New Speech and Hearing Program Helps Patients, Fosters Research

Speak to Be Heard! Hear and understand again! Communication disorders impact your way of life and those around you. Relish a new beginning by exploring a new option in the assessment and treatment of communication disorders. UNCG’s Speech and Hearing Program.

UNCG’s new Speech and Hearing Program in the Gateway University Research Park not only provides quality treatments and services for adults but also offers an opportunity for graduate students to conduct cutting-edge research.

The program, opened by the School of Health and Human Performance, offers innovative treatments for people with speech and hearing disorders as well as problems with swallowing or balance. These disorders can stem from a variety of conditions, including Parkinson’s disease, strokes, head and neck cancers, injuries and simple aging.

The need for such services is increasing as the area’s population ages, says Michael Campbell, the director of the program.

“We’re looking at helping patients who have a decline in their communication skills and abilities,” he said. “We’re striving to keep them at their maximum level of performance for as long as possible.”

Hearing services include comprehensive assessments and screenings as well as a program that dispenses and loans hearing aids to patients in need. An assessment and rehabilitation program for those with balance disorders could begin soon.

In the area of speech disorders, the program will offer cutting-edge voice therapy for those with Parkinson’s disease as well as augmentative communication therapy, which uses special computers to “speak” for adults with little or no verbal ability.

It is also the only speech and hearing program in the area to offer voice prostheses. The devices are inserted after surgery. When air from the lungs passes through the prosthetic shunt into the esophagus, it helps produce an esophageal “voice” that approximates normal voicing characteristics.

It’s not unusual that the program offers such high-tech treatments. “Research is our long-term focus,” Campbell says. “We’re going to be looking at innovative treatments and making sure there’s some efficacy behind them.”

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New Doctoral Program Addresses Critical Need

The field of communication sciences and disorders urgently needs a new generation of qualified faculty members — and UNCG’s School of Health and Human Performance is helping solve the problem.

In January, the UNC System’s Board of Governors approved a new doctoral program at UNCG that will prepare students for teaching and research careers in communication sciences and disorders. The program will enroll four full-time and four part-time students when courses begin in the fall.

“There has been a shortage of faculty for a number of years, but this need has really gotten critical in the past five years as many people have retired,” said Dr. Celia Hooper, Department Head in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSD), which is part of the School of Health and Human Performance.

The average age of faculty members in the discipline is 56 years old, so many more retirements are approaching. Nationally, Hooper said, there are already more than 200 faculty positions unfilled in the field.

The doctoral program will prepare a new crop of candidates for those jobs while also breaking some new ground. “We are the first program of this kind in the Southeast, and one of only a few in the nation, to offer a research doctoral program for both full- and part-time students,” Hooper said.

Applications are being accepted from students with master’s degree in speech-language pathology, audiology, speech science, hearing science, and other related fields. Hooper said she hopes to receive applications from throughout the United States and abroad. Dr. Denise Tucker is the new Director of Doctoral Study in CSD and the faculty member reviewing applicants with the doctoral committee.

The program will encourage students to study in what the CSD faculty call “intersecting disciplines,” giving them exposure to a wider range of thought and expertise than doctoral students in the field have traditionally received. A student with an interest in child language disorders, for example, might specialize in that area through courses offered by the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders. But that student might also study genetic disorders more broadly by taking courses in other departments.

Additionally, students in the new program will have the opportunity to work with faculty members at other institutions, including Duke University, NC A&T State University and Wake Forest University.

“We appreciate the support we have received from other departments here at UNCG and from other universities as well,” Hooper said. “Our students will benefit greatly from the expertise of faculty from across our campus and across our state.”

Assistant Professor Dr. Muhsein Orsini and Mekia Barchlit who presented at the Lilly South Conference on College and University Teaching Conference hosted by UNCG.
In 2002, Dr. Eleanor Hopper established the Peggy Pegram-Phoebe Baugh Barr Scholarship to honor mother-daughter graduates of Woman's College. Phoebe "Peggy" Pegram graduated from the State Normal and Industrial School in 1892 and Phoebe Baugh Barr from North Carolina College for Women in 1927. The story of Peggy was told in the spring ’06 issue of HORIZONS. The following, taken from the statement of establishment for the Scholarship, tells of her daughter, Phoebe Baugh Barr. Quotations are from The Times-Picayune, 1960.

