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It affects 3 to 6 million Americans, but many people have never heard its name.

Fibromyalgia, a syndrome that causes widespread muscle pain and is often associated with chronic fatigue, was first identified in the 1980s. Diagnosed based on 18 tender points, the pain often manifests itself in the shoulders, neck, lower back and hips.

Beyond the muscle discomfort, sufferers may also experience symptoms of depression, non-restorative sleep, migraines, irritable bowels, cognitive deficits and heightened sensitivity to light, sound and odors. Because of the multitude of symptoms, those with the condition are often on many medications, yet because fibromyalgia has not yet been classified as a disease, they have trouble collecting disability.

For the past five years, Dr. William Karper (ESS) has been studying the effects of exercise on the pain associated with fibromyalgia. Karper and graduate assistant Carlynn Murrell lead a one-hour exercise session weekdays at the School of Health and Human Performance. The women attend as they are able, often three to five times a week, with the total group size at about 10 participants.

The sessions begin with a warm-up walk before the women head to a small exercise room on the third floor. Belying their internal pains, the women giggle and banter as they take their seats. Each numbered chair represents a different exercise and each woman uses individually assigned weights. Their movements are fluid and dance-like. When one exercise concludes, they move to the next station to lift more weight, stretch on the mats or do squats against a wall.

"These exercises are designed to make them stronger, without hurting them," said Karper, who designed the exercise regimen. He has published articles based on his work in Clinical Nurse Specialist, North Carolina Medical Journal, Fitness Management and Perspective. Karper has received hundreds of calls about his unique program, which also provides education and resource support.

"I was having trouble getting out of a couch and now I don’t have to brace myself with my hand," said Pat Raynor, who has been coming to the exercise classes for three years.

Others said the comradeship is what keeps them coming back.

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Message from the Dean

In the spring issue of Horizons, I mentioned the appointment of two key people in the School of HHP: Jane Harris, instructional technology consultant, and Keith Howell, our first director of research. I am pleased to report the impact of these appointments is already being felt throughout the school.

This fall, 30 faculty are working with Jane to integrate new instructional technologies into their classroom teaching. Several faculty are enhancing their courses with discussion online. They report that students demonstrate deeper thinking and that they read and learn from each other’s messages. Faculty also report that this activity enables them to know more about their students’ relative understanding of course content. This has caused them to make appropriate adjustments. Other faculty have created and posted compressed, narrated PowerPoint lectures. They report students like the online lectures because they can listen to them more than once. We have also acquired a new wireless laptop cart that has been used in many classes this fall for online searching, group work and as an orientation to Blackboard, a course management software. Jane’s expertise and the enthusiasm of our faculty have moved us to the cutting edge of instructional technology in the classroom.

Our productivity in obtaining external funding to support the HHP research enterprise doubled from the 2001-02 to 2002-03 academic years, to nearly $800,000 in 2002-03. Under Keith’s leadership, we have already obtained nearly $600,000 of external funding from federal agencies and private foundations in just the first quarter of the 2003-04 academic year. We have also submitted proposals for external funding with other faculty from across campus, and in partnership with other institutions of higher learning.

Some examples are:

- “Does Masculine Ideology Correlate with HIV Risk Behavior?,” submitted in August to the National Science Foundation by Bob Aronson, assistant professor of public health education and Willie Baber, professor of anthropology in the College of Arts and Sciences, is pending approval.
- Paul Davis, assistant professor of exercise and sport science recently submitted a proposal to the National Institutes of Health titled, “Exercise Dose and Metabolic Risk Factors in Young Women.” This is a collaborative project between UNCG and North Carolina A&T State University.
- Paige Smith, associate professor of public health education has a pending proposal with the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration, titled “Breastfeeding Needs Assessment Questionnaire Development.” This is a partnership with West Virginia University, UNC Chapel Hill and health care agencies in Atlanta and North Carolina.

I hope you will visit our web page at www.uncg.edu/hhp to learn more about these and other exciting projects and initiatives underway in the School of Health and Human Performance. I wish you a happy holiday season and healthy New Year.

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“The other women understand. They know what you’re experiencing and you’re accepted,” said Cheryl Barlow, a five-year participant.

Despite his positive results, Karper’s efforts have so far been largely unfunded.

“It is hard for me to get funded because I break a lot of the rules. You have to with this population,” he said. “Their conditions change over time so it is hard to have controlled conditions. I have to roll with the punches and test when they’re feeling good.”

