



STUDIUM ET COMMUNITAS

Grogan News

OLSL Selects Grogan Student to Attend American Humanics Conference



Teresita Cherry, (FYF) was selected, by the Office of Leadership & Service Learning to represent UNCG at the American Humanics conference, January 4-7, at the Downtown Marriott in Indianapolis, IN. American Humanics, founded in 1948, is an alliance of more than 70 colleges and 60 agencies to prepare new generations of leaders for the nation's nonprofit sector. This year's event had more than 700 young people attending. In addition to being a representative at the conference, this was Teresita's first time flying. She enjoyed the experience and continues to work with OLSL and the Leadership Challenge Program.

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Growing in Community Gardening to Nourish Self and Neighbor Conference

Grogan College and the UNCG Ashby Dialogues Program, hosted a one-day conference and set of workshops on Feb. 28th, entitled *Gardening in Community: Gardening to Nourish Self and Neighbor*. The

intention of this event was to provide practical information and support to those in our community who are engaged in projects that support community gardening as a way to build community and provide fresh produce for local food pantries and hunger relief efforts. The key note speaker, Michael Schut, Economic & Environmental Affairs Officer for the Episcopal Church, explored the ethical, spiritual and theological dimensions of community gardening as a form of caring for self and others, especially when it is linked to fellowship, interfaith dialogue, and efforts to alleviate hunger, malnutrition, and modern health concerns, in synch with President Barrack Obama & First Lady Michelle Obama. Grogan is out front promoting a healthier diet and closer connection to how food is produced.

Grogan Web-site Gets a Face Lift

Groganites, Kiara McSween and Devin Miller (PTC) have been working hard with outside consultants from the Design Group, and the Grogan, Strong and Ashby Residential College Staff members on the redesign of the Web-sites. The Design Group, who has worked with and designed several Departmental and the Fall Fest web-sites for UNCG hope to have new sites launched this summer. The goal is to make the Grogan Web-site more interactive and informative, with real pictures, videos and comments from "our students", past and present....stay tuned, www.uncg.edu/grc.



Seal it with a Kiss Social



Safety & Awareness Program "Protecting Your Goodies"

On March 17–18th, PALs Jeremy Mebane, (BUS); Joewhan Monroe (NUR) and L.A. White, (BIA/HD) all produced the program "Protecting Your Goodies." The program's intent was to educate students on physical safety and awareness as well as sexual safety and awareness. The program began with the showing of a "documentary" made by LA and Jeremy followed by a general awareness conversation and information session by UNCG Police Officers. Students were given information about services available. There was a "Female Only" workshop with Officers from UNCG's Rape Aggressions Defense (RAD) program who taught female attendees basic self defense methods. Students were encouraged to spread the word about the RAD training, the schedule can be found on the police.uncg.edu/Programs/RAD/. In addition, there was a "Male Only" discussion lead by Jonathan Ravarino, Staff Counselor, in the Student Health Services at UNCG informed the men about male self awareness and the Men Making Change Organization on Campus. The students were also learned about the K-9 program, and all the things that "Aja" assist the police with, including drugs and property recovery.



Jonathan Ravarino, from Men Making Change, leading the discussion at the "Male Only" session



Officer Brandon Mercer with a two-year-old female German Shepherd



Lt. Henry Campbell & Security Officer Brandon Mercer demonstrate defense techniques to the female students



Guess Who ?? Who's Ms. Loretta's "Secret Admirer"? Someone that lives in Grogan has been secretly leaving thoughtful cards and notes of thanks on Ms. Loretta's door. She is a longtime Grogan Housekeeper. Thanks to whoever it is for demonstrating the values we admire in Grogan we can all learn from your positive example. Lets all say **Thanks !**

The Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival

PALs Rikki Gibbs and Jonathan Johnson, (C&P) assisted the UNCG Theater Department with preparations for The Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival (KCACTF) that was held in early February. This is a national theater program involving 18,000 students from colleges and universities nationwide which has served as a catalyst in improving the quality of College Theater in the United States. Rikki and Jonathan are both members of the Theatre Honors fraternity Alpha Psi Omega. Next school year, they will both serve as Committee Heads for the organization.

Upcoming Events at Grogan

Mar 25th—Antonio Truyols Trio, Music Bldg #217, 5 pm
Mar 25th—Ben Keith & Justin Swaim-Recital, Music Bldg, 5:30 pm
Mar 25th — Night of the Arts—Part 2, Basement, 7 pm
Mar 30—Apr 3rd—Smoking Cessation Week, see *Brandie Reeder*
Apr 4th— Destination UNCG
Apr 6-10th—Stress Management, see *Liz Rojas*
Apr 13-17th—Supporting Arts Education, see *Jonathan Johnson*
Apr 28th—Masquerade Ball, Basement 7 pm
End of Apr - Grogan at a Glance, End of Year Celebration

KUDOS

Chancellor's List & Dean's List

Teresita Cherry, '09 student (FYF)
 Fikre Debela, '09 student (HD)
 Michael Graban, '09 student (PTC)
 Barbara Gibbs, '09 student (C&P)
 Chara Garman, '09 student (Bus)
 Brandie Reeder - '08 student & '09 (PTC) PAL
 Matthew Sparkman, '07 student, '08 PAL, '09 RA

Program Acceptance

Bennett Williams, '09 student (PTC)—Summer Medical & Dental Education this summer at the UVA

Awards/Recognition

Brandie Reeder, '08 Grogan student & '09 (PTC) PAL -Multicultural Award for Academic Excellence

Teresita Cherry, Kat Walston, & Desiree Newbie '09 students (FYF) - OLSL, Bronze Level of Leadership Challenge

Grogan on Stage

Sade Oyemakinwa, C&P Student and C&P PALs, **Rikki Gibbs, Jonathan Johnson** are currently in rehearsal for their parts in The Sanctuary's Production of —Children of Eden, from 2.12 thru 28.09.

Shade has also been invited to perform in the Kennedy Center's National competition as part of the cast of UNCG Theatre's— The Revenger's Tragedy.

Raymond Wise appeared in UNCG Theatre's production of Home on the Mornin' Train in February. He will also appear in NC A&T's production of The Wiz, which runs 4.16 - 26.09.

Shade will also appear in this semester's production of Lysistrata, alongside **Matthew Sparkman**, RA which runs 4.29 - 5.3.09 in Brown Building Theatre. Tickets are \$7.