By Sharon Storm Brown

Born in Carrollton, Georgia in 1906, future modern dance legend Phoebe Baugh Barr arrived at a time when many disapproved of ballet, much less modern dance. Luckily, her parents were not like most parents of the era. Her mother, Peggy Pegram Baugh, had graduated from Woman's College — then known as the State Normal and Industrial College — in 1892. Her father was a civil engineer.

In 1923, Phoebe attended her first dance concert, a production of the world-famous Denishawn Company headed by Ruth St. Denis. The evening changed her life. “I saw Ruth,” she said years later, “and was transported with her beautiful leaps. I got up wet with tears — stunned — and knew that I would find out what she knew about what made me feel this way.”

Shortly after this event, she began her schooling at Woman's College, called at this point in time the North Carolina College for Women. There, she became a distinguished dancer and a teacher of dance. During her senior year, she was accepted and studied in the Denishawn School of Dance and Related Arts in New York, following in the footsteps of choreographer Martha Graham. A year later she was asked to join the prestigious company. She danced professionally, touring with Denishawn, for four years. In later years she would reminisce, “I lived at a time when I was able to study with the greats.”

In 1931, Phoebe married physicist E. Scott Barr, a university professor, and began a teaching career that spanned three states and more than four decades. While Scott was in graduate school at UNC-Chapel Hill, Phoebe directed the Carolina Playmakers. When he began teaching at the University of Alabama in 1947, Phoebe brought a new appreciation for dance to Tuscaloosa. She was director of the University of Alabama Theatre and taught in various other departments.

In 1990, at age 84, Phoebe was a guest lecturer at Newcomb College. As she stretched in preparation for leading her class of 42 eager students, Phoebe quipped to Prunty staff writer Gowndelyn Thompson, “Don’t think this isn’t killing me, but I’m going to do it anyway.”

Much like her mentor, Ruth St. Denis, she left a legacy of highly trained dancers throughout the Southeast, many of whom joined professional dance companies.

Several outstanding awards that Phoebe received included: the Alabama Dance Council Heritage Award, 1981, the first “Women in Dance” Award from the Newcomb College Dance Foundation of New Orleans, 1990, The American College Dance Festival Association Award for Outstanding Contribution to Dance in America, 1992; and the Posthumous Award from the Society for Fine Arts in 1995.

Teaching dance remained her lifelong passion. As she once said, “All I know is that when I teach a class we are taught in something magical.”

For any questions regarding gifts to the School of Health and Human Performance, please contact Sharon Storm Brown, 336-256-1481, ssbrown2@uncg.edu.

From the Development Office

By Sharon Storm Brown

Due to the generosity and vision of our many alumni and friends, the School of Health and Human Performance has attained 190 percent of its five-year goal of $2.95 million in the first 2½ years of the Students First Campaign. I am very pleased to announce that as of Dec. 31, 2006, we had received nearly $5.6 million in outright gifts, pledges and planned/delayed gifts. These gifts have established many new endowed funds and added to many existing funds and programs, significantly benefitting our students and faculty. We, at the School of Health and Human Performance, are deeply thankful and appreciative.

The name of this campaign — The Students First Campaign — says it all. This campaign is about our students. The availability of additional scholarship dollars makes undergraduate study here more affordable, especially for out-of-state students. More generous fellowships and assistantships will enable us to successfully compete for the most talented graduate applicants, who will then choose to enroll here rather than at other high profile schools.

Our students deserve to study with gifted teachers. Funds raised for Faculty Development will make it possible for our talented faculty to pursue research opportunities, attend professional conferences and stay on the cutting edge of their respective fields. The attendance of and presentations by our distinguished faculty at these important events will reflect positively on the School of HHP, enhancing its presence and stature among its peer institutions. The availability of Distinguished Professorships helps us recruit faculty who are foremost in their fields and retain current professors who have attracted the attention of other prestigious schools.

