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Ballard Earns National Award

Kymm Ballard, who is working toward her Ed.D. in the Department of Exercise and Sport Science, has been selected to receive the Channing Mann K-12 Physical Education Administrator of the Year Award by the National Association for Sport and Physical Education. Ballard is the Physical Education, Athletics and Sports Medicine Consultant with the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction. This award is the highest recognition bestowed by the Council for School Leadership in Physical Education (CSLPE) and honors those individuals who have dedicated themselves to excellence as administrators or supervisors in contributions to their profession and in service to the mission of CSLPE. These individuals exemplify the highest standards in accomplishment and innovation, in strong and vigorous leadership and in significant scholarship within the field.

UNCG horizons

Hooper named Health and Human Performance Dean By Dan Nonte

You can soon remove interim from Dr. Celia Hooper's title.

The UNCG alumna and professor of Communication Sciences and Disorders has been named dean of the School of Health and Human Performance (HHP) effective July 1.

She assumed leadership on an interim basis when Dr. David H.

Perrin left the post to become provost July 1, 2007.

"Dr. Hooper was a superb department head of Communication Sciences and Disorders, and over the past eight months has

demonstrated her effectiveness as interim dean of HHP," Perrin said. "She has the leadership skills and vision needed to move the school to the next level of excellence. She was selected from a highly qualified national pool of applicants."

HHP, a school with 84 full-time faculty and 1,600 students, has added two doctoral programs in the past two years. It includes the departments of Communication Sciences and Disorders; Dance; Exercise and Sport Science; Public Health Education; and Recreation, Tourism, and Hospitality Management and the Center for Women's Health and Wellness.

Hooper, who earned her master's degree in speech-language pathology at UNCG in 1974, led the planning for a doctoral program in Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSD), which began offering courses in the fall. She also established the Applied Communicative Sciences Laboratory, where undergraduate and graduate students from several departments conduct research related to speaking and singing.

"I have enjoyed my work as interim dean, and look forward to expanding student research, distance learning and community college collaborations," Hooper said. "I continue to be amazed at the variety of research taking place in our departments, research that contributes to health and wellness throughout North Carolina and beyond.

"It has also been my pleasure to meet our



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A message from Celia R. Hooper

Looking forward to HHP Tomorrow!

I have had a wonderful year as your interim dean, getting to know all five departments and the outstanding work of our faculty and students. I am very enthusiastic and deeply honored to have been selected as your dean for the coming years. I have taken a long-term view of the future and am now delighted that some plans that we had for HHP can be carried out under my leadership and the leadership of our five department heads, center and program directors, and the dean's administrative staff.

In the fall I initiated something called "Talk to the Dean," in which anyone in the building could come and chat with me once a month, no appointment needed. What a learning experience! Thanks to the faculty, student organization representatives, students, housekeepers, staff, parents, and the occasional lost sports fan who wandered into my office, I have learned more about the day-to-day issues facing the HHP family than I could in any official meeting. I have

taken careful notes and will be influenced by this information and advice in the coming years. Alumni, if you happen to be on campus the first Monday morning of the month, feel free to pop in!

UNC TOMORROW RESPONSE

Those of you in North Carolina know about the UNC Tomorrow Commission, the initiative of UNC system President Erskine Bowles. His 28-member blue ribbon group traveled the state this past year to learn about the needs and challenges of the citizens of our state. The report of the Commission and the UNCG response can be found at <http://uncgtomorrow.uncg.edu/>. You can now read about the bold initiatives that UNCG will undertake to respond to our citizens. As we in HHP begin to take part in these efforts, and begin our five-year strategic planning this fall, we will also be responding to ways in which our faculty, staff, administrators and students can engage in health and human performance

Who Holds the Disco Ball?

Interim HHP Dean Celia Hooper's Disco Ball makes its way throughout the School in recognition of a faculty member who achieves something great. For now, that highly prized disco ball rests in the office of Dr. Jolene Henning, an assistant professor in the Department of Exercise and Sport Science. Jolene and her colleagues had a very successful preparation and site visit by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE). At the exit interview meeting, representatives made wonderful comments about the leadership of the program, the collaboration of the faculty, the quality of the students and their placements and HHP/UNCG in general. Congratulations Jolene and team!



activities for the benefit of our citizens. Many of the initiatives requested by our citizens – access to higher education, relationships with community colleges, continuing education, health and wellness, environmental challenges, outreach and engagement – are efforts our HHP faculty engage in daily. The UNCG Tomorrow response will help us be more focused and get our message out about the good work that we do! I look forward to discussing this more in 2008-09 as we draft the HHP response, and I encourage our alumni and friends to follow these efforts on our web site pages. Look for “HHP Tomorrow!”