This year Karper hopes to take his studies to the next level with help from HHP’s new Office of Research. He and assistant professor Dr. Kathy Jamieson (ESS) are utilizing the service offered by Dr. Keith Howell, director of research, in order to apply for a grant from the National Institutes of Health. The office helps faculty seek grants to support their work.

If funded, the study will replicate Karper’s current program, comparing it with two controlled conditions over six months. There will be a group that receives exercise, education and resource support; a group that receives the education and resource support without exercise; and a group that receives no portion of the program. After six months, all subjects will receive the total program for six additional months. Jamieson will study the non-exercise portion to see if any non-exercise factors might affect the outcome.
Center for Women's Health and Wellness
benefits from alumna's generosity

The Center for Women’s Health and Wellness is off to a healthy start, as an alumna and former faculty member of the School of Health and Human Performance has made a gift to aid in its mission.

Celeste Ulrich ’46 has established the Ulrich Fund for the Center for Women’s Health and Wellness in the memory of her parents, Frank and Adele Ulrich.

The discretionary fund will go toward accomplishing the center’s goals of establishing a professorship, a faculty research grant program, an annual symposium, a newsletter and a graduate fellowship.

After graduating from Woman’s College (now UNCG), Celeste went on to a distinguished career as an administrator, teacher, author and inspirational speaker. She earned her doctorate at the University of Southern California in 1956 and was a member of the first graduate faculty in UNCG’s Department of Exercise and Sport Science. She taught at UNCG from 1956 through 1979. For the next 11 years, she was professor and dean of the College of Human Development and Performance at the University of Oregon. She retired in 1990.

Among her many awards are the Honor Award from the North Carolina and Southern District of the American Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD), Gulick Award from AAHPERD and the Distinguished Administrator Award from the National Association for Physical Education in Higher Education. She was the first recipient of the School of Health and Human Performance Distinguished Alumni Award in 1977 and also received UNCG’s Distinguished Service Award in 1980.

Pro-Am celebrates
10th Anniversary

The School of Health and Human Performance hosted its 10th annual Ellen Griffin Seminar and Pro-Am, Sunday and Monday, Sept. 7-8.

The seminar was held Sunday at the Elliott University Center Auditorium. Dorothy Germain, who played on the LPGA tour from 1974-89 and served as its president in 1983, joined Mary Beth McGirr, the 1995 LPGA National Coach-of-the-Year, for a tribute to Ellen Griffin. Griffin, a Class of 1940 alumna and former faculty member, co-founded the Women’s Golf Association. This association was the foundation for the LPGA.

Also during the seminar, Patti Benson presented the 2002 Ellen Griffin Rolex Award. Benson is the current LPGA Teaching and Club Pros Division National President. The distinguished lecturer was Annette Thompson ’66, the 2002 Rolex Award winner and a master professional since 1978.

The golf clinic and tournament was held at Stoney Creek Golf Club on Monday and attracted 145 players and 29 golf professionals.

Next year’s Pro-Am will be held Sept. 13. For more information, call Mary Ann Sensebaugh at (336) 334-5744.

Lawrence lead
International Programs

Dr. Lyn Lawrance, an associate professor of public health education at UNCG, has been named the university’s new associate provost for International Programs. Lawrence had served as associate dean for the School of Health and Human Performance since 1997.

A member of the faculty since 1985, she has been extremely active in the expansion of international opportunities for faculty and students. Lawrence served as chair of the UNC Exchange Program faculty advisory committee for Australia, as well as program coordinator for UNCG’s bilateral exchange program with Australia. In addition, she was an active member of the committee that drafted the report on “The Future of International Programs 2003-2008.”

Lawrence began her new position in August and succeeds Dr. Charles Lyons, who founded UNCG’s International Programs Center 11 years ago.

Bedini and Poole Receive
Teaching Awards

Professor Karen “Pea” Poole was chosen as the recipient of the Teaching Excellence award due to her ability to successfully teach a wide range of courses and for continuing to search for new and creative teaching methodologies to enhance students’ motivation, interest and success within the learning environment.

The inaugural presentation of the Gail M. Hennis Graduate Faculty Teaching Excellence Award was given to professor Leandra Bedini. The award was established through the generosity of UNCG alumni Dr. Jerry Tolley and his wife Joan. Bedini was chosen for this award due to her innovative teaching and strong mentoring of students, both while at UNCG and after they have graduated.

Jones and Wigton enter UNCG
Athletics Hall of Fame

Five inductees, including two graduates of the School of Health and Human Performance, entered the UNCG Athletics Hall of Fame Sept. 27. Comprising the hall’s fourth class were: student-athletes Mike Sweeney, Ellie Jones and Donna Friesen Wigton, former Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs James H. Allen and longtime supporter Elizabeth House.

