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Here, in Prague’s Dvořák Hall, composer Antonín Dvořák conducted the Czech Philharmonic in its first performance, of his own splendid works.

And here, the UNCG Wind Ensemble launched its 2016 summer tour of Europe - the first European tour in the ensemble’s history.

Dr. John Locke and Dr. Kevin Geraldi led the tour, for which the students could earn academic credit.

For Locke, that initial concert in one of Europe’s oldest concert halls was the highlight. “The place was all but full.”

For Geraldi, a concert in Innsbruck, surrounded by snow-capped Alps, was another highlight. “It was a fundraiser for their version of a Ronald McDonald House. The audience was very knowledgeable and enthusiastic, and they all wanted to talk with us at a reception following the concert.”

That post-concert reception and interaction in Innsbruck made that concert the favorite of Music doctoral student JR Lake Jr, studying to be a conductor. He conducted at most of the concerts.

Justin Swaim, who just completed his master’s in conducting, also conducted at most of the performances - and loved everything about their time in Innsbruck. “It was nice playing for a packed house. The energy was really great.”

The ensemble played concerts in Prague, Czech Republic; Bad Ischl, Austria; Innsbruck, Austria; Bologna, Italy; and Rome, Italy. In addition to touring in those cities, they also visited the historic sights in Salzburg, Austria; Florence, Italy; and Venice, Italy.

Their double-decker bus took them from city to city, with a trailer behind, through tight ancient city streets and through Alpine tunnels.

They’d rehearsed for the tour in the two weeks before they left, on May 10, for the twelve day journey. They played six concerts. It was a for-credit course. SMTD scholarships payed for a portion of these student expenses. Sixty-eight UNCG students were part of the tour.

Complementing the students’ tour, a group of alumni and friends of the university enjoyed their own tour of Europe, where they saw several of the ensemble’s concerts.

Nathan Phillips, who played trombone for the UNCG Wind Ensemble, called the ensemble journey a one-in-a-lifetime trip. Jared Gilbert, who also played trombone, noted it was his first time abroad.

Geraldi explains that for many students it was their first trip beyond our border. “It was life-changing for the students.” They got to perform in wonderful, historic auditoriums - and they were able to see some of the most historic places in Western culture.

By Mike Harris
Photography by Brad McMillan

CANINES ON THE CASE, AT UNCG

Late one night, Sergeant Marcus Graves was patrolling the Oakland Avenue parking lot with his canine Jax when he came noticed a student crawling on her hands and knees through the grass.

“It was dark and she had lost her key,” said Sgt. Graves. “It’d take me and her hours to search the grass so I gave Jax the command and he found it in a minute.”

Sgt. Graves, who’s served with the UNCG Police Department since 2005, has partnered with the Belgian Malinois since 2009. The two share not only the same birthday and a friendship but a strong working relationship, as well. While Sgt. Graves offers Jax a kennel at his own home, the canine offers his keen sense of smell.

“You know whenever a rock hits the water and there’s that ripple? That effect is not unlike what Jax is sensing,” said Sgt. Graves. “There’s human odor on those keys. But the longer it sits, the harder it is to locate. He could also be sniffing for something that’s out of place.”

According to Sgt. Graves, 95 percent of the K9 unit’s duties involve narcotics and traffic stops. At other times the City of Greensboro might use the duo for article searches or tracking a suspect. On top of that, Jax and Sgt. Graves offer public demonstrations about four or five times a month.
Jax is one of three dogs that make up UNCG PD’s K-9 unit. The other two, Sasha and Tink - a Dutch Shepherd and Belgian Malinois, respectively - make up the complete unit.

Jax is trained in Schutzhund, a German dog-training technique that emphasizes selective breeding and requires rigorous training. Like many police dogs trained in Schutzhund, Jax was imported from a European breeder and takes commands in German. Importing from selective breeders means that Jax has the right temperament for police work and is less likely to suffer physical ailments such as hip dysplasia. But at 9 years old, Jax is beginning to show signs of aging.

He still likes his red ball and is as hardworking as ever, but now he wants to be petted. Jax’s retirement is still some ways off, but when the day comes, Sgt. Graves said that there will always be a place for the canine at his home.

