an active lifestyle.

Registration costs \$55 before July 3 and \$75 July 4 or later. Registration for students, caregivers and ARROW trainees costs \$30.

The conference is sponsored by the Center for Women's Health and Wellness; the Department of Recreation, Tourism, and Hospitality Management; the Institute for Community and Economic Engagement; and the Gerontology Research Network.

For more information, visit www.uncg.edu/rth/lwf.pdf or call 4-5327.

New Certificate Program

The Department of Geography will feature a new Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Global and Regional Studies program beginning Fall 2009.

Focusing on the contemporary political economy of global regions from East Asia to Europe, the program emphasizes knowledge and skills needed in preparation for work in government, international business and other global organizations.

The 18 semester hour requirement includes a geography core of 15 hours (political, regional development and planning) with an additional course from a range of topics in other disciplines.

For more information, visit www.uncg.edu/geo and see the News section.

Center Investigates Melamine Toxicity

The UNCG Center for Research Excellence in Bioactive Food Components recently worked with a Chinese university to conduct an animal study of the kidney damage caused by melamine, the contaminant that has sickened and killed pets and babies in recent years.

This study was performed immediately after powdered milk adulterated with melamine caused an outbreak of kidney failure among infants in China in September 2008.

Researchers from UNCG, including center co-director Wei Jia, and Shanghai Jiao Tong University School of Pharmacy examined the biochemical changes caused by melamine in the kidney function of rats. The results of the study have been published on the web by the Journal of Proteome Research.

The Center for Bioactive Food Components, based in Kannapolis at the North Carolina Research Campus, is part of the Department of Nutrition.