Ellie B. Jones graduated with a B.S. in physical education in 1973. She excelled in three demanding sports for the university - field hockey, basketball and tennis. She was ranked the top player on the tennis team for three seasons and held the No. 1 rank in North Carolina, Maryland and Georgia. Ellie won the National Invitational Collegiate Tournament in Chapel Hill her senior year. Today, she is the head tennis professional at Forty West Racquet Club in Cantonsville, Md. She continues to win championships, including most recently, the 2002 Club Championship at Forest Park Golf Course in Baltimore, Md.

Donna Friesen Wigton graduated with a B.S. in physical education in 1974. She served as team co-captain for volleyball her senior year and received the best offensive player award. In 1996, she worked at the Olympic Games in Atlanta as part of the officiating team for volleyball. In addition, she has continued to play competitively, participating in the U.S. Volleyball Association’s (USVBA) Gold Medal 30-and-over team in the 1987 Open, the USVBA’s Bronze Medal 40- and-over team in the 1992 Open and the USVBA Nationals 50-and-over team in the 2002 Open. Donna is an elementary physical education teacher in Colorado Springs.
Basketball coach calls final timeout

JOE BATES
THE JOURNAL STAR

Lorene Ramsey ’63 MEd long ago established she was an exceptional coach. Monday, March 31, she proved she’s good at keeping a secret.

More than five months after handing in her final resignation as Illinois Central College (ICC) women’s basketball coach, Ramsey made it public knowledge that the 2002-03 season was her finale at a news conference in the gymnasium foyer.

The winningest women’s basketball coach at any collegiate level, Ramsey, 66, retired with a career record of 887-197 in 33 seasons. The next ICC coach will inherit a 28-game winning streak and quite a legacy to follow.

In June 2000, Ramsey took a place among the sport’s elite when she was part of the second class inducted in the Women’s Basketball Hall of Fame in Knoxville, Tenn. She has won national coach-of-the-year honors five times, has coached 22 all-Americans and has helped her players earn more than $2 million in scholarships to four-year colleges and universities.

Communication professor practiced what she preached

Emerita faculty member Dr. Mariana Newton knew there was something strange about the nuns on her front step that night, but she ducked back inside to retrieve a donation in spite of her reservations. Then she heard rustling and giggling outside. When she returned to the door, she realized the habits of the three nuns were made of crepe paper and a group of her students jumped out from hiding. The prank was a reference to the nuns who enrolled in Newton’s classes in the summer.

“We had a Halloween party right there on the spot,” Newton recalled. “I was always impressed by the breadth of the relationship I had with my students - friendship, mentoring, play and laughing. It wasn’t just in the classroom.”

When she retired in 2000 from the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, approximately 150 well-wishers came to her retirement party.

“She cared about you but she’d give it to you straight,” recalled Dr. Celia Hooper, a former student of Mariana and new department head for CSD.

Yet, the professor known for her playful attitude and devotion to her students wasn’t missed for long.

Just two years after she retired, she was invited back to UNCG to serve as interim department head. With the hiring of Hooper this fall, Newton retired for the second time.

Now assisting Hooper with the transition and active with special projects for Dean Dave Perrin, she is working on her third retirement. She uses her expertise as a consultant for improving communication with the elderly. Newton talks to businesses, churches and support groups about the special considerations the aging need as they lose their hearing, become ill or find themselves alone without familiar communication partners.

A native of Wyoming, Newton came to UNCG in 1969. She chaired the gerontology program for six years, as well as served as chairwoman for the faculty senate. Her early interest was in children with neurological and physical impairments, such as cerebral palsy. She used technology to create augmented communication systems, which would create voice outputs when people with disabilities typed in the words.

The value of communication was a passion she practiced as well as taught. As her students graduated and spread across the nation, Newton made sure their relationships lasted beyond the college campus.

“Communication is the glue of social relationships,” Newton said, “and if it breaks down those relationships break down as well.”