“He’s family,” said Sgt. Graves.

By Daniel Wirtheim
Photo: Jax and Sergeant Graves at UNCG Field Day

**EMF CLASSICAL MUSIC AT UNCG**

Enjoy the Eastern Music Festival Faculty Chamber Series in July at UNCG. Each performance features renowned musicians.

The first event is this Sunday, 3 p.m., in the UNCG Music Building Recital Hall and will feature Nadja Salerno-Sonnenberg on violin.

The remainder of our campus’ July events are in the UNCG Music Building Recital Hall on Monday evenings at 8 p.m.

The Monday, July 11, concert will feature compositions of Mozart, Pawassar and Mendelssohn.

Additional concerts will follow on Monday, July 18, and Monday, July 25.


**UNCG HRL AND MAKE-A-WISH EVENT JULY 7**

By the close of the spring 2016 semester, Housing and Residence Life (HRL) staff raised a total of $7,016.82 for the Make-a-Wish Foundation. These donations will fully sponsor a wish for a young woman named Precious. The public is invited to join Make-A-Wish staff, Precious and her family, and HRL staff at the “wish reveal” on Thursday, July 7 at 4 p.m. in the Tillman-Smart room of Shaw Hall.

Katie Patschke-McGuire, a Coordinator for Residence Life for HRL, organized this fundraising effort to incorporate the institution’s motto of service into the daily lives of the Resident Advisors (RAs) at UNCG. HRL partnered with the Central and Western North Carolina chapter of the Make-a-Wish Foundation in August, 2015. HRL set a fundraising goal of $6,000 to fully fund one wish for a local child diagnosed with a life-threatening illness.

The RA Make-A-Wish Committee was formed, including at least one RA from each of the residential communities in order to effectively organize fundraising initiatives. 21 students, almost 18% of the RAs on campus, volunteered to help. As part of the committee, these enthusiastic students were responsible for coordinating fundraising efforts within their halls. Fundraising programs included “pie-your-RA,” competitive penny wars, “Star Walls,” and more.

They also created campus-wide initiatives to raise money. From November to January, donation bins were placed in each residence hall and residents were encouraged to donate any articles of clothing they no longer wanted or wore. The clothing was washed and prepped, and a “Pop-Up Thrift Shop” was set up in the EUC for two days in February, 2016. All proceeds were included with the Make-A-Wish funds and any unsold clothing was donated to Backpack Beginnings and the Salvation Army.

By fully funding a wish, HRL staff will also have the opportunity to host a Welcome Home party for Precious, when she and her family will share their memories of their completed wish.

Questions? Contact Chris Gregory, cdgregor@uncg.edu.

**NEH SUMMER STIPENDS GO TO UNCG RESEARCHERS**

Dr. Joan Titus and Dr. Linda Rupert have both received 2016 summer stipends from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Universities may only submit two applications per year for these highly competitive awards, and less than 10 percent of all applicants secure funding. The funding of not one but both applications reflects highly on the winners and UNCG.

The stipends provide funding for two months of research. One project will explore a current gap in research at the intersection of non-western cinema, media studies, and music, while the other seeks to highlight the varied experiences of escaped slaves in the Caribbean.

Titus, an associate professor of musicology, will conduct archival research in St. Petersburg and Moscow, Russia, in preparation for her second book, currently titled “Dmitry Shostakovich and Music for Stalinist Cinema.” Titus’s analysis will include discussions of Soviet identities, post-war film narratives, and the musical strategies Dmitry Shostakovich employed as he explored these ideas while composing for cinema. Spanning the rise and fall of the Stalinist Soviet Union, Shostakovich’s work reflects ongoing advances in cinema technology and style, his collaborations with film directors, and the sociopolitical climate of his time.

Rupert, an associate professor of history, specializes in trans-Atlantic colonialism. Her stipend will support work on a book examining the actions and impacts of Caribbean slaves who escaped to settle in free Spanish colonies in the late 17th and 18th centuries. The book explores how the choices of these escaped slaves went on to shape colonial law and policy. Rupert has also been awarded a fellowship at the John Carter Brown Library in Providence, RI, for the 2016-2017 academic year, where she hopes to complete the manuscript.