Gifts to the Campaign are arriving in a multitude of forms. Some are generous current commitments of cash and securities, payable over five years. Many caring participants are documenting their bequests for the School of Health and Human Performance in their estates. They are naming the School of HHP the beneficiary of their IRAs, which both benefits the School and ensures their heirs will not have to pay taxes on the distributions. They are making gifts of life insurance, designating the School of HHP as owner and beneficiary. They are establishing Charitable Gift Annuities, enabling them to receive tax benefits and an annual income for the rest of their lives while also creating an enduring legacy in their names. They are setting up Charitable Remainder Trusts that benefit their heirs and will establish permanent named endowments for the School of Health and Human Performance in the future.

We take great pride in the accomplishments of our alumni. Please continue to send us news of your achievements. I will continue to pursue major support for your School of HHP and will be pleased to answer any questions you may have about creating a new endowment, providing for the School of Health and Human Performance in your will, establishing a charitable gift annuity, or making a current gift commitment using stocks or real estate. Please feel free to contact me at any time at 336-334-1481 or ssbrown2@uncg.edu.

Christina Recognized in His Field

Dr. Bob Christina, dean emeritus of the School of Health and Human Performance at UNCG, has received two awards recognizing his many contributions to his field.

In March, he was inducted into the National Association of Sport and Physical Education’s Hall of Fame for 2007. The induction during the annual AHPERD convention in Baltimore, Md. was based on his significant scholarly and applied contributions to sport over many years.

He was also selected to receive the 2007 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Ithaca College Alumni Association. Christina received his bachelor’s degree from Ithaca College. The award is presented to a graduate who has performed with professional distinction for many years, setting a standard of excellence to which others may aspire.

A nationally recognized expert in exercise and sport science, Christina has authored and co-authored more than 100 scientific and professional publications and three books as well as delivered scholarly presentations in the United States and abroad. He is also a nationally recognized golf expert and has appeared in the national media.

During his tenure at UNCG, he also served as a professor in the Department of Exercise and Sport Science. He received his master’s degree and PhD from the University of Maryland.
Catherine Wertz Plans Disney Fairy Tale Weddings

Less than two months after graduating with a bachelor’s degree in Hospitality and Tourism Management, Catherine Wertz ’06 is one of Disney’s newest wedding planner assistants. She was one of only six candidates accepted nationwide for the competitive professional internship program in January.

Much of Catherine’s work in HTM courses seemed to lead her straight to Disney. Asked to compare Marriott with Disney in her class — Introduction to HTM? No problem. Case write-ups in her global studies course? Disney Paris and Tokyo Disney. Even a class in research methods led her group to survey customers’ reasons for going to — where else? — Disney. Catherine first worked for Disney during a formal internship midway through her degree program in the Department of Recreation, Tourism, and Hospitality Management.

During this stay in Orlando, amid tens of thousands of people watching the Disney Parade march down Main Street, she unexpectedly jumped into RTH Department Head, Dr. Stuart Schleien, who was there on vacation. He reported back to the RTH faculty that Catherine was a very enthusiastic Disney cast member and a tremendous ambassador for the School’s HTM program.

Even after her internship, Catherine pursued every opportunity to log in additional Disney work experience. Once, while rushing past Dr. Bonnie Canziani, HTM Program Director, on the steps of the HHP building, Catherine called back, “I’m running to the airport to go down to Orlando for the long weekend. I’ll earn enough to pay off the airfare!”

And now she’s on the job: making Disney magic for her clients. “Specifically, my role is to take couples on a magical journey to create an experience of a lifetime,” she said. As one of six interns on a staff of about 40 dedicated cast members at Disney’s Fairy Tale Weddings, she is currently responsible for communication with guests, “behind the scenes” tasks and work to ensure that Disney’s weddings run smoothly.

“UNCG and the HTM program have helped me tremendously with understanding how I fit into this industry,” she says. “I believe that the teamwork, challenges and unique experiences during my time as an HTM major have contributed to my achievements thus far and have strengthened my leadership skills allowing me to be successful in my new role at Disney.”