“I was always impressed by the breadth of the relationship I had with my students - friendship, mentoring, play and laughing.” — Dr. Mariana Newton
Barrett receives Distinguished Service award
In May, the School of Health and Human Performance awarded retired professor Dr. Kate Barrett its Distinguished Service Award.
Barrett has served UNCG devotedly since her arrival on campus in 1970. She spent 18 years as a professor of physical education and served four years as the director of teacher education in the School of Education. In 1984, she was the recipient of the UNCG Alumni Association’s Teaching Excellence Award. Her expertise is in the areas of physical education for children, motor development and the development of sports skills.
An educator with wide interests, Barrett endowed the university with the Kay Brown Barrett Theatre for Youth Scholarship Fund in memory of her mother. Barrett has also established the Kate R. Barrett Student Professional Development Fund. She is also leading an effort to collect china plates for official functions at the Chancellor’s residence. The plates, which feature pictures of campus landmarks such as Foust Building and the Alumni House, were sold to students in the 1940s and ’50s.
Barrett completed her undergraduate studies at Wellesley College and Bouve-Boston School. A field hockey and lacrosse athlete, she was inducted into the Northeastern University Athletic Hall of Fame as a Boston-Bouve alumna in 1976. She earned her graduate degrees at the University of Wisconsin – Madison.

Alumni news
Sheila Bogan ’98 MPH is now the health promotion and disease prevention director for the Forsyth County Department of Public Health Education.
Connie (Spadanuta) Brown ’69 has opened a sports and leisure complex in Vilamoura, Portugal, with her husband, Alan. The complex caters to professional teams and occasional athletes. The facility includes four golf courses and residential training programs.
Becki Davis ’01 MEd was one of two finalists for Guilford County’s Rookie Secondary Teacher of the Year. Davis, who is in her second year of coaching and teaching physical education at Western Guilford High School, wrote three essays about her management style, recommendations to other new teachers and teaching activities for the year. The winner of the award was selected by the Greensboro Chamber of Commerce and Doris Henderson’s Office of New Teacher Development.
Lisa Toé Dubili ’01 the AHA training center coordinator and health educator at the Moses Cone Health System recently married Fred Dubili from Germany.
Shannon Holt ’02 MPH is now the Triad regional director for the Make-A-Wish Foundations of Central and Western North Carolina, Inc.
Robin Lester ’91, ’00 MPH and Alicia Beck ’02, the 2002 Priscilla M. Gowen awardee, are working for Point 4 the Future in the School of Nursing at UNCG. Alicia married Michael Perham, a research and development chemist at PPG Industries, in October.

Obituaries
Taitym Benesch, who was enrolled in exercise and sport science as a senior undergraduate student, passed away April 20.
Q&A with New Faculty

The Department of Dance welcomes two new faculty members this year — Robin Gee and Anne Burnidge. Learn some of the professors’ unique perspectives on dance in the following Q&A.

Robin Gee - A full-time faculty member, she is teaching African and modern dance forms, dance history and dance appreciation. Gee holds a Master of Fine Arts in Modern Dance/Choreography and Performance from Sarah Lawrence College in Bronxville, NY. Her performing experience includes gigs with Asase’ Yaa Dance Company (dancer and choreographer), Bossikole Percussion Ensemble (dancer/musician), Maimouna Keita African Dance Company (principal dancer) and Brooklyn Academy of Music’s DanceAfrica (dancer/choreographer, in conjunction with Chuck Davis).

She has lectured on African dance technique at several colleges and was a visiting artist at The Ohio State University and Greenwich Academy, Connecticut.

What makes your approach to teaching unique?

African dancers are considered part artist, part historian and part researcher. My contemporary classes are an attempt to take the basis of that African experience and create a new voice. That voice is rooted in my interest in the fusion of contemporary jazz, hip hop and modern vernaculars.

What are your research interests outside the dance studio?

The cultural events that sustain traditional dance are changing and subsequently the dances, music and visual arts are being lost. As an artist I am interested in both the documentation of traditional work as well as the use of new technology to make accessible the sophisticated, influential cultures of Western Africa and the Americas. I have recently developed, in conjunction with associates at The Ohio State University, “Feche,” a DVD ROM that documents the dance and music of Senegal. The multimedia capabilities of DVD video are used to interweave Senegalese music dance and text and are presented as a way of acknowledging the fact that these forms that have been traditionally preserved and conveyed orally. It is my desire to continue to use adaptive technology in the development of coursework and creative projects which provide access to otherwise disenfranchised communities.

Anne Burnidge - A 3/4 time faculty member, she teaches ballet and modern dance. Anne holds a BS from Northwestern University and an MFA from The Ohio State University. Her choreography has been produced in Colorado, Illinois, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

What makes your approach to teaching unique?

