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Athletics Passes

Faculty and staff may purchase up to four passes for the 2008-9 year, at \$75 each. Payroll deduction is an option. For details, call 4-3250 or email ticket_office@uncg.edu.

Reshaping Campus' Front Yard

New Kaplan Commons

Students and faculty who have spent the summer away from campus will be greeted by changes to the Elliott University Center's "front yard."

The west lawn of the EUC is being turned into an informal commons area with new plantings, wooden benches, seating walls and sculptures. The transformation was made possible by a gift from Randall Kaplan and Kathy Manning. Kaplan Commons will be dedicated Sept. 27, during FallFest 2008.

"I feel that a campus and the aesthetics of a campus lay the foundation for how people feel about the community they are living in," Kaplan said when the project was announced. "The public spaces of a university should be inviting for students to hang out together and for faculty and students to talk."

In the center of the three-acre commons, the concrete of the sidewalks has been replaced with brick pavers. The area eventually will display sculptures by faculty members.

In the past weeks, workers have delivered and planted bushes and trees. They've also built up planting beds with extra topsoil. Chris Fay, Facilities Operations grounds superintendent, noted that in most places the lawn's topsoil is only 2-3 inches deep. Below that lies a hard layer of gravel from the parking lot that was once there – but those several inches of topsoil are plenty deep for the well-drained bermudagrass.

Workers have added pre-cast concrete capstones to the low brick walls. The commons design will make the area more welcoming while preserving swaths of the lawn's carefully



Trees were delivered late last month to Kaplan Commons.

tended turf.

"There'll be quite a bit of additional seating," said Bruce Michaels, assistant vice chancellor for student affairs, "but we're still going to be maintaining space for informal activity, whether it's throwing a Frisbee or kicking a soccer ball."

Kaplan is the CEO of Capsule Group, LLC, a private investment company in Greensboro, and is also the CEO and chairman of the board of Listingbook, LLC, an online real estate service. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of UNCG and is the immediate past chair of the UNCG Excellence Foundation. He also served on the Bryan School Advisory Board. Kaplan serves on the boards of the United Way of Greater Greensboro, the Greensboro Community Foundation and the Greensboro Partnership.

Kathy Manning is an immigration attorney with Manning and Associates, PLLC, in Greensboro. She is the chair of the United Jewish Communities Executive Committee. She is the past president of the B'nai Shalom Synagogue Day School and serves on the boards of the Greensboro Symphony and Triad Stage.

What's New on Campus This Year? Plenty.



Changes on Campus

There have been a lot of changes over the summer. As you know, Dr. Linda P. Brady

became chancellor on Aug. 1, and has come to campus from the University of Oregon, where she was provost and senior vice president. Some things everyone may not know:

- Aside from the new Kaplan Commons area (see front page), major renovations have been completed for Aycock Auditorium, Petty Building, Alumni House and Brown Building.
- Crisis communication has been enhanced across the campus. Features include a new intercom system in most classrooms, text messaging, computer screen pop-up warnings, and public address speakers and sirens attached to several of the 100-plus blue-light telephone poles on campus.
- A new smoking policy is in effect on campus which prohibits smoking within 25 feet of any campus building.
- New graduate degrees include

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The University of North Carolina at Greensboro is a diverse, student-centered research university, linking the Triad and North Carolina to the world through learning, discovery and service.



PhD programs in medicinal biochemistry and computational mathematics, bringing the total number of doctoral programs to 25.

- Textbook purchases will be cheaper and easier. The University Bookstore, which is managed by Barnes & Noble, has cut its textbook prices by 5 percent. For convenience, UNCG's registration system also has a new program that allows students to order their books when they register for classes. The books are collected by bookstore staff and all that students have to do is pay for their orders and pick them up.

New Department Heads

Several department heads will begin new appointments for the 2008-09 academic year. All have been approved by the UNCG Board of Trustees.

- Dr. William N. Dudley, associate dean for research, School of Health & Human Performance, after serving as interim during 2007-08. He came to the school from the Department of Public Health Education at the University of Utah and holds the PhD in experimental psychology from the University of Georgia.
- Dr. James M. Eddy, Department of Public Health Education. Eddy is coming from Texas A&M University where he was professor and chair of the Division of Health Education in the College of Education and Human Development. He completed his D.Ed. at Penn State University. He is a recognized authority in worksite health promotion and health education.
- Dr. Stanley H. Faeth, Department of Biology. Faeth was previously on the faculty of the School of Life Sciences at Arizona State University. He holds the PhD from Florida State University and his research focuses on the ecology and evolution of plant-fungi-herbivore-natural enemy interactions.
- Dr. Tara T. Green, African-American Studies Program. Green has been appointed as director and was previously on the faculty at Northern Arizona University. She holds the PhD in English from Louisiana State University. Her research interests

include African American Protest Narratives/Movements and 20th Century African Literature.