HHP ACCOMPLISHMENTS

We have had a wonderful, productive year in HHP, as you will read in the rest of this newsletter. Thanks to the leadership of Interim Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Dr. Kathy Williams, our departments are working together on curriculum and new program development for our students, “breaking down silos” as we discussed in the fall. They are tackling the issues of faculty evaluation, peer evaluation of teaching, and funding for our graduate and undergraduate students. Dr. Jane Harris, our instructional technology consultant, continues to help faculty with teaching and learning. The academic affairs web site, www.uncg.edu/hhp/aaa has exciting news about our online learning, classroom teaching tips, and professional development information for faculty. Our newest staff member in academic affairs, Frances Clerk, assists Dr. Harris and is redesigning and rejuvenating our HHP web site – surf it and see changes every week! Bill Johnson, our new Student Success Coordinator, has made a real difference this year in student recruitment and retention activities, student career/life advising and mentoring, and connecting HHP students with services on campus. Bill is concerned about all students – from

the honors student to the student who needs a little extra academic help.

Our Office of Research continues to help faculty with our emphasis on research, creative activity and external funding. Dr. Bill Dudley, who has served half time this year as our Associate Dean for Research, will be beginning full time in May of this year, and we welcome his increased presence with us. With the help of Kamilah Robinson and Verna Leslie, faculty have professionals to help them from the beginning of an idea through the completion of a grant or project. The research team helps them find funding sources and connect with other faculty in HHP or UNCG with similar interests. Dr. Dudley is working with many other people on campus to help our faculty enhance their teaching with research and entrepreneurship. He has some exciting plans for the next academic year – plans he calls “the enterprise” – and you will hear more about those from him in the fall.

LOOKING FORWARD

Our five departments, center and programs are working together on some exciting initiatives next academic year. Watch for our next newsletter for more detail, but some coming attractions include:

- The building of a new distance learning program in collaboration with our area community colleges, beginning in Public Health Education, and later including other HHP departments.
- The growth of the research enterprise, including more help for faculty in research design and statistical analysis and better tracking of our research and creative projects from idea through completion.
- The design of Phase Two of the Program in Healthy Aging and Living, the research and service program at the Gateway University Research Park. All of our older adult research and service

programs in speech and hearing and exercise physiology will be moving to the Gateway campus. A faculty committee from all five departments in HHP will draft a proposal for this program to become the Center for Healthy Aging and Living, a long-term plan for applied health and wellness research and service collaborations with faculty from across campus.

- The development of this region’s first cochlear implant habilitation program for hearing impaired/deaf children from the Triad and west of Greensboro. HHP faculty in Communication Sciences and Disorders, along with faculty in Specialized Education Services/Deaf Education, will be working with area ear, nose and throat surgeons, in collaboration with Moses Cone Health System, to provide pre-operative evaluations, post-operative follow-up and speech therapy as these children learn to use spoken language.
- The continuation of several initiatives instituted by former Dean Perrin, now Provost Perrin. These include the Faculty Development and Teaching Enhancement Initiatives and the Student Recruitment Initiative. These initiatives will continue to need alumni and friends support, and corporate and community support, as well as faculty assistance to develop and help top students to attend UNCG and succeed in HHP.

This is indeed an exciting time as we reflect on our successes before graduation and plan for the coming academic year. UNCG will have a new chancellor, your school will have a new (but familiar) dean, and we will have new department heads in Public Health Education and Exercise and Sport Science. We invite you to come see the new faces! HHP Alumni, both recent and long-term, I look forward to meeting you at our HHP events. For now, please come meet us at www.uncg.edu/hhp/

Alumni Campaign Continues With Focus on Honoring Chancellor Sullivan

As of March 1, 2008, the generosity of our alumni has provided the School of Health and Human Performance with more than \$7 million in gifts both planned and current, putting us at more than 230 percent of our five-year goal. These are phenomenal figures, and we are deeply grateful.

There are still a few specific goals that have continuing needs. These include funds for faculty awards, a graduate fellowship and a guest lecture series as well as support for The Center for Women's Health and Wellness. These areas may not be the first that come to mind when you think about making a gift, but they help to round out the excellent educational experience we wish to provide at UNCG.

Gifts can also be made in honor of Chancellor Patricia A. Sullivan, who will be retiring July 1, 2008. Please be our guest as UNCG pays tribute to her legacy.

Alumni attended an Open House Retirement Celebration for Chancellor Sullivan from 3 to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, May 13. The event was held in Cone Ballroom, Elliott University Center.

You can still join the celebrate by making a gift in her name to any fund you choose in HHP. Or you can acknowledge Chancellor Sullivan's achievements by helping to fund a scholarship in her name. As the Students First Campaign approaches \$100 million, your individual donation to the Dr. Patricia A. Sullivan and Dr. Charles W. Sullivan Scholarship Fund will enable her "Students First" legacy to endure far beyond her tenure. Established by the Sullivans in 2006, the scholarship is an unrestricted gift that provides need-based support to talented students.

