Changing of the Guard at Dining Services

Chartwells enters as Aramark departs.

UNCG awarded a five-year dining contract to Chartwells, the college and university division of the Compass Group. The contract start date is July 1, 2009, for providing all dining services on campus including student meal plans, retail locations, catering and renovations to the current Dining Hall. The contract may be extended for up to 15 years.

In addition to numerous other college and university contracts, Chartwells currently provides dining services at UNC Charlotte and UNC Asheville.

They have corporate offices in Charlotte.

The bid process began in September 2008 with the formation of the UNCG Dining Contract Review Committee, headed by Mike Byers, assistant vice chancellor for auxiliary services. The committee's charge was to assess dining needs, develop a request for proposals (RFP), review the submitted proposals and make recommendations to the vice chancellor for business affairs and the chancellor.

"The response from dining providers was excellent," Byers noted. "We had four companies participating in our process, including three major providers. Their proposals were very competitive."

Aramark will end their service on June 30, and Chartwells will begin on July 1.

Chartwells has established a detailed action plan for the transition process.

The Chartwells management team has begun to hire staff and prepare for the transition.

All hourly employees who currently work in UNCG Dining Services (Aramark) will be offered to return under the new management (Chartwells). The management team will be on campus full-time with a large start-up team, including the new director, Kevin Deans, as of this week.

During the first half of June, Chartwells will make contact with July camp organizers and conference organizers to ensure coordination. They will honor all catering and camp commitments previously made by Aramark.

Those needing to schedule now for a catered event taking place after June 30 may contact Chartwells at chartwells.catering@uncg.edu to make arrangements.

"I think it is important to note that our partners from Aramark have served UNCG well over the past 45 years and that they are committed to continuing to do so until their current agreement expires at the end of June," Byers stated. "Their service and professionalism continue to be to UNCG's benefit. We owe them our deepest gratitude for their years of partnership and service."

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H1N1 Flu Case at UNCG

Student Health Services confirmed a case of H1N1 flu in a UNCG student last week. The student was treated at Student Health Services. The student, who lives off campus, is enrolled in summer session.

Members of the University’s Emergency Preparedness and Response Team (EPART) were notified and, along with Student Health Services, continue to monitor the situation. In addition, Student Health Services is coordinating with the Guilford County Health Department.

Information regarding this virus is available at www.uncg.edu/shs/flu.

Rains Pound Campus

When it rained, it poured.

On Wednesday, June 3, the campus received just over 4.5 inches of rain between 6:30 and 8 p.m. This deluge caused numerous flooding problems. In all, about 20 buildings were affected, as debris washed over area drains, which then caused ponding around the buildings and caused water to run under the doors.

The buildings that required the most repairs and cleaning were:
• Dining Hall, where area drains at the loading dock were overwhelmed causing a dining service van to be flooded and two inches of water to flow through the entire first floor.
• North Drive Child Care, where sand washed off the playground and clogged the area drain at the rear. The building had about one inch of water on the floor.
• Student Recreation Center, where the roof leaked, putting about a half-inch of water on the fourth floor. Some water ran down the stairs to the ground floor.

Curry Child Care, Sullivan Science Building, Campus Supply, Elliot University Center, Curry Building, Stone Building, HHP Building, Petty Science Building, Jackson Library, Music Building, Cone Art Building, Bryan Building and Mossman Building were also affected.

Additionally, four residence halls had some water in the basements.

Martin New N.C. A&T Chancellor

Harold L. Martin Sr., who served since 2006 as senior vice president for academic affairs of the UNC system, has been elected chancellor of North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University by the UNC Board of Governors.

Martin assumed his new duties June 8, succeeding Stanley F. Battle.

In recommending Martin to the Board of Governors, Bowles said: “He is not only a graduate of A&T; he has also been a faculty member, dean and provost at A&T – he knows this institution inside and out. He is of North Carolina A&T. And he fully understands and appreciates the university’s rich history, and he is passionate about the larger role it can play in the life of this city and this state, and its potential to change the future of so many North Carolinians.”