Recreation and Parks Management Marks 25 Years of Accreditation

The Recreation and Parks Management Program within the Department of Recreation, Tourism, and Hospitality Management at UNCG has been reaccredited through 2011. It has been an accredited department for 25 years. Dr. Nancy Gladwell, chair of the Recreation and Parks Management Program, spearheaded the reaccreditation process. The Council on Accreditation of the National Recreation and Park Association/American Association for Physical Activity and Recreation conducted an extensive review and granted the reaccreditation.

The Council on Accreditation specifically commended:

• Faculty members for their commitment to teaching and research.
• The department for constantly updating the curriculum to best serve students.
• The university for its commitment to long-range and strategic planning.

The accreditation process is an excellent opportunity to conduct a thorough evaluation of our curriculum to ensure that we are meeting the needs of our students,” Gladwell said. “While I am delighted with the outcome of our program, I’m not surprised – the faculty works diligently to maintain a comprehensive and current program of study.”

The RTH department, under the direction of Dr. Stuart J. Schleien since 1997, offers two undergraduate degree programs — one in Recreation and Parks Management, the other in Hospitality and Tourism Management — as well as five different concentrations. The department also offers a master’s degree in parks and recreation management.

HHP alumni, professor named Fellows of the American Academy of Kinesiology and Physical Education

An alumna and a professor in the School of Health and Human Performance have been named Fellows of the American Academy of Kinesiology and Physical Education. Dr. Allan Goldfarb, a professor of exercise and sport science, and Dr. Inez C. Rovegno, ’80 MS, ’99 PhD received the honor at the academy’s 2006 annual meeting.

Goldfarb, who joined the faculty in 1987, was sponsored for membership by Dr. Diane Gill, professor, and Dr. Sheryl Hoffman, professor emerita, both faculty members in the Department of Exercise and Sport Science.

His nomination cited his significant scholarly contributions to kinesiology as an exercise physiologist focusing his research in biochemistry. Also a Fellow of the American College of Sports Medicine and a member of the New York Academy of Sciences and Sigma Xi, he has been invited to present his scholarly work around the world. He is the senior exercise physiology graduate advisor at UNCG and also teaches undergraduate courses.

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Marge Leonard Scholarship Celebration

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The congregation of so many people who knew Marge Leonard was a cause enough for celebration, but there was also the added pleasure of coming together to commemorate the first scholarship given in her name. The recipient of the first Marge Leonard Scholarship, Shasheena Diane Atkins, was on hand to thank everyone for their efforts in making this scholarship a reality. Funds for the celebration were provided by a gift from Margaret Jo Duncan, Class of 1957.

HHP Faculty Receive Community-Based Research Grants

Two HHP faculty members, Dr. Diane Gill, a professor in the Department of Exercise and Sport Sciences, and Dr. Eva Neokah, an associate professor and director of graduate study in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, received community-based research awards from the UNCG Office of Leadership and Service Learning. Each received $1,000 to fund their community-based research project.

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Attendees of the 2006 Southeastern University Clinical Educators Conference.

CSD Hosts Conference for Southeastern Educators

The Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSD) sponsored and hosted the 2006 Southeastern University Clinical Educators Conference, "Getting Connected in Greensboro," on Sept. 21-22, 2006. The conference was held at the Greensboro Center for Innovative Development, a joint campus of UNCG and NC A&T State University. It drew 100 physically active subjects – 75 normally menstruating women (i.e. not taking birth control hormones) and 25 men between the ages of 18 and 30. Participants will undergo blood and knee laxity tests as well as neuromuscular and biomechanical tests. For more information about the study or to volunteer, please contact Shultz at (336) 334-3027 or sjshultz@uncg.edu.

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$1 Million NIH Grant Fuels Knee Research

A $1 million grant from the National Institutes of Health will help a team of researchers in the School of Health and Human Performance at UNCG to investigate the role of hormones in women's knee injuries.