Now is the time. Join in thanking Chancellor Sullivan for her magnificently successful tenure at UNCG by making a gift in her name. If we work together, we can provide her with the gift she most desires – a \$100 million Students First Campaign total by June 30.

For more information, contact Sharon Storm Brown, Director of Development for the School of Health and Human Performance, by phone at 336-256-1481 or by e-mail at ssbrown2@uncg.edu.



Setting Up Students for Success

The journey from starting college to earning a degree is rarely smooth. Studies show two-thirds of students change their major at least once; others struggle to combine their deepest interests with their studies. Most are distracted at times by personal problems.

Bill Johnson cannot offer easy answers to these challenges, but as HHP's Student Success Coordinator, he's helping students find solutions that keep them focused and fulfilled.

"My job is helping students stay here and graduate within six years," said Johnson, who joined HHP in his newly created role in July 2007. Previously, he served as an assistant dean of students at The College of William & Mary.

Having worked with college students for nearly 20 years, Johnson views himself as more than an academic adviser. He said he was drawn to UNCG by the opportunity to coach students for success in every aspect of their lives –

academically, financially, spiritually and physically.

"Often they don't know what they want to do for a career or how to connect their passion and heart and soul to it," Johnson said. "Their performance can suffer as a result, so it's critical to have someone who can offer guidance."

As a student at the University of Delaware, where he earned a B.S. in Parks Administration and Recreation and an M.S. in Physical Education, Johnson struggled at times to chart his own path. Helping students avoid similar problems has become his mission.

Johnson said he met with about five students a week during the Fall 2007 semester. By the spring, that number had jumped to two or three a day. Some students benefit from a



Bill Johnson

brief consultation; in other cases, Johnson has coached students for the whole semester.

"Even if I make a real difference for just one or two students, that's still helping our retention rate in HHP," Johnson said.

Over the long term, however, he hopes to make a broader impact.

He's developing an introductory course for HHP students on life

planning, which encourages students to explore their values and personalities and develop the interpersonal skills that are crucial for success academically and professionally.

"The coaching approach with students is becoming bigger throughout the United States," he says. "Why not get HHP students in on the ground floor?"

Two Past Deans Receive Awards

At the annual conference of the National Association for Kinesiology and Physical Education in Higher Education (NAKPEHE), two of HHP's former deans received distinguished awards.

Dr. Richard A. Swanson, dean emeritus in the Department of Exercise and Sport Science, received the 2008 Distinguished Scholar Award. Dr. Swanson was recognized for his work in the history of sport as a cultural institution. He is the co-author of *The History of Sport and Physical Education in the United States*, which has been published in four editions between 1978 and 1995 and is still in use in a number of universities. He is also the co-editor of another

book, *The History of Exercise and Sport Science*, and has co-authored numerous book chapters and published research papers. He is currently engaged in a study of the historical relationship between religion and sport in the United States from the 1600s to the present.

Dr. Robert Christina, dean emeritus of the School of Health and Human Performance, received the 2008 Distinguished Administrator Award. Dr. Christina was recognized for his administrative skills as HHP dean from 1992 to his retirement in 2001, as well as his service as department head at the State University of New York at Buffalo.

Not just one – two – of HHP's former deans received distinguished awards.

Study-Abroad Trip Benefits HHP Students, Village in Ecuador

An annual study-abroad trip to Ecuador is both a professional and personal venture for Dr. David Cardenas.

Dr. David Cardenas, an assistant professor in the Department of Recreation, Tourism, and Hospitality Management, was born in Quito, Ecuador. He uses the summer trips to teach his students about sustainable tourism development while exposing students to other cultures and customs. In July, he will return with 14 students to continue developing a community-based tourism plan for Ayampe, an impoverished coastal village.

"I have a lot of family that still live in Ecuador," Cardenas says. "This allows me to come back home and, with our students' help, provide some assistance to a country and a region that needs so much."

Last year, Cardenas and a group of 13 students traveled to the same village to begin the work. The area has little industry and its small farms have been run out of business by larger enterprises. Its infrastructure is poor, residents are poverty-stricken and its government is unorganized and, at times, uncooperative and corrupt.

But the village of 300 people is in a beautiful region bordered by the Pacific coast, a rain forest and the Ayampe River. The country's only coastal national park is within a half-hour drive.

"I think with proper planning and community involvement, this area has great potential," Cardenas says.

Last year, the UNCG students and Cardenas worked to create Foundation Ayampe to provide a legal structure to solicit grants for education, infrastructure and research. This year, students will continue their work on the community-based tourism plan, interviewing local community members about what they envision for their village. The students will also complete a

tourism audit – an inventory of the area's hotels, restaurants and transportation. In addition, the students will work with the community on a beach beautification program and provide programming for the local elementary school.