As the 17-campus university’s top academic officer, Martin was responsible for leading the university’s educational and research missions.

Martin joined the A&T faculty in 1980 and was named chairman of the Department of Electrical Engineering in 1985 after a nine-month stint as acting chairman. Four years later, he was named dean of A&T’s College of Engineering, a post he held until being named vice chancellor for academic affairs in 1994. From 1987 to 1994, he also served as an adjunct faculty member in North Carolina State University’s Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering.

In 2000, Martin was tapped to provide stable, interim leadership for Winston-Salem State University following the resignation of the chancellor. Later, he was elected to the position on a permanent basis by the Board of Governors. During Martin’s six-year tenure at WSSU, enrollment nearly doubled, freshman SAT scores climbed by nearly 70 points and the campus underwent a dramatic physical transformation made possible by the 2000 Higher Education Bond Program.
In addition to the new School of Education Building, more construction projects will be under way during the summer. They are:

- **Bathroom renovation project for North and South Spencer Residence Halls.** The project will enlarge and remodel the existing bathroom and laundry facilities in the buildings in order to improve maintenance, make the spaces more housekeeping-friendly and make the rooms more inviting for students. New fire sprinkler and fire alarm systems also will be installed. This should be completed by the start of fall semester.

- **New fire alarms to replace existing systems in the Moore Nursing, Graham, Mossman and Bryan classroom buildings.** The existing systems will continue to operate until the new ones have been installed and tested. After acceptance of the new systems, the existing systems will be removed. Construction activity in most of these buildings will occur after normal working hours to minimize the disturbance to building users.

- **Partial replacement of the 40-year-old steam piping system that provides heat and hot water for the campus buildings.** Piping will be replaced in the tunnels underneath the fountain area at the Cafeteria, and on the south side of South Spencer Residence Hall. Only a small portion of the work will be visible above ground, and that is where new manholes are being added adjacent to the Fountain and near South Spencer.

- **Refurbishment of the Faculty Center exterior.** This includes repainting the exterior, repairing deteriorated wood posts, railings and trim, refurbishing the first-floor windows and replacing the gutters and downspouts.

**Campus Hosts Financial Gerontology Institute**

The Gerontology Program will host the American Institute of Financial Gerontology June 10-13.

Attendees will complete course work for certification as a Registered Financial Gerontologist, a designation for financial professionals who specialize in wealth span planning for older consumers and their families.

For more information, visit www.uncg.edu/gro.

**One Person’s Trash, Another’s Treasure**

Fewer tons of stuff were available from the bins in the lobbies of residence halls, after the students left. But the Office of Waste Reduction and Recycling still had a successful “Cram and Scram” rummage sale, netting around $2,000.

Ben Kunka (OWRR) attributed the smaller number of items left behind this year to the recession. At the end of the sale, all items not sold were donated to Greensboro Urban Ministry, he added.

The money raised will be used as scholarships for students to attend environmental learning opportunities, said Jenny Paige (OWRR), who is resigning this week and moving to the Northwest. “If any money remains after scholarships are awarded, the remainder is used to supplement costs for the annual UNCG Earth Day Celebration,” she said.

**by the numbers**

$111,652,108

The Students First Campaign will come to a close at the end of the month. Donations continue to add to the total, above. The campaign’s four initiatives are student support, attracting and retaining excellent faculty, building an exceptional learning environment, and research and service support. To contribute or learn more, visit donate. uncg.edu.
Summer Solstice Party at WAM

“Our Subject Is You” opens at event

The exhibition “Our Subject Is You” opens on Friday, June 19, 7 p.m. with a reception and performances at the annual Summer Solstice Party.

It will be an evening of music and participatory artwork.

The event is free and open to the public.

“Our Subject is You” is the first exhibition organized by the Weatherspoon to focus on participatory art. Visitors are invited to collaborate on a wall mural using graphite pigeons, create and post their personal mantras on a large sign board, and pose as human sculptures using various household goods.

The embrace of social collaboration in art has its roots in the “Happenings” and interactive works produced by artists such as Yoko Ono and Allan Kaprow in the 1960s.