In my dance technique courses, I incorporate the work of Rudolf Laban and Irmgard Bartenieff. Laban Movement Analysis is a system for observing, describing and analyzing movement and can be applied to a variety of movement disciplines including dance, theater, athletics and somatic techniques, as well as to everyday activities such as driving a car or carrying groceries. Bartenieff Fundamentals is a system of body re-education based on developmental movement. The work focuses on finding ease and efficiency in internal body connection and expression in the world. My goal is to create a class that not only increases the students’ understanding of body mechanics and ways of moving efficiently, but that also still feels like dancing.

What are your research interests outside the dance studio?

My recent research has focused on the connections between dance and chaos theory. I recently completed a creative project that explored ways in which dance can be viewed from the lens of mathematics, and conversely, ways in which mathematical/scientific theories can be studied through movement.
Dance department loses its founder

Virginia Moomaw, founding chair of the UNCG Dance Department, died July 27, 2003, at the age of 90.

Virginia was active during the National Dance Association’s formative years when it was known as the National Section on Dance. She served as chair of the section from 1962-63, treasurer from 1948-50, and secretary from 1959-61. She was also editor for the Dance Directory, 6th Edition, 1969. Further, she was active in the Southern District AAHPERD, serving as district dance chair from 1946-47.

During her long tenure at UNCG, Virginia was instrumental in establishing a viable program that included one of the first MFA degrees to be awarded in dance. Shortly before her 90th birthday, she was honored with a plaque of appreciation from the UNCG School of Health and Human Performance. The plaque, along with a memory book with letters of acknowledgment from her former students, was delivered and presented personally by Dean David Perrin, at a special celebration at her Tustin, Calif., retirement home.

Memorial contributions in her honor may be made to:
The Virginia Moomaw Dance Scholarship Fund
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— submitted by Araminta Little,
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Jessica Jolly ’02, David Schmidt ’01, and Donnell Turner ’01 co-founded a Brooklyn-based modern dance company, everything smaller. The company sprang into action in February of 2003, rehearsing new work and applying to perform in various dance festivals available for emerging artists.

Dara Gordon ’99 recently became the performing arts coordinator at Longwood Gardens in Pennsylvania.

Ellen Byars ’01 got a job with “Sesame Street Live” and left L.A. in late August to go on a national tour for 10 months.

Nadirah Rahman ’03 has a contract with the Chuck Davis Dance Company.

Christal Brown ’01 is currently an apprentice with the Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Dance Company, the founder and artistic director of Women@Work and Dance Explorations, and recently became a company member of Urban Bush Women. She performed at the UNCG Dance Alumni Concert on Sept. 27.

Justin Tornnow-Westcott ’01 is now the associate director, choreographer and dancer for Queen City Jazz Company in Charlotte, a new company dedicated to the performance style of concert jazz and other contemporary works. Justin also performed at UNCG’s Dance Theater for the Alumni Concert on Sept. 27.

Jane Cline Wellford ’75 MFA has recently reached tenure as associate professor of performing arts at Elon University. Jane has been director of Moving Liturgy Dance Ensemble for 16 years and is on sabbatical during this fall to work on her latest book, “Dancing the Sacred Using the Everyday.”

Due to recent renovations, concert-goers will have a much more pleasant experience at the UNCG Dance Theater. New, covered seats and carpeted flooring were installed. The theater now accommodates a capacity of 190 with the upgrades.
Faculty news

Dr. Bob Strack attended the June meeting of the Society for Public Health Education (SOPHE) where he presented the financials of the organization in his capacity as treasurer for the society. He and Kay Lovelace are continuing their partnership with the Center for Health and Healing of the General Baptist State Convention of NC on a funded grant called “Picture Me Tobacco Free,” which is addressing tobacco use among NC youth. Strack has a paper on the use of Photovoice as an intervention with adolescents coming out in the January issue of Health Promotion Practice.

Sharon Morrison gathered data in the Bahamas this past summer to explore the elements of social capital that might help reduce the risk of HIV infection among young women. Morrison involved two students, Christina Hardy and Betria Stinson.

Dr. Paige Smith presented two papers at the International Society for Research on Aggression, “The Impact of Child Victimization on Men’s Violence Toward Intimate Partners,” and “The Impact of Prior Abuse on Women’s Use of Aggression with Partners.” Dr. Smith also published papers on partner and dating violence. These were published in Violence Against Women (volume 8), Journal of Women’s Health and Gender-based Medicine (vol. 11), American Journal of Preventive Medicine (vol. 23) and the American Journal of Public Health.