The experience has been life-changing for some students, Cardenas says. "They go down there and live with the community. They don't have cell phones, internet, TV. They see poverty like they've never seen it before. One-bedroom homes shared by families of 10, no running water, no electricity. It gives them exposure to different cultures and ways of living."

Some students say they plan to continue to help the effort, even after they are finished with the program. Cardenas estimates the work may take 8-10 years, but he believes the project is well worth it.

"This process is rewarding on several levels," Cardenas says. "First, for the students of UNCG, it provides them with the opportunity to travel and apply the concepts they learn in a practical setting, which will benefit them in their professional life. In addition, experiencing a new culture and seeing the world in a different perspective benefits them in all aspects of their life. Finally, the students are making a tangible difference in a community. The community

members know that the work being done now might not necessary improve their lives, but it will improve their children's lives."



Minority Student Leaders Participate in National Program

Jamila Minga, a student in Communication Sciences and Disorders, was one of 38 students selected nationwide to participate in the American Speech Language Hearing Association's 9th Minority Student Leadership Program (MSLP). Selected on the basis of an essay on leadership and their service and extracurricular activities, participants honed their leadership skills and interacted with ASLHA Leaders.

Frances Clerk

HHP has hired a second Instructional Technology Consultant. Frances Clerk is a web applications developer. Her skills will enable HHP to enhance its technical offerings for the web site, teaching and learning, and research with such things as video and increased interactivity. She will coordinate the maintenance and update of the HHP web site with the goal of making the site more attractive to students and ensuring that the site is accessible to viewers with disabilities. You may have already noticed that the HHP front page has a new and cleaner look. Frances comes to us from Montreal, Canada. She holds a B.A. in psychology from Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, and a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Concordia University, Montreal, Canada.

DANCE AND VIDEO: An Experimental Course

The Department of Dance is collaborating with the Department of Broadcasting & Cinema to teach an experimental course in Dance and Video. Last year, the Dance Department was given funds to establish an up-to-date video-editing lab and to buy 12 top-grade cameras. Dr. Jan Van Dyke of Dance and Dr. Michael Frierson from Broadcasting & Cinema are team-teaching the course, the first of its kind for this university. Interest among students is high, with a full enrollment of eight from each department registered in Spring 2008. The aim is to give students proficiency in both mediums, so they are able to create videos of dances made specifically to be shown on video. A growing area, there are increasing numbers of Dance for the Camera festivals every year to show this kind of work.

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loyal alumni around the country. We will count on the advice of our alumni and community partners as we form departmental advisory boards."

A native of Thomasville, Hooper is president of the Council of Academic Programs in Communication Sciences and Disorders, a national organization for the field. Before joining UNCG in 2003, she was on the faculty at UNC Chapel Hill, the University of Kansas and Case Western Reserve University. She earned her bachelor's degree at Wake Forest University and her doctorate at Case Western Reserve.

Several exciting developments are underway in HHP, Hooper said. Distance education programs are expanding, especially in public health education and communication sciences and disorders. Two exercise and sport science teacher education faculty members, who combine physical education with science education in their research, will join the school in the fall. And all the departments in the school are collaborating on the Program for Healthy Aging and Living based at the Gateway University Research Park.

DANCE



Dr. Larry Lavender, a professor in the Department of Dance, has been on research leave for the spring semester, 2008. While on leave, he has worked with undergraduate and graduate students in the Dance Studies Department at the University of Otago in Dunedin, New Zealand, where he was awarded the William Evans Visiting Fellowship. While in New Zealand, Dr. Lavender created a new dance work for the Dunedin Fringe Festival and taught at the National Institute of Creative Arts and Industries at the University of Auckland, NZ and Whitireia Polytechnic in Wellington, NZ. In rounding out his research travels, Larry met with representatives of Dance New Zealand to lay the groundwork for a professional choreographic research workshop in New Zealand.



By the end of 2007-08, **Dr. Sue Stinson**, a professor in the Department of Dance, will have presented at three international conferences..

In October 2007, she was opening speaker at a conference celebrating the 10th anniversary of the doctoral program in the Department of Dance and Theater Pedagogy at the Theatre Academy of Finland. Dr. Stinson co-taught a course in 2007 that initiated the doctoral program. Her 2007 presentation was entitled "Bodies and Communities: Finding Connections, Expanding Boundaries."

In January 2008, she presented a plenary address, "Research as Artistic Practice," at the National Center for the Arts in Mexico City. This presentation, along with a workshop on dance research, was part of Encuentro Internacional de Investigacion de la Danza 2008.

In July 2008, she has been invited to be a plenary speaker at an international conference at the University of Cape Town, South Africa.