- Dr. Elizabeth W. Lindsey, Department of Social Work. She received her PhD from the University of Georgia. Marriage and family therapy are her areas of specialization. Lindsey joined the UNCG faculty in 1994 and won the 2003 Teaching Excellence Award for the School of Human Environmental Sciences.
- Dr. Kevin B. Lowe, Department of Business Administration. Lowe joined UNCG in 1996 and holds a PhD from Florida International University. His research is in human resource management, leadership, and cross-cultural management. He was UNCG's recipient of the 2007 UNC Board of Governors Teaching Excellence Award.
- Dr. Joseph W. Starnes, Department of Exercise & Sport Science. Starnes comes from the University of Texas at Austin. He received his doctorate from University of Massachusetts and completed a postdoctoral program at the University of Michigan. His research focuses on physiological changes in heart muscle associate with aging and exercise.
- Dr. J. Scott Young, Department of Counseling & Educational Development. Young is coming from Mississippi State University, where he directed the Counseling and School Psychology Laboratory. He received his PhD from UNCG in 1996 and received the program's Alumni Excellence Award in 2003. He specializes in spirituality in counseling.

UNCG Among Princeton Review's 'Best'

The Princeton Review has included UNCG in its 2009 edition of "Best 368 Colleges," a guide based on a survey of 120,000 college students.

The book quotes students who praise UNCG for offering a "high quality of education at a significantly reduced rate, while having the smaller classes allowing closer bonds between faculty and students."

Students gave UNCG high marks for its library, athletic facilities and computer facilities.

Parking, Transportation Updates

New parking and campus access rates became effective Aug. 1:

- The daily maximum for visitor parking in a deck is now \$6 per entry for a 24 hour period. The hourly rate remains \$1 and pre-paid exit passes are still only \$3 each.
- Metered parking spaces may be reserved in some campus locations; the cost is \$9 per space per day.
- Buses with seating capacity for up to 20 passengers may be rented for \$50 per hour with a 2 hour minimum. Larger buses with seating capacity for up to 30 passengers may be rented for \$60 per hour with a 2 hour minimum.
- Campus traffic flow, including entry to the McIver Street Parking Deck, will be managed by police during residential student move-in Tuesday, Aug. 19, Wednesday, Aug. 20, and Thursday, Aug. 21. Complimentary parking (no permit required) will be available in Lot 1 near Tower Village, Lot 7 behind Graham, and Lot 9 near the Baseball Stadium during move-in. For added convenience, complimentary shuttle service will be provided 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
- The online form for requesting special event parking and other campus access arrangements has been redesigned. The new form includes an expanded menu of services and a secure login feature. Visit parking.uncg.edu or call 4-5681 for assistance.

Key Dates as the New Year Starts

- Tuesday through Thursday, Aug. 19-21 – Specific move-in days are scheduled for residence halls to minimize congestion. For details, visit hrl.uncg.edu/services/movein.
- Wednesday, Aug. 20 – Chancellor Brady will hold her first opening convocation. Her address is at 9:30 a.m., followed by the faculty convocation from 10:30-11:45 a.m., both in Aycock Auditorium. Lunch for faculty and staff will follow in the Dining Hall.
- Thursday, Aug. 21 – Orientation for all new faculty members, starting at 8 a.m. in Sullivan Science Building; Orientation for new graduate students, 9 a.m.-noon, EUC Auditorium.
- Friday-Friday, Aug. 22-29 – A week's worth of activities for new and returning students. Details are at orientation.uncg.edu/programs/welcomeweek.
- Sunday, Aug. 24 – The Chancellor's Convocation for new students will be at 4 p.m. in Aycock. Charlie's Block Party will follow at 5 p.m. at the fountain outside the Dining Hall.
- Monday, Aug. 25 – Classes start at 8 a.m. From 11 a.m.-3 p.m., the annual Fall Kickoff carnival will be held on College Avenue.
- Wednesday, Aug. 27 – A part-time job fair for students and Triad employers will be held from 12:30-4 p.m. in Cone Ballroom of EUC.
- Thursday, Sept. 18 – UNCG Board of Trustees, first meeting.

looking ahead

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 13

10 a.m. – Staff Senate Meeting (confirming with Scott Millman), Alexander Room, EUC.

THURSDAY, AUG. 14

10 a.m. – Oral examination in defense of dissertation, Lisa N. Mitchell, "Teacher Induction in North Carolina: Relationships to Retention," Room 315, Curry Building.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 20

9:30 a.m. – Chancellor's address, Aycock Auditorium.
10:30 a.m. – Faculty convocation, Aycock Auditorium.
11:15 a.m. – Luncheon for all faculty and staff, University Dining Hall.
7 p.m. – Men's soccer vs. Duke (exh.).

THURSDAY, AUG. 21

8 a.m. – Orientation for new faculty, Room 200, Sullivan Science Building, continues in McIver Building in the afternoon.

FRIDAY, AUG. 22

8 a.m. – Graduate School Teaching Assistant Training Workshop, Room 160, Bryan Building.
7 p.m. – Women's soccer vs. Coastal Carolina.