Dr. Bill Gruchow was the chair and principal author for a committee of the Male Advocacy Networks that prepared the publication Components that Work in Male Reproductive Health and Education Programs. Gruchow and alumna Jen Kimbrough (M.Ed. 1994) co-authored the “Report of Guilford County Schools Nutrition Study” with others in the Department of Nutrition and the Institute for Health, Science, and Society at UNCG.

Dr. Mark Schulz was a co-author of a paper, “Occupational Exposure Assessment in Case-Control Studies: Opportunities for Improvement” published in Occupational and Environmental Medicine (volume 59).

Department to Plan DPH Degree

PHE has been granted approval to plan a doctorate in community health education by the UNC System Graduate Council. A full proposal will be submitted in May 2004.

Aronson explores issues of African-American men

Dr. Robert Aronson is teaming with Dr. Willie Baber (Anthropology) in a series of projects studying the effects societal views and social inequalities have had on the emotional and physical health of African-American males. Aronson, Baber and Dr. Tony Whitehead (University of Maryland) recently co-authored a paper, “Challenges to Masculine Transformation among Low-income African-American Males,” which was published in the American Journal of Public Health in May. Aronson interviewed a dozen men who were participating in an urban program intended to help them become better fathers and economic providers. These men wanted to change their lives, but often faced serious challenges, including substance abuse, unemployment, a lack of self-confidence and clinical depression. Aronson used Whitehead’s model of African-American masculinity to interpret the men’s stories. The model suggests that men may turn to harmful reputational traits, such as sexual prowess and materialism, to compensate for the lack of respectable means to achieve status as a man.

Aronson found that mental health services and job-training programs, as well as re-evaluation of social service policies could benefit the men in their goals.

The professors will expand their efforts in a new study to explore risk factors for HIV/AIDS, which is funded by the National Institutes for Health. They have also submitted a grant proposal to the National Science Foundation to study concepts of masculinity among African-American males and their relationships to one’s health.
**Faculty Conference Presentations**

- Louise Raleigh, Lyn Mankoff and Vicki McCready traveled to Fort Lauderdale, Fla., June 19-21, to present at the Administration and Supervision 2003 Leadership Conference sponsored by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Special Interest Division 11. Their topic was “The Clinical Educators’ Hats: Choices and Challenges.”

- “Serving Language-Literacy Impaired Adolescents in the Juvenile Justice System” by Vicki McCready, Jackie Cimorelli and Sandie Barrie-Blackley was presented on Nov. 14, at the ASHA Convention in Chicago.

- “Serving Language-Literacy Impaired Juvenile Delinquents: A Training Model by Sandie Barrie-Blackley, Vicki McCready, and Jackie Cimorelli” was presented at the 54th Annual Conference of the International Dyslexia Association in San Diego, Calif., on Nov. 15.

- “Evidence-Based Practice in Augmentative and Alternative Communication,” a keynote speech, was presented by Dr. Celia R. Hooper at the annual meeting of the International Institute for Augmentative and Alternative Communication, Aug. 7, in Pittsburgh, Pa.

- “Right Hemisphere Disorder: A Neglected Topic,” a workshop, was presented by Dr. Celia R. Hooper at the Tennessee Speech-Language-Hearing Association, Oct. 10, in Nashville, Tenn.

**Student Presentations**

Thirteen alumni who graduated in either May 2002 or May 2003, under the supervision of Dr. Jackie Cimorelli, co-presented three papers at the annual convention of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, November 2003, in Chicago. They are Allison Boyd, Michelle Novak, and Jacqueline Sutherland (“Effects of Positive Obsessions as Reinforcers in Children with PDD”); Amy Nordberg and Michael Roskelly (“Relationship Between Literacy Impairments and Delinquency in Adolescent Males”); Crystal Allen, Tiffaney Carter, Kelly Copeland, Angela Denny, Catherine Donovan, Molly Ferguson, Maranda Fletcher-Meadows, and Joanna Woodcock (“Language Deficits in School-Age Children with AD/HD”). This last paper is being done as part of a larger study with Cryshelle Schoest, doctoral student in the Psychology Department at UNCG.

**What’s new in CSD?**

Patty Booker has been promoted to department manager of CSD office. Patty has worked for CSD for the past six years as a processing assistant IV.

Assistant professor of audiology Dr. Susan Phillips has been funded by the National Institute for Deafness and Other Communication Disorders for a research project in speech perception difficulties in hearing-impaired older adults. She is examining differences in voiced consonant perception between listeners with good speech perception abilities and those with poor speech perception abilities. Her goal is to develop an auditory training program to help those with severe difficulties understanding speech.