EXERCISE AND SPORT SCIENCE

Dr. Tom Martinek, a professor in the Department of Exercise and Sport Science, and **Dr. John Richards**, an academic professional associate professor in the same department, have been nominated as Honorary Marshals at UNCG. This faculty

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Professor Brings Pet Therapy Training to HHP

With Dr. Linda Buettner's arrival at UNCG, students will soon be adding a new expertise to their resumes.

Buettner, a professor in the department of Recreation, Tourism, and Hospitality Management, specializes in animal-assisted therapy. Through her new group, Pet Partners of the Triad, Buettner and her students work with therapy pets to enhance the well-being of people with physical, emotional or cognitive challenges.

In addition to helping people with special needs, her animal-assisted therapy work also trains UNCG students and community volunteers in the discipline. Therapy pets and their handlers soon will participate in a wide variety of programs that could include visiting homeless pregnant women to reduce their stress; working with Iraqi war veterans struggling with disabilities; and helping special-needs children learn to feel comfortable around horses.

"It's a pretty innovative way to reach people with disabilities and special needs," she says. "Whenever you have a pet in the environment, it changes the whole dynamic. It reduces stress for everyone, and it motivates people who might not normally be engaged in something like this."

In February, Buettner began training the first group of volunteers and their pets – mostly dogs, though just about any pet qualifies – in a two-day course held at Gateway University Research Park and the proposed Center for Healthy Aging and Living.

As a certified instructor with the Delta Society, a non-profit that promotes animal-assisted therapy, Buettner

intends to hold one weekend training course each semester to prepare volunteers and HHP students for work in a broad array of programs.

One especially innovative effort she has planned trains dogs and their handlers to help elementary-school-age children overcome reading difficulties. The therapy dog learns to sit on a blanket and "listen attentively" as the child reads aloud. (The handlers train the dog by holding treats behind the pages of the books.) As a result, the children often relax and are able to read aloud. "The dogs don't care if you pronounce everything just right," Buettner says. The handler is also involved, helping to improve the child's reading comprehension by asking follow-up questions "that the dog might be wondering about."

"There's pretty good evidence to support the effectiveness of this type of therapy," Buettner says. In a separate research project, she will work with two undergraduate students and one graduate student to examine the effects of animal-assisted therapy at a nursing home in Eden. "We're going to look at how animal-assisted therapy can increase residents' activity and improve their moods," she says. "We think it's going to make a big difference."

She's seen dramatic results in the past.

As a recreation therapist in a New York psychiatric hospital, she worked with chronic-care patients who had been hospitalized for their entire lives (often 60 years or more). When she began using animals in her practice, she saw a tremendous difference. "People just came alive," she says. "Patients we thought were mute would communicate, get up and walk the pets outside. They'd be more interactive and less withdrawn. That sold me on it."



Grants in the Department of Public Health Education

Drs. Dan Bibeau, Mark Schulz, and Bob Aronson submitted the final report to Forsyth Medical Center and the US Department of Health and Human Services Office of Minority Health on the CITIES Stroke project. The project – a collaborative effort among researchers and practitioners at UNCG, Forsyth Medical Center, Moses Cone Health System, and North Carolina A&T State University – reached almost 20,000 people in Forsyth and Guilford Counties with stroke risk assessments and risk reduction efforts.

Dr. Bob Aronson, an associate professor, received a grant from the CDC to study a culturally and contextually sensitive intervention for HIV/AIDS prevention with African American men. He shares the grant with Dr. Scott Rhodes, a professor at Wake Forest University. **Regina Pulliam**, an AP assistant professor, is also involved with this project. The project will run for three years.

Dr. Vincent Francisco, an associate professor, continues his work with the Adolescent Trials Network, a national

project looking at treatment and prevention efforts to reduce the risk and progression of HIV/AIDS among adolescents. Dr. Francisco is also the CADCA to help them develop an online documentation of implementation among the coalitions focused on preventing and treating alcohol and drug abuse.

Dr. Bill Gruchow, a professor, continues to head up the Family Planning Male training Center funded by the Office of Family Planning in the US Department of Health and Human Services. The center

Accident Spurs Health Policy Learning Initiative

Graduates students in a health policy course are turning a professor's misfortune into a real-time learning opportunity that could help make roads safer.

The students' efforts began almost immediately after Dr. Mark Schulz, a professor in the Department of Public Health Education, was struck by a car while riding his bicycle home from work on March 26. The driver told police she didn't see Schulz, despite his reflective vest and lights, because she was text-messaging while driving.

Schulz, a bicycling enthusiast and advocate for safe bicycling practices, suffered a concussion and broke his sternum, ribs, vertebrae and a knee cap. He expects to be undergoing rehabilitation for much of the remaining spring semester.