Young, physically active women have a far greater risk — two to nine times greater, according to studies — of suffering a torn anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) than men with a similar activity level. Hormones are one of the factors thought to contribute to that disparity.

Dr. Sandra Shultz, an associate professor in the Department of Exercise and Sport Science, will lead the three-year study. In research conducted with an earlier NIH grant with Dr. David Perrin, the dean of the School of HHP, they found that knee laxity — or the looseness of the joint — changes for some women as sex hormones fluctuate across the menstrual cycle. "Having observed these changes, we want to know how they affect the knee during sports," Shultz said. "Do we see greater displacement in the joint? Do we see muscles working harder to stabilize the joint? An increase in laxity could be something the body can compensate for very well, or it could increase the risk of an injury."

Researchers will collect data in the Applied Neuromechanics Research Laboratory. The ESF department purchased special equipment to carry out this research, including the Vermont Knee Laxity Device. This device is used to measure the amount of joint movement during the transition from non-weight bearing to weight bearing exercise as well as for measuring knee laxity in multiple planes.

The project will explore how laxity — even in women compared to men and among women at various points in the menstrual cycle — affects the knee during the weight-bearing activities common in sports. Not all women experience substantial changes in knee laxity, so a secondary goal is to determine whether key hormone tests can predict those changes.

Along with Perrin, three other UNCG faculty members — Dr. Randy Schmitz and Dr. Laurie Wideman in the Department of Exercise and Sport Science and Dr. Beverly Levine in the Department of Public Health Education — also are study investigators. The team includes research assistant Dr. Yohie Shimokochi, and doctoral students Yum Nguyen and Hyunsoo Kim.

An athlete with a torn ACL faces a lengthy and grueling rehabilitation, and may never regain her previous level of performance. Later in life, she becomes more likely to suffer early onset osteoarthritis. Shultz hopes her research leads to more effective strategies to prevent these injuries.

"If we can identify risk factors for ACL injury, then we can be more effective in our training programs," Shultz said.

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- Concepts in Communication Science
- Dance Appreciation
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- Leisure & American Lifestyles
- Personal Health

The technological and pedagogical effectiveness with which courses can be delivered online is quite remarkable. Online courses and degrees help the School to meet enrollment targets established by the UNC General Administration, while at the same time expanding the talent of HHP faculty to a broader national and even international audience. For more information go to http://web.uncg.edu/csd/cheb/

Fitness Center at Bridgewater State College Named for HHP Alumna

Bridgewater State College in Massachusetts recently named a fitness center in honor of HHP alumna Dr. Mary Lou Thornburg, ’63 MSPE, a professor emeritus at the college.

Thornburg served as a member of the faculty at Bridgewater for 30 years and returned as an acting dean following her retirement. She chaired the planning committee for the construction of the Tinsley Center, which houses the fitness facility named for her.

Bridgewater’s President Dana Mohler-Faria praised Thornburg’s many contributions to the college during a formal ceremony.

"Dr. Mary Lou Thornburg is a giant in the history of Bridgewater State College," he said. "She has committed her life to this institution and has worked not only long and hard but in a way that has often been behind-the-scenes, doing the kind of work that was needed to be done in order to make this such a first-class facility."

Aside from her key involvement in the planning of the Tinsley Center, Thornburg had a tremendous impact on thousands of Bridgewater students during her teaching career, Mohler-Faria said.

"In addition to the work that she has done to advocate for physical education generally, and for Bridgewater State College specifically, the work she has done with and on behalf of our students is simply remarkable," he said.

Thornburg said she was "deeply honored to have my name attached to this part of the building, especially the fitness center, because fitness has been a theme of my life."

During the ceremony, a plaque was unveiled dedicating the fitness center in Thornburg’s name.

Compiled by David K. Wilson, Office of Public Affairs, Bridgewater State College

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RECREATION, TOURISM, AND HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT

Dr. Leandra Bedini, professor and director of Graduate Study in the Department of Recreation, Tourism, and Hospitality Management, spoke in September at the World Aging and Generations Congress 2006 in St. Gallen, Switzerland. The meeting was sponsored by the World Demographic Association. Her presentation, “Multiple Roles and Leisure Travel of Family Caregivers,” addressed the barriers primary caregivers face when it comes to pursuing leisure activities.