By Olivia Wood
See full story at UNCG Research site.
UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES RECEIVE GRANT TO SUPPORT “GOOD MEDICINE: GREENSBORO’S HOSPITALS AND HEALERS, 1865-2015”

The University Libraries at UNCG are partnering with three other area institutions on a project to make the records of the history of medicine in Greensboro - a total of thirteen unique archival collections - better known and more accessible to scholars, students and community researchers.

“Good Medicine: Greensboro’s Hospitals and Healers, 1865-2015” will provide digital access to more than 47,100 items from thirteen archival collections and also from several monographs. The material documents Greensboro’s rich medical history, from its origin in church-housed hospitals during the Civil War and the arrival of Greensboro’s first Catholic hospital, to the development of nursing education programs and large health care providers. Along with institutions, Good Medicine will document the contributions of individuals such as Dr. Anna Gove (one of the first female physicians in North Carolina) and Dr. Wesley Long during the World War I era, as well as the important roles of philanthropists such as Moses H. Cone and Lunsford Richardson. Good Medicine will build on the significant content currently being digitized on the history of the Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital and the correspondence of Dr. Anna Gove. The project is a collaborative effort of The University of North Carolina at Greensboro University Libraries, the Cone Health Medical Library, the Greensboro Historical Museum Archives, and the Greensboro Public Library.

Additional information is at http://uncgfol.blogspot.com/2016/06/university-libraries-receive-grant-to.html.

RECOGNITION FOR UNCG PEDESTRIAN UNDERPASS

The design of the UNCG Pedestrian Underpass is a top 100 award winner in this year’s CODAwards.

These awards of the global online Community of Art and Design celebrates design projects that demonstrate the most successful integration of commissioned art into an interior, architectural, or public space, the web site states. 407 projects from 29 countries submitted to this year’s awards, it says. The Top 100 entries are featured on CODAworx and available for public voting. Two projects will win the CODAwards People’s Choice award. If you wish to vote for the pedestrian underpass project - the deadline is tomorrow (Thursday, June 30) - visit https://www.codaworx.com/awards/codawards/2016/voting and see Vision Plan for New Neighborhood.

ASTROPHYSICIST MIROSHNICHENKO ORGANIZES INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ‘B[E]’ STELLAR PHENOMENON

Astrophysics is one of the research and teaching directions in UNCG’s Department of Physics and Astronomy. At least two of the three undergraduate courses in astronomy (AST-209, Astronomy: The Solar System and AST-235, Astronomy: Stars and Galaxies) and astrophysics (PHY-330) are offered every semester. The courses include sessions in the UNCG Planetarium (Petty Bldg., room 310) and at the Three College Observatory (TCO, Alamance County), both of which also offer sessions to the general public. Nearly a thousand people go through these two facilities every year. The TCO has a 32-inch reflecting telescope, one of the largest in the Southeastern U.S.

Using the TCO telescope, UNCG astronomers Dr. Anatoly Miroshnichenko, associate professor, and Dr. Stephen Danford, emeritus professor, are carrying out several research projects on stars at various evolutionary stages and collaborating with colleagues from ten foreign countries. The TCO has been very active since the installation of a spectrograph in 2011, which has opened more research opportunities for interested students.

As a result of the international collaborations, Dr. Miroshnichenko has been chosen to lead the Scientific Organizing Committee of the international conference “The B[e] Phenomenon. Forty Years of Studies,” taking place June 26 to July 1, 2016, in Prague, Czech Republic.

Miroshnichenko joined the UNCG Department of Physics and Astronomy in 2005. His research interests are focused on early-type stars (hotter than the Sun) surrounded by circumstellar envelopes (Herbig Ae/Be stars, B[e] stars, Novae, high-luminosity objects, and classical Be stars) as well as on studies of fundamental parameters of stars (surface temperature, luminosity) and stellar evolution.

The main scope of the Prague conference is recent progress in studies of several groups of stars which are surrounded by large amounts of atoms and molecules gravitationally bound to the stars. Such a situation may occur when stars are still forming in clouds of interstellar matter or stars are getting dispersed back into interstellar space due to evolutionary processes.