Students and Schulz's fellow public-health professor, Dr. Bob Strack, believe the incident offers an opportunity to research laws about cell phone use while driving and, perhaps, to spark a public-policy debate about the issue.

"With any policy there's a window of opportunity to inform the process ... and you need to pay attention to when the conversation is more salient," Strack says. "I think Mark's story provides such an opportunity."

With Strack's guidance, master's students in his class are working to:

- Research current state legislation about cell phone use while driving, including what laws exist and what bills are under consideration.
- Study other states' laws and data as well as public opinion on the subject.
- Respond to media coverage of the accident.

The students plan to post their research on a web site so it can be accessed by others interested in the topic. Strack also invited Rep. Maggie Jeffus, Dem-59, to speak to the class about the legislative process in North Carolina.

As for Schulz, he believes the effort can only help illuminate the public-health issue that landed him a hospital bed. "I was impressed that Bob was able to integrate this into his policy class that quickly," he said. "It's impressive and comforting to me."

While the class had been focused on health policy at the federal level, this effort gives them a chance to examine state policy as well.

"Public health is all about making changes to shift the population's health, and sometimes that involves educating an entire community about an issue," Strack says. "I think this will demonstrate to the students that they can make a difference in their own community if they're so inclined."

is responsible for training practitioners across the country and providing informational and other resources to those programs.

Dr. Beverly Levine, an associate professor, is providing statistical support on a research project headed by **Dr. Sandy Shultz**, an associate professor in ESS. The project focuses on knee injuries.

Dr. Joseph Telfair, a professor, is the principal investigator or co-investigator on several projects including heading the

National Coordinating and Evaluation Center for the Sickle Cell Association and Leading the Monitoring and Evaluation Framework for the NC Department of Health Chat Project.

Dr. David Wyrick, an associate professor, has two alcohol and drug prevention projects funded by the National Institute for Drug Abuse. One focuses on high school students and the other focuses on college athletes. The NCAA is a partner in the latter project.

honor is in recognition of their commitment to academic excellence and service to students at UNCG.



Dr. Tom Martinek received the 2 Those Who Care award from WFMY-TV in March. The award recognizes Dr. Martinek for the program, Project Effort, which he started about 15 years ago.

The program gathers elementary school children after school and involves them in a variety of sports games. Dr. Martinek says sports – and the lessons they teach – can instill great leadership values. Children who were in the program 15 years ago now mentor the new ones.



Dr. Sandy Shultz, an associate professor in the Department of Exercise and Sport Science, recently went to Switzerland in response to an invitation from the International Olympic Committee to participate in the development

of a consensus statement on ACL injuries in the female athlete.

RECREATION, TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT



Dr. Leandra A. Bedini, a professor in the Department of Recreation, Tourism and Hospitality Management, was honored as one of East Carolina University's College of Health and Human Performance

Centennial Leaders. This award "honors the most influential leaders over the course of our history." A leadership forum was conducted with a ceremony recognizing approximately 100 individuals who were selected from a list of 7,000 alumni and other contributors.

Two HHP Alumni Gain Board Certifications

Todd Traumuller, '97 ESS, who teaches in the Burlington-Alamance schools and **Kelly Turley**, '02 ESS, who teaches in the Guilford County Schools, recently earned board certification. Board certification is the profession's top honor.

New Faculty



Professor **Linda L. Buettner**, is a gerontologist and recreational therapist who specializes in therapeutic programs for persons with dementia. Originally from upstate New York, she received her Ph.D. from Penn State University in 1994. Her credentials also include: Florida Dementia Trainer Level I and II, and Delta licensed Pet

Partner Instructor and Team Evaluator. Dr. Buettner is the author of *Therapeutic Recreation in the Nursing Home*, co-author of *Dementia Practice Guidelines for Recreational Therapy*, and the N.E.S.T. (needs, environment, stimulation, and techniques): team approach in dementia care. She has served as a board member for the American Therapeutic Recreation Association, Alzheimer's Association, the US Senate Alzheimer's Study Group, and the Alzheimer's Association Early Stage Task force. Dr. Buettner is the editor for the *American Journal of Recreational Therapy*. She is on the editorial board of the *American Journal of Alzheimer's Disease*, a Fellow of the Gerontological Society of America, and a member of the Association of Gerontology in Higher Education. Dr. Buettner's program of research includes top-tier R0-1 funding from the National Institute for Nursing Research, National Institute for Aging, National Institutes of Health, Retirement Research Foundation, and the Alzheimer's Association. She has a UNCG service learning research grant with three therapeutic recreation students to examine the impact of animal-assisted therapy on mood and activity engagement of nursing home residents in Eden, NC.

