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Important Mailing Addresses and Other Post Office News

All campus PO Box numbers were reassigned at the end of the spring semester. Family and friends of students will need to use the new addresses to make sure letters and packages are received. This spring, returning resident students were notified by mail of their new addresses.

Next fall, the university will only have about half as many post office boxes available. Because of this change, only freshmen, students living on campus and international students will automatically be assigned a PO Box. Commuter students may apply for a campus PO Box on a first-come, first-served basis. If your student will be living off campus and wants the convenience of an on-campus shipping address, s/he will need to fill out a form to request a box. Forms are available at Seahawk Mail, located in the Warwick Center, or online at http://www.uncw.edu/ba/postal_services/documents/mailbox_request.pdf.

There will be an \$11 per semester charge for a campus PO Box. Students should also fill out a forwarding address form for the summer at Seahawk Mail to make sure important mail is not returned to sender. Forwarding forms are also available online at http://www.uncw.edu/ba/postal_services/documents/mail_forwarding_form.pdf.

Seahawk Mail is a full-service US Post Office station. In addition to receiving mail, students may also purchase stamps, mail by USPS and Federal Express, send faxes, purchase money orders and have documents notarized. For more information about mail services at UNCW, visit us online at www.uncw.edu/ba/postal_services/.



UNCW Unveils Common Reading Program Book

The University of North Carolina Wilmington is pleased to announce its selection for the new *Synergy* Common Reading Experience - *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini. This riveting, bestselling novel tells the memorable story of a complex father-son relationship and the unlikely friendship between a wealthy boy and the son of his father's servant. The wealthy Amir narrates the story and grapples with issues of class, difference, love, loyalty, betrayal and redemption, all within an eye-opening account of the political and social turmoil of Afghanistan.

Synergy supports the university's mission of integrating teaching, research and service, stimulation of intellectual curiosity, imagination, critical thinking and thoughtful expression. *Synergy* also unites the efforts of entities on campus and in the surrounding Wilmington community to bring about a combined positive effect greater than that which these elements could achieve separately.

The Kite Runner promises to provide new and current UNCW students tremendous learning opportunities, including personal, social, political, cultural and eco-

nomics lessons. The book was selected by a committee of current students, faculty and staff who read a number of highly acclaimed books and unanimously decided that *The Kite Runner* would provide the best learning opportunities for UNCW students. Duke, CalPoly, and Syracuse have reported great success using this book as a common reading for their students.

As your student navigates the various lessons held within *The Kite Runner*, we hope you will share in the promise that this book holds to introduce new students to the rigors of college-level work and the critical importance that reading, comprehension and analysis has relative to becoming an educated American. For more information on *Synergy*: UNCW's Common Reading Experience and *The Kite Runner*, please go to <http://www.uncw.edu/commonreading>.

Sincerely,

The *Synergy* Common Reading Experience Committee



Message from Chancellor DePaolo on Virginia Tech Tragedy

Dear UNCW Parents,

The recent tragic events at Virginia Tech and their aftermath, as we have learned more about what happened, have left our entire nation in a state of mourning for those who were killed and injured. Several of our own faculty, staff and students had friends or family members who were directly impacted by this tragedy. Many talented students and caring faculty had promising lives and careers cut short. Our thoughts and prayers continue to go to the victims and to those who lost loved ones in this incomprehensible act of violence.

In the wake of this horrific event, I know that your concerns, like mine, have turned to the question of how prepared we are at the University of North



Carolina Wilmington if such an event were to happen here. We all know that campus tragedies of this magnitude can shatter our individual and collective sense of well-being, purpose and security. If it can happen at Virginia Tech, we wonder if it can also happen here. The sad reality is that in our world, even with all the precautions and preemptive safety measures—security cameras, card entry door access systems, call boxes, self defense courses, etc.—there is no guarantee that a community such as UNCW would be immune from this kind of unpredictable violence. But there are a number of actions we can all take to ensure that UNCW is as safe as possible.

We have initiated a number of programs and tactics over the past several years to enhance safety on our campus. They are part of even broader safety measures that are an integral part of the daily life of our campus.

First, UNCW Police officers train regularly for a variety of possible emergency situations, including the scenario of a gunman on campus. The UNCW Police Department has a close working relationship with the Wilmington Police Department, the New Hanover County Sheriff's Office, and law enforcement agencies throughout the region and across the state. These agencies have mutual response protocols and have committed their support to our community, if needed. UNCW has a thorough and extensive response plan. The plan emphasizes fast reaction to incidents, swift notification of emergency services and the rapid involvement of senior university officials. Be assured that UNCW's

University Police and Environmental Health and Safety personnel consider a multitude of contingencies and work hard to provide a safe and secure campus environment for your children.