SATURDAY, AUG. 23

7 p.m. – Men's soccer vs. Gardner-Webb (exh.).

SUNDAY, AUG. 24

1 p.m. – Women's soccer vs. Utah.
4 p.m. – Chancellor's New Student Convocation, Aycock Auditorium.
5 p.m. – Charlie's Block Party, The Fountain/Caf.

Rawkin' Welcome Week 2008

For those about to "rawk," we salute you.

The Offices of Orientation & Family Programs and Campus Activities & Programs are getting ready to "rawk" the campus with the annual Rawkin' Welcome Week celebration, Aug. 22-29.

Rawkin' Welcome Week is a series of events to welcome students to the UNCG community and to assist in their transition from high school to college. It is also a great opportunity to meet students, faculty and staff as we start a new academic year. A SOAR reunion, dance party, comedy show, OLSL's Spartan Service Day, Freshman Summer Reading Project, The Chancellor's New Student Convocation, Charlie's Block Party and Men's and Women's Soccer games are just a few of the events planned.

Come out, get involved and be a "rawkstar" at UNCG. For a full schedule of events, visit orientation.uncg.edu/programs/welcomeweek.



Sullivan's Last Day as Chancellor

CW has heard there was a memorable scene as Dr. Sullivan left Mossman Building on her last day as chancellor, July 31. A number of Mossman staff members thought they should all do something special. A plan was hatched.

Here is the story, in the words of Sharlene O'Neil, chancellor's chief of staff:

"We received dozens of phone calls throughout the day, with employees asking what time they should be ready. I casually asked Chancellor Sullivan what time she thought she would be leaving, and she answered that she thought she would leave as soon as she finished her last conference call. We spread the word, and as we were gathering up items to walk to her car, I could hear the voices on the balcony and commons area – but thank goodness the chancellor did not notice.

"After hugs to Chancellor-elect Brady and wishes of good luck, hugs to all of the staff on the third floor of Mossman, she and I rode the elevator together one last time. As she walked off the elevator with her head down, I said, 'Chancellor, look up.' People were lined up all around the railing on the second floor and in front of their offices in the commons area. The clapping began, and so did the tears. She said words of appreciation and thanks, the clapping began again, and Chancellor Sullivan left the building. Her departing words to me were 'Be sure to tell all of those people how much I appreciate them and the work they do, and I'll never forget this.' More tears and hugs, and she was gone."

How to contact her? Sullivan has set up office space in Moore HRA Building, Room 3712. She can be reached at 4-5960 or pat_sullivan@uncg.edu.



Lumpkin Will Retire

Dave Lumpkin, associate vice chancellor for facilities, will retire Sept. 1. His last day here will be Thursday, Aug. 28.

Lumpkin joined UNCG in 1981 as director of physical plant. Beforehand, he had been director of physical plant at UNC Wilmington for ten years.

In 1986, he became associate vice chancellor for facilities. He has had administrative responsibility for long-range planning for facilities, developing engineering and architectural standards for campus buildings and grounds, management of renovation and new construction, and maintenance and operation of facilities.

See below for details on his retirement reception.

*We invite you to share this special occasion with
Davis B. Lumpkin
as he celebrates his retirement
with a Breakfast Reception*

August 25, 2008

9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Cone Ballroom, FUC

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Program at 10 a.m.

the five spot



Peter Ashe, UNCG's Sports Turf manager since 1999, was featured in a recent issue of SportsField Management magazine. The Sports Turf team was highlighted for taking initiatives that save water and promote sustainable growing practices. The team, part of Facilities Operations, manages 17 acres of athletic fields and the golf range. Ashe, a member of the UNCG Sustainability Committee, says the team uses a minimalist approach. Water is a precious resource, he says. And as for pesticides, "We use only it if we have to." Ashe was a golf course superintendent in the 1970's and 80's, and has been a part of a more holistic, environmentally aware approach to turf care and landscaping. "I'm an advocate for the environment, for sure." Sports Turf's future plans include harvesting rain water from building roofs, planting more nectar-producing plants to help attract bees and other pollinators and composting degradable grounds and landscape waste.

Sports Turf sustainability measures

1. On-site wells Three wells were put in in 1998-9, in response to a drought. We've been irrigating with those since. They're several hundred feet deep.

2. Hand-watering dry spots We spot-irrigate localized dry spots when possible, to extend our irrigation efficiency. I look at the water as a limited resource. We water at "point of wilt."

3. Concentrating on repairing high-wear areas Instead of making applications to the entire field, we'll do a portion. We'll fertilize and aerate to create safe, dense, playable turf.

4. Using recycled crumb rubber on high-traffic areas We put down a quarter-inch of this in the grass – three separate times. We create a cushion in high-traffic areas such as in front of a soccer goal. The grass grows right through it. It helps with wear and tear.

5. Choosing bermudagrass It's aggressive. It recuperates from wear and tear. It grows horizontally. It's a drought-resistant grass.

Have a list idea for the Five Spot? Send it to campus_weekly@uncg.edu