Dr. Catherine E. Dorwart is a visiting assistant professor in the Department of Recreation, Tourism, and Hospitality Management. She recently completed her Ph.D. at North Carolina State University. Her dissertation focused on exploring visitors' perceptions of the trail environment and their effects on experiences in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. As a practitioner, Dr. Dorwart has held the following positions: Director of Youth Athletics and Director of Research for the Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation Department, as well as Assistant Director of Campus Recreation at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in the Department of Exercise and Sport Science. In the classroom, Dr. Dorwart focuses on the integral link between practice and theory when applied to management, leadership, and policy. Her research interests include outdoor recreation behavior (specifically visitor perception), environmental policy, and recreation experiences. Dr. Dorwart has made presentations at National Recreation and Park Association's Annual Conference at the Leisure Research Symposium, at the International Symposium on Society and Resource Management, the Northeastern Recreation Research Symposium, and at the Southeastern Recreation Research Conference. Her research has been published in the *Proceedings of the Northeastern Recreation Research Symposium*, *Parks and Recreation*, and the *North Carolina Recreation and Park Review*.

Sena D. Crutchley, AP assistant professor, joins the School of Health and Human Performance as an assistant professor specializing in speech-language pathology. Working for the UNCG Speech and Hearing Program, situated at the Gateway University Research Park, she has been instrumental in cultivating the use of telepractice to deliver speech pathology services. Currently, through this treatment modality, she assists

children in remote areas of North Carolina who otherwise would have been denied access to help.

In addition to this work, Crutchley also specializes in the evaluation and treatment of swallowing disorders. Her experience in acute care settings is highly valuable as the Healthy Aging and Living Program, an HHP collaborative, continues to expand.

Crutchley received her bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, both in the area of Speech-Language Pathology. Prior to joining UNCG, she gained diverse experience through practice in school and hospital settings.



Bill Evans, MPH, CHES, joined the Department of Public Health Education in the fall of 2007. A UNCG alumnus and 2003 winner of the Ethel Martus Lawther Alumni Award, Evans has spent more than two decades working in marketing and communication positions in health systems and community health organizations.

Before joining the department full-time, he taught as an adjunct faculty member for four years. He now teaches courses in personal health, community health organizations, community health interventions and social marketing.

Evans' particular interest and expertise is in using traditional and corporate marketing techniques to influence change for societal good. His work to date has included award-winning community health campaigns that target at-risk and underserved populations.

Melinda Waegerle has joined the Dance Department faculty as 3/4 time Academic Professional Assistant Professor. She has worked part-time in the department for a number of years. Her work focuses on dance education and integration across the curriculum. She is an A+ Fellow for the A+ Schools Program and works with professional development of educators in North Carolina, Oklahoma, Arkansas, North Dakota and South Dakota. Melinda earned her BS and MA in Dance Education at UNCG.

Dorothy B. Silver - 1925-2008

The School of Health and Human Performance lost an important part of its history this year when Dot Silver, 82, an alumna of UNCG's MFA program in Dance and a former faculty member, passed away due to heart failure Feb. 20, 2008. Dot was Artist-in-Residence and a faculty member in the Dance Department from 1974 to 1987.

Born Oct. 17, 1925, in New Orleans, La., Dot received her BA from Randolph-Macon Woman's College in Lynchburg, Va. in 1946, and her MFA from UNCG in 1980.

Dot danced professionally with several of the premier dance companies in the US including the Martha Graham Company, Merce Cunningham,

RTH Reaches Out to the Community

The Department of Recreation, Tourism and Hospitality Management is in the midst of several projects that demonstrate hands-on and active outreach in the community.

In collaboration with several Professional Advisory Committee (PAC) members, faculty and students have implemented a Red Wolf Awareness Event at the NC Zoo that attracted nearly 3,000 participants. Dr. Erick Byrd, an assistant professor, directed this project.

The department also hosted the prestigious HHP Lawther Lecture for the Greensboro community with Dr. Mary Tabacchi from Cornell University presenting, "Wellness: The Power within You."

Finally, as RTH reaches beyond its NC borders, Dr. David Cardenas is planning his second international course experience to Ecuador promoting sustainable tourism (see page 6). Similarly, another student group will travel to China under the direction of Dr. Bonnie Canziani.

RTH Alum Enjoys a Year of Awards

James Worsley '00, MS '03 has had a busy year. He maintains a hectic work schedule in his position as Facility Manager 1 at the Albemarle Road Recreation Center of Mecklenberg County Parks and Recreation in Charlotte.

In mid-August, he received the 2007 National Association of Counties' "Award of Excellence," for his work with the Little League Book Program, which uses recreational and educational activities to decrease negative behaviors in homeless children. Such behaviors could include anger, lack of concentration, poor self-esteem, inappropriate communication skills and poor literacy skills.

Later in August, the North Carolina Recreation & Park Association named James the 2007 NCRPA Young Professional of the Year. The award recognizes James' outstanding service and leadership in the professional organization and community.