DANCE

Dr. Richard Swanson, former dean and a professor in the Department of Dance, has been named one of 16 outstanding faculty members to receive an Award for Excellence in Teaching from the UNC Board of Governors in 2006. Gamble is a dancer, choreographer, designer and the director of the John Gamble Dance Theater. In addition to his formal choreography, he teaches and performs contact and other improvisational forms.

EXERCISE AND SPORT SCIENCE

Dr. Celia Hooper ’74, professor and head of the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, will serve as president-elect of the Council of Academic Programs in Communication Sciences and Disorders beginning in July 2007. This national organization supports 250 programs world-wide that educate undergraduate
Alumna Continues Passion for Fencing

Silly Robinson ’61 had a vision problem that prevented her from doing well at all sports. Still, she loved one that, with some work, she could participate in despite poor depth perception.

Her experience with fencing began in a class at Woman’s College. Robinson said that, with fencing, the opponent’s weapon and the playing area tended to remain constant, so depth could be learned with practice. She was hooked.

“So, from 1959 until now, I’ve taught fencing wherever and whenever people would let me,” Robinson said.

That includes at UNCG. When she returned as a professor in 1976, she taught fencing in Exercise and Sport Science. She continued to teach fencing throughout her 22-year career, except while assistant dean of the School of Health and Human Performance.

In 1994, Robinson and five of her students re-established the UNCG Fencing Club. Then, two years after her 1998 retirement, Robinson and Kathy Walters ’93, ’99 MED started the Downtown Fencing Club.

For the Love of the Game

When a high school championship game is in action, chances are Que Tucker ’77 MSEE is there or monitoring the game’s progress and results.

As deputy executive director of the N.C. High School Athletic Association, she oversees the sports program for the state’s 368 public high schools and ensures coaches follow rules and regulations. It’s a position she has held since January 2005.

“My enjoyment is I don’t get stuck in the mundane,” she said. “Every day, every phone call, is different.”

Que has been with the association since 1991 and was previously in charge of its substance abuse prevention program.

“I love what I do because it benefits young people across the state,” she said. “Athletics keeps them in school and helps them become successful citizens.” She is no stranger to playing sports. She played basketball in high school and at Mars Hill College, where she earned her undergraduate degree. At UNCG, she served as a graduate assistant volleyball and basketball coach while earning her master’s degree in physical education.

After completing her education, she worked as a basketball and volleyball coach at Reidsville Senior High School, receiving honors as conference coach of the year in both sports. She also served as assistant women’s basketball coach for N.C. State under head coach Kay Yow.

Even now, Que loves watching sports – football, track, volleyball, basketball. “You’ve got to at least like some of all of it,” she said. “But your adrenaline gets flowing more for some sports.”

Alumni News

Dionne Cherise Griffin MA ’06 of Louisville, Ky., will study dance and perform with professional dance companies in Trinidad and Tobago. She will explore how Afro-Caribbean dance has influenced the development of contemporary modern dance on those islands.

Sherry Salter, ’92, EdD ’04, has been named editor of the journal of the “North Carolina Alliance for Athletics, Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.”

Cinda Whicker, ’74, crossed the finish line first in the novice masters division for women at the Latta Plantation Triathlon and the Wilmington Family YMCA Triathlon.

Lara Roeser “Kotty” Gray ’95, ’96 MA has obtained her doctorate degree in audiology from the PCO School of Audiology in Elkins Park, Pa. Lara is a partner with the Area Hearing Center and is licensed in North Carolina and Virginia.

MARRIAGES

Amanda Kay Shore ’01 to Gary Reid Martin Jr. on April 8, 2006. The couple lives in Greensboro. Amanda is a physical education teacher at Jefferson Elementary School, and Gary is a physical education teacher at Rankin Elementary School.

Sarah Elizabeth Gaddy ’02 MA to Peter Johnson Mykola Gerace on May 13, 2006. Sarah is a speech pathologist with DHEC and Baby Net and has her own practice. They live in Murrells Inlet, S.C.