The Virginia Tech shootings also highlight the importance of timely, accurate and effective communications during a campus emergency. You should be aware of the mechanisms that serve our campus community:

- Broadcast e-mails
- Broadcast voice mails
- A dedicated cable channel for video feeds/updates to all dorm rooms
- RSS feeds to internet subscribers
- Campus advisories posted on the UNCW home page
- Media alerts
- e-911 services available from any campus telephone
- An emergency information hotline (1-888-657-5751 or 910-962-3991)
- Emergency call boxes throughout campus
- An offsite emergency Web presence that can be activated to replace the regular UNCW Web site with continuous emergency updates

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For several months, we have been looking at additional methods for rapid communication; I expect to move forward with implementing these initiatives by the end of the year. They include:

- Broadcast text messaging to registered cell phones
- Scrolling messages on all channels of our cable television network
- RSS feed to which Facebook users can subscribe
- A campus warning siren
- A campus public address system

Perhaps the most important security measure everyone in the campus community can take is to pay attention to what is going on around them. To supplement the security cameras we have installed, we ask that students keep their eyes and ears open, trust their instincts, and swiftly report possible criminal activity. Please encourage your son or daughter to call 911 immediately if they see someone on campus with a weapon or recognize other suspicious or threatening behavior. Important



numbers students should know for reporting information include: Non-emergency 962-2222, anonymously by phone 962-TIPS or through e-mail from www.uncw.edu/police.

In addition, if your son or daughter is in need of counseling as they work through the many issues raised by the events at Virginia Tech, please take advantage of the university's staff of highly-trained professional counselors. Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Counseling services for students are available in Westside Hall or by calling 910-962-3746.

The safety of our students is always our highest priority. Together, we can continue to enhance the safety of our campus.

Student Recreation Center Expands Discover Outdoor Programs

The new UNCW Challenge Course is celebrating its one year anniversary! We have really enjoyed the last year on this new and amazing course. It has been a great compliment to the many programs we offer including adventure trips, outdoor skills workshops, kayak clinics, equipment rental and the climbing wall. We have seen many new groups from both our campus community and from community and corporate organizations all over the region. Our new Challenge Course Coordinator, Steve Goodwin, is doing a great job and we look forward to celebrating his one-year anniversary with us this July.



In addition, Steve brings with him an exceptional set of water sport skills and certifications that will allow the program to develop its kayaking and fishing programs as well as start a surfing program! Yes, this summer we will be offering Surfing Clinics on the first and last Friday of each month. We are very excited about this and we look forward to developing this program in the future.

We are continuing to develop our leadership training program as well. This Spring we began a collaboration with Campus Activities and Involvement (CAIC) and the Center for Leadership, Education and Service (CLES) to begin a new program which will consolidate many of our leadership training, programs and opportunities in to "Leadership UNCW". This program will offer our student leaders a variety of opportunities to develop their training skills in both the classroom and in the field, and to get credit for the levels they

complete.

On Friday, April 20th, we hosted the 6th Annual Accessible Recreation day in the Student Recreation Center. This program is a collaboration between New Hanover Coastal Rehabilitation Hospital, UNCW Disability Services, Campus Recreation, and the Department of Health and Applied Human Science-Therapeutic Recreation Program and serves participants from all over



the state. All of the activities at this event are adapted for people of all ages who are wheelchair users, as well as those with other physical or sensory disabilities. This year, in addition to offering golf, tennis, climbing, yoga, aerobics, aikido, hand-cycling, gardening, ping-pong, disc golf and gardening, we also offered bocce ball, kite flying, and chair massages. The Port City Spokesmen were once again with us to demonstrate wheelchair basketball and we were honored to also host two players from the Raleigh Sidewinders Quad Rugby team who brought rugby wheelchairs and demonstrated this growing sport.

We are already looking ahead to next fall and are completing our schedule throughout the summer. If your student is interested in participating in our program, please check us out at <http://uncw.edu/stuaff/camprec/>, e-mail us at discover@uncw.edu or call us at 910-962-4052.

BB&T Corporation to Provide More Than \$1 Million Gift to UNCW Cameron School of Business

Recognizing the need for strong ethics in business leaders, BB&T Corporation has made a gift of more than \$1 million to the University of North Carolina Wilmington to establish the Moral Foundations of Capitalism program within the Cameron School of Business.

The gift will establish the BB&T Student Managed Investment Fund, which will in turn provide annual proceeds to establish and fund the BB&T Global Capitalism Lecture Series, the BB&T Institute for Global Capitalism and Ethics and several additions to the curriculum focused on teaching the moral underpinnings of our nation's economic system.

"Unfortunately, we find that many business graduates enter the workplace without a firm grasp of the moral principles underlying the free markets," said BB&T Chairman and Chief Executive Officer John Allison. "This program will emphasize our shared interest in giving students a hands-on perspective on capitalism and free markets, a better understanding of our economy, and an enhanced ability to make meaningful contributions to the world."

BB&T is a full-service financial institution built on a strong foundation that emphasizes 10 primary values and the significance of individuals' character. Visit www.bbt.com to learn more about the corporation's philosophy.