Party’s schedule of events:
7 p.m.: “We Are Proud to Present” by Nina Katchadourian. Arrive 7-7:30 p.m. to participate in this red-carpet event.
8 p.m.: “Take the Stage,” with open mic and live entertainment.

Cyrus Shares ‘Steps in the Street’

Fans of Martha Graham Dance Co. have several treats in store

When he was a member of the Martha Graham Dance Company, Duane Cyrus (Dance) would find a seat in the wings or in the audience to watch spellbound as his fellow dancers performed “Steps in the Street.”

Now, more than 15 years later, Cyrus will spend the next year studying and sharing that 1936 composition with a new generation of dancers.

Supported by a $15,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts and university matching funds, the project will culminate with performances at the end of the spring semester. Venues will include local high schools, where UNCG student dancers will perform and discuss the work.

Cyrus picked “Steps” after consulting with Katherine Crockett, a principal dancer with the Graham Company who will visit campus in the spring.

“Maybe you’ve not seen dance before. We want you to be able to come see it and not be alienated,” said Cyrus, a dancer in the Graham Company from 1990-93. “Sometimes dance in its more intellectual form can be too distanced from the general populace. Graham, particularly ‘Steps in the Street,’ is accessible.”

This summer, Cyrus will research the dance, including attending classes at the Martha Graham Center in New York City. During the fall, he will teach Graham’s technique and history to dance majors and will hold auditions for the cast.

In the spring, he will guide rehearsals, performances and outreach, including presentations about “Steps” and Graham.

UNCG is offering additional opportunities to appreciate Graham’s legacy in the coming year. The Graham Company will perform in Aycock Auditorium Oct. 24 as part of the University Concert and Lecture Series. That same week, the Department of Dance has scheduled Janet Eilber, Graham Company artistic director, to present the annual Lawther Lecture.

Athletes Honored

Laura Olenderski and Arsel Kumdereli of UNCG were among 24 student-athletes honored with the Coleman Lew Leadership Award at the Southern Conference’s Annual Meetings.

Coaches, faculty athletic representatives and senior woman administrators nominated prospective candidates based on leadership, academic excellence and athletic achievement in both the college environment and the community.

Olenderski will be a senior next year on the softball team. A native of Lewes, Del., she is majoring in marketing.

Kumdereli will be a senior next year on the men’s tennis team. A native of Turkey, he is a business major.

Papers of Prolific Poet

The University Libraries have acquired the papers of inspirational poet Roy Z. Kemp.

Kemp published more than 3,000 poems in his lifetime. His poems inspired readers of spiritual magazines like Ideals for decades. He is perhaps best remembered for his message that “There is no better or more blessed bondage than to be a prisoner of hope.”

The Kemp collection includes letters documenting his publication history and correspondence with spiritual magazines as well as his personal correspondence while he served in World War II.

Kemp’s poems, published and unpublished; book reviews; feature articles he wrote for newspapers in North Carolina and Maryland; letters; and correspondence compose the collection. A selection of his papers is on display in the Hodges Reading Room at Jackson Library.

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Broadcasting & Cinema

Broadcasting & Cinema Becomes Media Studies

Starting July 1, the Department of Broadcasting and Cinema will have a new name: the Department of Media Studies.

The change, unanimously approved by department faculty, reflects paradigm shifts that have occurred in the discipline in recent years, said Dr. David A. Cook, head of the department. It also signals a larger initiative to change the direction and curriculum of the department to better suit a 21st century audience.

“The curriculum basically hadn’t changed since 1975,” Cook said, dating back to when the university’s first program in the field was created.

But the world around it has changed significantly.

“What we have had since 1975 is the arrival of the internet, laptop computers, PDAs, cell phones, iPods and iPhones … These sources of information are competing with each other and all the other electronic demands on our attention,” Cook said.

The new curriculum, expected to be completed by the fall of 2010, has 16 new or amended courses designed to teach students how to creatively produce and critically analyze media. The core curriculum for all majors has been updated, and concentrations will be eliminated in favor of allowing students to craft their own areas of specialization.

