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We've Heard Your Voice

At a university with over 12,000 students, some students and families might worry that an individual's voice could get lost in the crowd. Here at UNCW, we are working to ensure that we hear and respond to students' feedback on how to improve activities, services, and programs in Student Affairs. Related to this effort, the Office of Student Life Assessment (SLA) has started the "We've Heard Your Voice" initiative to share with students, families, and staff the ways in which their feedback has been used to make improvements. SLA believes that by listening to students we can continually adapt our campus to become more welcoming, supportive, and engaging to everyone.

"We've Heard Your Voice" will involve com-

municating previous findings, along with the actual changes to the UNCW community over the past few years. The changes made across campus will be presented through various media during the upcoming school year, including flyers, TV, and the school newspaper. In keeping with the spirit of this project, SLA believes there is no better way to begin this communication process than to include the parents of our students. Throughout the year, we will feature in SPLASH the different areas within Student Affairs that have made significant changes to address students' desires and needs.

We'll begin this month by highlighting the Center for Leadership Education and Service (CLES), an office that has continually

sought feedback from students. In a fall 2007 Leadership Needs Assessment, 44% of students indicated interest in an academic leadership course that was not available in the leadership studies minor or their academic major. As a result, an elective leadership course was offered in spring 2009.

Student feedback in 2007-08 also influenced the improved marketing of the Leadership UNCW program during the 2008-09 year, including personal visits to student organization meetings, eight workshops facilitated for student organizations, and four workshops facilitated in an academic course.

As a result of these and other efforts, the Leadership UNCW Certificate
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Student Academic Honor Code

At UNCW, academic integrity is a core value. Two years ago, an Honor Code Task Force comprised of students, faculty and administrators was charged with evaluating and revising the Student Academic Honor Code.

When students join our community, they pledge to uphold and be subject to the Honor Code. It is designed to help every member of the UNCW community appreciate the high value placed on academic integrity and the means that will be employed to ensure its preservation.

The Honor Code Task Force conducted research and assessment before seeking consensus from numerous campus constituents, including the Student Government As-

sociation and the Graduate Student Association, in support of the revised Honor Code. In May, the Faculty Senate reviewed the final draft and fully endorsed the revised version which will be effective for the 2009-2010 academic year.

Any member of the university community who has reasonable grounds to believe that an infraction of the Honor Code has occurred has an obligation to report the alleged violation to the faculty member teaching the class. The faculty member must then report the allegation to the Office of the Dean of Students. This obligation is a core value of the Honor Code, and must be a priority of all members of the university community.

Disciplinary action will take place when students fail to align themselves with the ideals and expectations outlined in the Honor Code. Typical recommendations for a student found responsible for a first offense of the Honor Code is one year of disciplinary probation and an assigned grade of "F" in the course in which the infraction occurred. Repeat offenders of the Honor Code will be referred to the Academic Honor Board and if found responsible, will be subject to suspension from the university.

For more information concerning the Student Academic Honor Code, please contact the Office of the Dean of Students at 910-962-3119.

*Chip Phillips, Ph.D., Assistant Dean
Office of the Dean of Students*

Association for Campus Entertainment

One of the goals of the Association for Campus Entertainment (ACE) is to offer quality programs as an alternative to other college pastimes. ACE Films holds its events in Lumina Theatre, which is a fully-equipped cinema house located in the Fisher Student Center. Each Friday, we present two showings of a high-profile blockbuster film for \$2. For our Saturday Spotlight Series we offer one showing of an independent/foreign/alternative/interactive feature for free. In October, we are proud to present *The Hangover*, *Dead*

Snow, *Monsters Vs. Aliens*, *Ice Age 3*, and *Harry Potter and The Half-Blood Prince*. ACE Films is also working with the Cucalorus Film Festival, a nationally ranked festival, which will be using Lumina Theatre as its only 35mm venue (Nov. 11th -15th). More information about our events can be found online at www.uncw.edu/lumina.

*Chase Kilber, Films Co-Chair,
Association for Campus Entertainment*

Sneezes, Sniffles, and Coughs Oh My!

Cool weather is fast approaching, and it will soon be time to start bundling up before heading outside. In order for your son or daughter to be at their best and brightest, they need to know how to protect themselves against this year's cold and flu season.

One way to help protect them from winter illnesses is to make sure they take advantage of the resources that are offered to them at UNCW. If your student indicates that they are not feeling well, advise them to go to the Abrons Student Health Center; it's free, friendly and helpful.

A few other ways to prevent illnesses is to wash hands often, disinfect surfaces regularly, used hand sanitizer when water and soap are not available, avoid

sharing drinks and food, and maintain a generally healthy lifestyle.

If a cold or flu invades your student's immune system, here are some common symptoms to be aware of:

- headaches
- fever
- extreme tiredness
- dry cough
- sore throat
- runny or stuffy nose.

Sore body muscles can also be a sign that the cold and flu bug has hit. The Abrons Student Health Center wants to make sure your student not only knows how to protect themselves from getting sick, but where to go if they are not feeling well.

As a reminder, there is a pharmacy at the Abrons Student Health Center. Students may fill prescriptions

and purchase over-the-counter medicines such as cough syrup, cough drops, Advil and other items at a minimal charge. They may also charge items to their student accounts.

Remind your student to be careful this winter season. We want everyone to be happy, safe, and most importantly, healthy. The seasonal flu vaccine and H1N1 vaccine will both be arriving at UNCW in mid to late October. Please keep your eyes peeled for the exact dates and locations. Visit the websites below for more information on flu vaccines and any other health updates happening at UNCW. Do not hesitate to contact us!