Lauren Michelle Jump ’03, ’05 MA to Joshua Allen Matthews on June 3, 2006. Lauren graduated summa cum laude with a master of arts in speech language pathology. She is employed by the Guilford County Schools. They live in Greensboro.

Speech and Hearing Program continued from cover

Much of the program’s offerings also are designed with patient convenience in mind. For instance, a program to evaluate swallowing disorders uses portable equipment that can be taken to patients in long-term care centers. A telepractice component, expected to start this fall, will allow clinic staff to work with rural or homebound patients remotely using high-speed connections or “view phones” that plug into the patient’s home phone lines. A similar program could be used to provide speech services to rural school children using real-time two-way interactive teleconferencing.

The program is the final phase of what will become the HHP Center for Healthy Aging and Living. Eventually, the center will be expanded to include other disciplines within the School of HHP. For instance, there is a potential to offer exercise programs for older adults through the Department of Exercise and Sport Science or recreation therapy for Alzheimer’s patients through the Department of Recreation, Tourism, and Hospitality Management.

“There’s so much we can do in this facility,” Campbell says. “We’re excited about the possibilities.”

The Speech and Hearing Program is located just off U.S. 29 North, fifteen minutes north of downtown Greensboro. Call 336-217-5120 for more information about services or appointments.

Faculty News, continued

A performance by K. Rain Leander, a master’s student in Dance, was named one of the top 25 most memorable in the Triangle by Byron Woods of The Independent Weekly, a publication in Raleigh, Durham and Chapel Hill. Woods said Leander’s concert. “Acts to Follow,” was chillingly artistic.

Jennifer Gapin, a doctoral student in Exercise and Sport Science, led female runners in the inaugural Victory Junction Run half marathon and 4.5K in Randleman, NC. Gapin was the top female finisher in the 13.1-mile run with a time of 1:33:11. More than 800 runners took part in the two races, which raised more than $65,000 to help send children with chronic medical conditions or serious illnesses to Victory Junction Camp.
In this issue of Horizons we have enclosed an envelope that provides a simple way to give a gift to the School of HHP Students First Campaign and to let us know about changes and accomplishments in your life, which may be shared in a future issue of Horizons.

In addition, we hope you will take a minute to look over the various initiatives and funds, as it is individual support that enhances our ability to stay on the forefront of quality education and research. If you would like to give a gift, please complete all necessary information on the bottom portion of the envelope.

University Honors Memory of Dance Student

UNCG and the School of Health and Human Performance have planted a tree and established a memorial fund to honor Kristina Larson, a second-year MFA student in the Dance Department who died in an Oct. 13, 2006 automobile accident. She had been on her way to visit her family in Milledgeville, Ga.

A lifelong dancer and a talented choreographer, Kristina had just begun to venture into film-making and the creation of dances for the camera. Her explorations in this new field produced artistic work that was intelligent, dramatic and poignant, according to Dr. Larry Lavender. “Always one to welcome new and different ideas, Kristina never missed a chance to expand her knowledge and deepen her wisdom,” Lavender says. “She cherished every moment of her learning, and her artistic insight grew rapidly and continuously. Kristina thought deeply about dance, and about every aspect of the works she made. Her professors and fellow students in the Dance Department especially admired Kristina’s eagerness to seek out and reflect on ideas that differed from her own. She is remembered as one of those rare and treasured colleagues who are endlessly open to exploration and experimentation, and always with great inspiration and joy. We miss her deeply.”

A memorial service was held in the UNCG Dance Theater on Oct. 22, 2006. In April, the Dance Department dedicated a tree planted in her memory outside the HHP Building on Walker Avenue.

The Dance Department also has established a fund in honor of Kristina’s life and work. The family asks that those who wish to contribute make donations through the UNCG Dance Department. Checks should be made out to “UNCG School of HHP Discretionary Fund” with “For Kristina Larson” on the memo line. The Dance Department will work with Kristina’s family to determine how these funds will be used.