**New lab will improve voice research capabilities**

The Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, the School of Health and Human Performance and the UNCG Office of Research have purchased instruments and software to outfit the new UNCG Applied Communicative Sciences Laboratory.

The new equipment will allow the department to research voice production processes and disorders. Voice processes, particularly laryngeal function and dysfunction in speakers and singers, are a keen interest of new department head Dr. Celia Hooper.

The lab will be used for faculty and student research, as well as classroom and laboratory teaching. New affiliated projects will also be possible, including projects with faculty at the UNCG School of Music and Bowman Gray School of Medicine at Wake Forest University.

New instrumentation and software include:
- Computerized Speech Lab - a hardware and software system which digitally records and measures speech signals.
- Digital Video Endoscopy/Stroboscopy System - a system for viewing the laryngeal area with a small digital camera attached to an endoscope. The camera is capable of capturing moving and still images of the vocal cords for analysis and measurement.
- Perci Speech Aeromechanics Research System - a software and hardware interface that measures breathing and speech air flow from the lungs through the mouth and or nose. The instrument will be helpful in measuring normal speakers, as well as those with disorders, such as people with cleft palate.
- Portable CD-R/RW recorders for lab and field testing.
- Various measurement and sterilization items, a facilitator and speech software.

**Career Services offers help**

Feeling stuck in a job that’s headed nowhere? Let down and confused by the current job market?

Alumni Career Services is specifically designed for you - to help with your job search through career coaching, assessment, resume help, mock interviews, job database and more. Kathleen Martinek is on a mission to help alumni find meaningful work. Call (336) 334-5454, kemartin@uncg.edu, www.uncg.edu/csc/alumni.
Faculty News

Dr. Leandra Bedini presented her study, “Magic as a Therapeutic Intervention: A Case Study” at the Research Institute of the American Therapeutic Recreation Association Annual Conference in Atlanta, Ga. She also presented a paper with Dr. Denise Anderson of Clemson University on the physical activity of girls with disabilities at the Symposium for Leisure Research, National Recreation and Parks Association Annual Conference in St. Louis, Mo.

Dr. Erick T. Byrd is new this year to the RPT faculty. He completed his dissertation over the summer at North Carolina State University. Byrd’s research interests are in tourism development, specifically in community participation in tourism development and rural revitalization through tourism. He took part in the Pinehurst Visitor Study in 2001. The study sought the input from visitors to the Pinehurst area, as to what other developments were needed to make Pinehurst more attractive to tourists.

Dr. Bonnie Canziani presented a paper on managing cultural differences among meeting and event participants at the recent BEST Think Tank III on Sustainable Tourism, which took place in Costa Rica. Additionally, she has coordinated a review of how hotel and lodging associations use web sites to promote and provide benefits to their members on behalf of the Guilford County Hotel & Motel Association.

Dr. Nancy Gladwell co-presented a paper with Dr. Denise Anderson of Clemson University at the 2003 National Recreation and Park

Alumni Spotlight: Park Manager Chris Wilson

For 11 years now, Chris Wilson has played a valuable role in leading one of Guilford County’s most popular recreation facilities, Bur-Mil Park. The park is owned by Guilford County and operated by the City of Greensboro Parks & Recreation Department. Wilson started out as a tennis instructor and eventually moved up the ranks to become the park manager.

Wilson earned his bachelors degree at UNCG in recreation, parks & tourism in 1997. This past spring he expanded his role in the recreation profession by teaching part-time in the RPT department. Wilson says “This was an interesting experience and a chance to share what I do with people who are preparing for careers.”

In the fall of 2002, Wilson was named North Carolina Recreation and Park’s Society’s Outstanding Young Professional of the Year. He was nominated by Dan Maxson, administrative services manager for Greensboro Parks and Recreation Department.

“Chris cares about providing the best service available to the community, and that’s what we’re all about,” Maxson said.

In addition to his roles at Bur-Mil and UNCG, in the past year Wilson has also served on various committees including the City of Greensboro’s Facility Security Assessment Committee and the Greensboro Parks & Recreation Department’s Safety Committee.

“This was an interesting experience and a chance to share what I do with people who are preparing for careers.”  —Chris Wilson
Association’s Leisure Research Symposium in October in St. Louis, Mo. The paper is entitled “The Influence of Community Factors on the Recruitment and Retention of Recreation, Parks, & Tourism Faculty.”

Dr. Jim Sellers and Dr. Nancy Gladwell have recently co-authored a book chapter entitled “Financial Management” to be published in the second edition of Management of Parks and Recreation Agencies, published by the National Recreation and Park Association.