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Family and Alumni Weekend 2009

Family and Alumni Weekend is fast approaching! This year, the Office of Transition Programs is collaborating with the Office of Alumni Relations to bring alumni, students and families together for a wonderful weekend of food, fun and fellowship. Please see a schedule of some events below. Cer-

tain events require pre-registration and require payment. Visit www.uncw.edu/familyweekend for more information, to register online and view a full list of activities going on during the weekend!



Students at Midnight Madness

Heather Baruch
Transition Programs

Spotlight Events

Date & Time	Event	Location
Friday 10/16/09 6 PM—8 PM	Wine and Cheese Welcome Reception	Burney Center
Friday 10/16/09 9:30 PM	Midnite Madness	Trask Coliseum
Saturday 10/17/09 11 AM—1PM	UNCW Block Party	Fisher Student Center, Fisher University Union, Warwick Center and Westside Hall
Saturday 10/17/09 11:30 AM — 1:30 PM	UNCW Family Picnic	Campus Commons
Saturday 10/17/09 11:30 AM — 1:30 PM	Toiletry Drive for Good Shepherd Center	Campus Commons
Sunday 10/18/09 11AM — 2 PM	Brunch in Wagoner Hall	Wagoner Hall



Sammy at Family and Alumni Weekend

Family & Alumni Weekend Hotel Sponsors

When visiting Wilmington for Family and Alumni Weekend, please consider supporting our sponsors. More information can be found at <http://www.uncw.edu/stuaff/transitions/parents-weekend-hotels.htm>.

Comfort Suites
910.793.9300

**Hampton Inn -
University Area/
Smith Creek**
910.791.9899

**Holiday Inn
Express Hotel &
Suites**
910.392.3227

**Holiday Inn
Wilmington**
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**Wilmington/Cape
Fear Coast CVB**
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Take the Chancellor's Challenge!

UNCW is making a difference beyond its campus during Family and Alumni Weekend. As part of the Chancellor's Challenge program, the Center for Leadership Education and Service, in conjunction with the Student Ambassadors, is collecting travel-size toiletry items to be donated to the Good Shepherd Center.

The Good Shepherd Center is a local homeless shelter that provides not only a warm bed and a hot meal to struggling individuals, but also over 30,000 showers annually. Soap, shampoo, deodorant, tooth-

paste and other toiletry items are often in very short supply.

If you are making plans to attend Family and Alumni Weekend at UNCW, we ask that you consider making a donation to the toiletry drive at the picnic on Saturday from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm. Also at the picnic, participants will be given the opportunity to help assemble toiletry kits to be given out.

Items needed include soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, toothbrush holders, razors (men and women's), shaving

cream, sanitary pads, deodorant, Vaseline, skin lotion, mouthwash (alcohol free), hand sanitizer, and 1-gallon size Ziploc bags. These items will be also be collected at registration.

Help UNCW help the community. Take the Chancellor's Challenge! For more information visit <http://www.uncw.edu/stuaff/leaderserv/ChancellorsChallenge.htm>.

Brandon R. Ostwalt,
Americorp Vista,
Center for Leadership Education and Service

Tips for Protecting Your Car Against Theft

For students living on or off campus, remembering to do everything can become taxing. Did you remember to turn off your curling iron? Did you study for your exam? Did you water your plant? However, the most stressful experiences occur when a routine is disrupted, and nothing is more disturbing than being a victim of a crime.

According to the Wilmington Police department, a majority of the city's crime is related to personal property theft involving automobile break-ins. What most students do not realize, however, is that most of these break-ins occur when doors are left unlocked and property is left unattended.

It is understandable that, after a long day at school and perhaps several more hours spent at a part-time job or studying at the library, one might forget to lock their car doors while

they juggle with their backpack and books on the way out of the car. However, here are a few ways to remember:

- Write a note and tape it your steering wheel that says: *Don't forget to lock the doors.*
- Try to create a routine when you leave your car by scanning the area for valuables.
- Put items such as GPS navigation systems and iPods in your glove compartment, or take them into your house.
- Lock your doors and double check them before walking away from the car.

It certainly seems simple, but know that taking these small precautions could prevent a huge and traumatic disruption to your day.

Jessica Thummel, Graduate Assistant
Seahawk Perch

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Program saw a 438% increase in students earning the Personal Leadership Certificate (43 students in 2008-2009 compared to 8 students in 2007-2008). In addition, the program saw a 424% increase in students participating in individual workshops (1,730 students in 2008-2009 compared to 330 in 2007-2008).

In 2008-09, students also indicated an interest in new workshops from CLES about the following topics: diversity, public speaking, resumes, and time management. Workshops on these topics will be offered in late fall 2009 and spring 2010.

The Office of Student Life Assessment is committed to hearing every student's voice, and continually improving the UNCW community to address

students' needs. If you would like to contact Student Life Assessment or learn about other assessment initiatives within Student Affairs, please visit our website at <http://www.uncw.edu/stuaff/assessment/Index.htm>. We look forward to more opportunities to "hear your voice!"

*Nathan Lindsay, Jonathan Peterson, and
Andy Jarachovic
Student Life Assessment*

Traditions: Wagsgiving

Each holiday season, Wagoner Hall hosts Wagsgiving, an all-you-can-eat Thanksgiving meal smorgasbord. Students who will not be traveling during the holiday and those who will be staying close are encouraged to enjoy this Thanksgiving meal with other students on Thursday, November 19 at 5pm. Feast on traditional fare like turkey, stuffing and various desserts while sharing in the holiday with fellow Seahawks!

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The Office of Transition Programs provides a comprehensive array of programs designed to meet the unique needs of undergraduate students and parents from orientation through graduation. Programs generate an intentional connection for the students through engaging interactions with other students, faculty and staff. Ultimately through this community participation each student is provided the opportunity to improve critical thinking, problem solving, academic achievement, interpersonal and intrapersonal growth and civic responsibility.