James also was recognized for his leadership and community involvement in innovative programs for reading and mentoring, particularly for homeless youth. James attended the National Recreation and Parks Association's Annual Conference in Indianapolis in October after being selected for an externship by the Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation department.

and Pearl Lang Company. She taught at the London School of Contemporary Dance, Sweet Briar College and the Bounds Dance Studio in Chapel Hill. She also performed off Broadway in Cain's Keep with Rod Steiger.

Dot was instrumental in fostering the growth of the North Carolina modern dance community. Dot served as vice-president of the American College Dance Festival Association from 1984 to 1988 and was a founding member of the North Carolina Dance Association.

Dot was most proud of her performance in 2007 at the Martha Graham Reunion in

New York City, when she was quoted in the *New York Times*. At the time she was 82 years old. This historic event was recorded for the Smithsonian Archives Collection and was a fitting final act for this wonderful performer, teacher and choreographer.

A fund has been set up to honor the memory of Dot Silver, and contributions in her name may be made to the UNCG School of Dance at UNCG/HHP care of Sharon Storm Brown, 401 HHP Building/Dean's Office, PO Box 26170, Greensboro, NC 27402-6170.

William "Beau" Byrtus '98 received the 2006 New Jersey Recreation and Park Association's "Young Professional of the Year" award and the National Recreation and Park Association's "Young Professional Fellowship" for the Mid-Atlantic region. He is currently the secretary for the Mid-Atlantic region for the National Recreation and Park Association. Beau also is a wrestling coach and owns a small barbecue catering business. He and his wife have two children.

Michael Magnes MS '08 received the 2007 North Carolina Recreation and Parks Foundation Fletcher Graduate Scholarship.

Tracy Pegram '94, MS '02 has been promoted to the position of Bur-Mil Park Manager in Greensboro Parks and Recreation Department.

Dale Purvis '05, MS '08 and **Abby Rothe '05** are engaged. An August 2009 wedding is planned.

Heather (Southern) Ulrich '03, MS '05 and husband Brian welcomed a daughter, Irelyn Mae, on Oct. 11, 2007.

Chris Wilson '98 has been promoted to the position of Parks, Gardens and Program Support Manager for the Greensboro Parks and Recreation Department.

James Worsley '00, MS '03 and his wife Tara welcomed a son, James Jr. He joins a sister, Lily.

Ashlea Worrell '02 and **Jeff Smith '01** are engaged.

Ashlea is pursuing a Ph.D. in counseling education and supervision with concentrations in neurofeedback, play therapy, relational cultural theory and social justice, and rehabilitation counseling at St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas. She is currently in the data collection phase of her dissertation entitled, *An Examination of Women's Body Image and Sexual Satisfaction Following Breast Augmentation*, with the goal of defending in July 2008 and receiving her Ph.D. in August 2008. Her clinical/research interests include body dysmorphic disorder, eating disorders, body image, play therapy/sandtray therapy, and self-injurious behavior. She has completed three national and eight local presentations, including one that was televised, and has published two book chapters and one journal article. She currently has two manuscripts in press.

Jeff was the assistant team general manager for the Arizona Minor League Baseball Fall league in 2001. He has also worked in sales for Scholargy from 2001-2004, Star HRG from 2004-2008, and recently moved into a new sales position at CIGNA.



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UNCG Chapter of National Society of Minorities in Hospitality Wins National Award

The UNCG Chapter of the National Society of Minorities in Hospitality (NSMH) won The Clyde Robinson Community Service Award at the NSMH conference in February 2008. This is the third national award the UNCG Chapter has received since its establishment in 2005.

The Clyde Robinson Community Service Award is given to the chapter that provides the greatest return to the community and the hospitality industry. The UNCG chapter's outstanding contribution to community service projects during 2007 included:

- Volunteering in TASTE (an annual fund-raising event organized by the Guilford County Hotel and Motel Association in North Carolina) to raise money for local charities.
- Collecting school supplies to help Eastern Guilford High School students whose school was destroyed by fire in November 2006.
- Forming a partnership with the RTH Club to

participate in the "Adopt-A-Park" program to rebuild the image of Morris-Farlow Park.

- Donating 105 cans of food to the Servant House for the benefit of the homeless.
- Making no-sew-blankets for Greensboro Hospice children.
- Participating in an on-campus competition called "A Branch of Love from a Spartan" on Dec. 1, 2007. During that event, members decorated a Christmas tree for poverty-stricken families in an effort to create awareness on the UNCG campus and throughout the local community.

Under the leadership of new president Eric Kincaid and the e-board members, the NSMH Club also has successfully held a fund-raising event to support members in attending the NSMH Regional Conference and hosted a winery tour and resume workshops in preparation for future hospitality careers.

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