Donna Jeffers-Brown was recently promoted to AP associate professor and continues to serve as the RPT department’s fieldwork coordinator. She was a speaker during three educational sessions at the North Carolina Recreation and Parks Association State Conference in November. In addition, Jeffers-Brown, the principal investigator, has been working with Dr. Nancy Gladwell, Dr. Jim Sellers, and several graduate students on a project to assess the effectiveness and efficiency of service delivery by the athletic division of Greensboro Parks and Recreation Department. A final report will be submitted to the Greensboro City Council in December.

Dr. Stuart J. Schleien, professor and department head, delivered an invited paper, “Including People with Disabilities in Our Community Sports and Recreation Programs,” at the Paralympic Games in Stockholm, Sweden, in October.

Partnership F.I.V.E., directed by Schleien and coordinated by Kimberly Miller ’98, made presentations on the inclusion of volunteers with disabilities at the National Conference on Community Volunteering and National Service, Southeast Therapeutic Recreation Symposium, National Institute on Recreation Inclusion, and International Conference on Volunteer Administration. Partnership F.I.V.E. was funded $104,000 from the U.S. Department of Education, Rehabilitative Services Administration for its second year to continue developing and implementing strategies to foster inclusive volunteer efforts.


Dr. Diane G. Groff ’84 is currently an assistant professor of therapeutic recreation at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She earned a master’s degree from Radford University in adventure education in 1989 and a Ph.D. from the University of Georgia in therapeutic recreation in 1998. Her work with athletes with disabilities has included a position as director of operations for the Walker Cup International Women’s Wheelchair Basketball Challenge, and a committee member on the 1996 Atlanta Paralympics Organizing Committee.

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The School of Health and Human Performance recognized its outstanding alumni Nov. 6 with the Distinguished Alumni Award and five Ethel Martus Lawther alumni awards. The late Ethel Martus Lawther was dean of the school for 43 years and lends her name to the awards and lecture series.

Audiologist Dr. Gary Jacobson of Vanderbilt University Medical Center delivered the Ethel Martus Lawther Lecture. Jacobson is professor and director of the Division of Audiology at the Bill Wilkerson Center at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. He holds a Ph.D. from Kent State University and is active clinically in balance function and auditory electrophysiology laboratories, hearing aid dispensing and clinical audiology.

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• Melissa D. Joy ’95 has been dance director at a Georgia high school since 1997. Along with teaching, she is a guest lecturer at Agnes Scott College and serves as education coordinator for the Centre for Dance Education. She has been named Georgia Association for Heath, Physical Education Recreation and Dance K-12 Dance Educator of the Year for 2003.

• Gina H. Smith ’80, ’82 M.Ed. has been employed by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools since 1982, first as a speech-language pathologist and then as an assistant principal. In 2000 she was promoted to director of educational services for exceptional children; she is responsible for all specialized programming for students with disabilities in the largest school system in North Carolina.

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University news

Library puts archives on the Web
UNCG has posted on the web many of the important documents - speeches, letters, catalogs and other materials - from its early history.

The collection - http://library.uncg.edu/depts/archives/hhenc - contains more than 1,300 pages and photographs from the institution's first 15 years, from its charter in 1891 until the death of founder Charles Duncan McIver in 1906. Those formative years included the typhoid epidemic of 1899 and the dormitory fire of 1904.

North Carolina ECHO, the state's Exploring Cultural Heritage Online program, provided almost $14,000 to UNCG for the project. Five other colleges and universities in the state also received grants for the initiative dubbed Beyond Books and Buildings: History of Higher Education.

Universities partner to build Millennial Campus
UNCG and N.C. A&T State University are creating a Joint Millennial Campus that will have two campus locations, including the site of the former Central N.C. School for the Deaf.

To be called the Greensboro Center for Innovative Development, the project was announced by chancellors Patricia A. Sullivan of UNCG and James C. Renick of N.C. A&T.

The two campuses, north and south, will have combined land totaling approximately 150 acres. The north campus is the former School for the Deaf property and is located off Highway 29 north of Greensboro. It will be home to the planned Institute for Training, Research and Development. Initially, it will target the needs of school systems, business and industry, and various health services and social agencies in the region.

At the south campus, located on E. Lee Street near I-40, the universities want to develop a state-of-the-art science research park. Areas of research will come from key academic areas of both campuses, including the physical and life sciences, engineering, technology, food and nutrition, and other applied sciences.