BB&T is a long-time supporter of the Cameron School of Business and UNCW. The company is a lead sponsor for the Cameron School's Annual Business Week event, which brings corporate leaders and entrepreneurs on campus to interact with students. Last year, BB&T established a scholarship fund, endowed at \$50,000, to support UNCW's student-athletes.

"This gift to the Cameron School of Business is significant in both its size and its intent," said UNCW Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo. "By investing such a large sum of money into programs focused on the moral foundations of capitalism, BB&T is making a clear statement about the importance of ethics in business education. We greatly appreciate the leadership of BB&T executives Jeff Etheridge, Phil Marion and Baxter Stirling, who serve on UNCW boards, in securing such a large corporate gift from BB&T."

Etheridge, BB&T Regional President, is a member of the UNCW Board of Trustees. Marion, Wilmington City Executive, serves on the UNCW Foundation Board and is a former member of the Board of Visitors. Baxter Stirling, South-



port City Executive, is a member of the Cameron Executive Advisory Board.

The BB&T Global Capitalism Lecture Series will provide a forum for leading experts in capitalistic theory. The Cameron School plans to seek prominent capitalists, entrepreneurs and academics as speakers, many of whom may come from the global business arena. The lecture series will be associated with the Cameron School's new International MBA program. The BB&T Institute for Global Capitalism and Ethics will sponsor faculty and student research in identifying, recognizing and promoting acts of corporate responsibility associated with Moral Foundations of Capitalism.

The BB&T Student Managed Investment Fund, endowed at \$1 million, will be one of the largest dedicated student managed funds in the country. It will allow outstanding finance students, working with Cameron faculty and selected financial services specialists, to gain hands-on, real-world experience in managing a significant portfolio of securities.

"The Cameron School of Business is excited by this opportunity to partner once again with BB&T," said Dean Larry Clark. "This gift will create a powerful learning opportunity for Cameron students to study the morals of capitalism through readings, such as Ayn Rand's 'Atlas Shrugged,' and class study and through attending presentations by respected international speakers. It will greatly enhance our new International MBA Program and provide invaluable experiences for students selected to help manage the BB&T Student Managed Investment Fund."

Currently the nation's 11th largest financial holding company with \$121.4 billion in assets, BB&T has more than 30,000 employees and more than 1,450 locations in 11 states and Washington, D.C.

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The Office of Transition Programs is responsible for providing a comprehensive program that will assist all students and their families in their transitions to and from the University. This program exposes new students to the educational opportunities within UNCW, orients them to the academic and co-curricular life of the institution, and assists them in their on-going transition to the university beyond orientation. The Office of Transition Programs also assists parents in their transition and understanding of the UNCW environment, services and changes within the university. The office is also responsible for a comprehensive senior transition program designed to help seniors make meaning of their college experience, celebrate their achievements and prepare them for life after college. In addition, the Office of Transition Programs is responsible for the coordination of Commencement.

June

18 Last day of classes Summer Session I
19 Final Exams for Summer Session I Classes
26 Summer Session II Classes Begin

July

4 Independence Day Holiday: No Classes
26 Last day of classes Summer Session II
27 Final Exams for Summer Session II Classes

August

18 Freshmen Move-In
22 Fall Classes Begin

September

3 Labor Day Holiday: No Classes



Fraternity and Sorority Recruitment Information

What are Fraternities and sororities?

Fraternities and sororities encourage and promote the development of core values, which include scholarship, leadership, community service, and personal character. The 25 organizations at UNCW represent approximately 8% of the student population. These organizations receive support and resources from their national organization as well as from the Greek Affairs Office.

Why join a fraternity or sorority?

Fraternities and sororities provide a multitude of experiences that help students feel more connected to the university. All Greek organizations offer to their members:

- Leadership opportunities within the chapter, the university and at a national level
- Academic support systems, such as programs, study group, honorary organizations, awards, and scholarships
- Community service and philanthropic programs that benefit local and national organizations
- Educational programming that addresses current issues facing Greek Students
- Athletic participation through campus recreation and intramurals
- Networking opportunities with local and national alumni for future career opportunities
- Lifetime membership and friendships

How can I find out more about membership in a Greek organization?

During the fall and spring semesters, chapters participate in a period of recruitment or "Rush" where unaffiliated students have the opportunity to learn about all of the individual chapters, their members, their history, and their programs. The fall recruitment period is typically more formal with scheduled events while the spring recruitment is more informal with various recruitment activities occurring at the beginning of the semester. If you are interested in a historically black organization you should contact that chapter directly and research the national organization. These groups have a process called intake. If you would like more information about Greek Life at UNCW, please contact the Greek Affairs Coordinator at 962-3119. Check out our website: www.uncw.edu/greek

Panhellenic Sorority Recruitment

Sign Up online at www.uncw.edu/greek
Sorority Recruitment occurs 9/5 - 9/10
Please visit our website for more in depth information such as the full schedule of events, what to wear, and what will occur during that process.

IFC Fraternity Recruitment

Fraternity Recruitment occurs 9/10 - 9/15
Contact Harrison Sasser for more information at hjs6175@uncw.edu

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