“These are big, big changes,” Cook said. “We threw out half of the curriculum and updated the half we left in.”

The department’s MFA program will also have a new emphasis in documentary production, drawing on the strength of faculty members Matt Barr, Michael Frierson and Brett Ingram.

New Certificate Program

The African American Studies Program will launch a post baccalaureate certificate program this fall.

The 15-hour, interdisciplinary program is open to current graduate students and community members who have earned a bachelor’s degree or higher in any field.

Application to the post baccalaureate program should be made through the Graduate School. The GRE is not required for admission, but applicants must write a statement detailing their interest in the program.

For more information, visit www.uncg.edu/afs or www.uncg.edu/grs.

Nano Microscopes

The Joint School of Nanoscience and Nanoengineering (JSNN) has chosen Carl Zeiss SMT to be the supplier of a state-of-the-art suite of advanced charged-particle-beam microscopes. Included is the first ORION PLUS helium-ion-microscope ever installed in the Southeastern U.S.

“Our objective is to become a world class educational and technical institution, with an infrastructure that includes the advanced instruments needed to support leading-edge fundamental and applied research in Nanoscience and Nanoengineering,” said Dr. James G. Ryan, dean, JSNN. “One of the core essentials for this infrastructure is a set of microscopy and analysis instruments that enables us to see and analyze materials at the nano level.

“The Carl Zeiss ORION PLUS helium-ion-microscope is a true ‘impact technology’, holding the world record for scanning electron and ion microscopy resolution,” he said.

In addition to the ORION PLUS helium-ion-microscope, JSNN will be acquiring three additional electron microscopes from Carl Zeiss SMT:

- an EVO multi-purpose scanning electron microscope (SEM) that is also known as an "environmental SEM" and will enable examination of biological samples without metallic coating;
- a LIBRA 120 PLUS energy-filter transmission electron microscope (TEM) for high resolution study of nanostructures coupled with chemical analysis capability; and
- an AURIGA CrossBeam FIB/SEM workstation, a Field Emission Scanning Electron Microscope with Focused Ion Beam to enable high resolution examination of samples as well as in-situ sample preparation.

The microscopes are scheduled for installation at JSNN south campus in the coming months.

The JSNN is a joint venture of North Carolina A&T State University and UNCG.
A Closer Look at Natural Disasters

Dr. Eric Jones and Dr. Art Murphy, anthropology professors, have long been intrigued by the intersection of natural disasters and the socio-economic backdrop that frames them. What factors enable one area to recover smoothly while others remain mired in the aftermath? How do the “Haves” in a society fare versus the “Have Nots”? Their interest in how power and wealth distribution impacts disaster recovery has led them to compile and edit a new collection of articles by diverse experts in the fields of anthropology, sociology, economics, political science and geography. The book, “The Political Economy of Hazards and Disasters,” grew out of a conference on the politics and economics of natural disasters that UNCG hosted in 2007.

Murphy and Jones say post-disaster inequity is almost inevitable. For example, wealthy homeowners who lose their homes to California wildfires will surely fare better than poor Ecuadorian farmers forced to live in volcanic danger zones at the margins of society or low-income renters left homeless after Katrina, but it is the role of external assistance that can make all the difference.

“We’re looking at how government involvement plays out, for better or worse,” Jones says. “It’s about linking people’s daily lives to what governing elites do.”

The book includes an article by Dr. Shelly Brown-Jeffy and Dr. Steve Kroll-Smith, both sociology professors. They wrote about inequality in the aftermath of the 1906 San Francisco Earthquake.

Life of Bryan

A five-case exhibit on Joseph M. Bryan is now on the first floor of Jackson Library. It gives a brief history of his life, touching on politics, the Army, golf, Bryan Boulevard, his wife Kathleen Price Bryan and his connection to UNCG.

Some of the more interesting artifacts in the exhibit include Bryan’s Augusta National green golf jacket and several letters from past U.S. presidents including Kennedy, Nixon and Reagan.