This phenomenon (called the B[e] phenomenon, in which “B” refers to a range of surface temperature of the stars and “[e]” refers to the presence of certain spectral lines in the stars’ spectra) was discovered in 1976 by two astronomers, Jean-Pierre Swings of Belgium (who will be the first conference speaker) and David Allen of Australia, and has been studied by dozens of astronomers worldwide. This conference is only the third one devoted to studies of this phenomenon. The first two were held in 1997 in Paris, France, and 2005 in the Netherlands. Both these conferences attracted roughly 40 astronomers each. The 2016 conference has 85 participants from 12 countries.

The conference will highlight astrophysics research conducted at UNCG through two major oral presentations and nearly a dozen poster presentations, where results of observations and data analysis done by the UNCG astrophysicists will be used.


A short video featuring the conference and the leading role of UNCG can be found www.youtube.com/watatch?v=YUCmkWhnyOU.
LOOKING AHEAD: JUNE 29, 2016

Independence Day holiday
July 4, classes dismissed; offices closed

Staff Senate Executive Team Meeting
Thursday, July 7, 10 a.m. MHRA 2603

Make-A-Wish / HRL “wish reveal”
Thursday, July 7, 4 p.m., Tillman-Smart room, Shaw Hall

EMF Faculty Chamber Series concert
Monday, July 11, 8 p.m., Music Building Recital Hall

Staff Senate meeting
Thursday, July 14, 10 a.m., Alumni House

PAINTING OF WATER TOWER WILL AFFECT SOME PARKING

A contractor in the next 6-8 weeks will clean and paint the elevated water tank located on the corner of Aycock St. and Oakland St., at the southeastern corner of UNCG campus. There will be no change to the visuals that appears on the water tower.

Some parking spaces along Oakland Avenue and in Lot 1 near the water tower will be “coned off” by the City of Greensboro. Also, traffic will be diverted away from the Oakland-Aycock entry.

2016 TRIPLE PLAY IN BIG LEAGUES

UNCG Baseball had a trio of players drafted in the 2016 Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft in mid-June. L.J. Kalawaia, Hunter Smith and Collin Woody were selected in the 21st, 24th and 38th rounds, respectively. They each have graduated, L.J. and Collin majoring in communication studies and Hunter majoring in business administration. Having three draft picks matches the most Spartans picked in the same draft in school history. UNCG had three players drafted in 2007 and 1994.

STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES RE-ACCREDITATION

Under the leadership of recently retired Dr. Tresa Saxton, UNCG’s Student Health Services has recently been notified that it has received re-accreditation by AAAHC, the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care. This means that the program meets or exceeds the nationally-recognized standards for quality of care and patient safety. Student Health Services has been accredited since 2004.

FOR DNP PROGRAM ACCREDITATION

The UNCG School of Nursing will be hosting a team from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) on Sept. 14-16, 2016, for the purpose of initial accreditation of the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program. CCNE invites written third-party comments about the DNP program until August 24, 2016. Please send comments to: CCNE, Attn: Third Party Comments, One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530, Washington, DC 20036, or via email at thirdpartycomments@aacn.nche.edu.

DR. JOHN WILLSE

Dr. John Willse (Educational Research Methodology) received new funding from Castle Worldwide for an OAERS contract with Castle Worldwide Inc. 2016-2017. Castle Worldwide Inc. will support an ERM student who will be assigned to relevant activities pertaining to data management, data analysis, data documentation, report writing and general assessment activities.

Also, Guilford County Schools is funding a contract with OAERS for 2016-2017.

Services provided by the UNCG Office of Assessment, Evaluation, and Research Services (OAERS) will be related to data analysis, data management, and report writing.

SEE/HEAR: JUNE 29, 2016

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rUBZ-C1YEA8

Dr. Anthony Dellinger ’14 had a delightfully fishy experience with UNCG. He rigorously researched a sustainable replacement for bait fish while earning his doctorate at the Joint School of Nanoscience and Nanotechnology, a joint venture of UNCG and NC A&T State. And thanks to the entrepreneurial focus of the school, and a partnership with Dr. Christopher Kepley, that research has become a viable business. Organobait was formulated to replace the use of wild fish stocks as the primary bait in commercial lobster and crab traps. He praises JSNN’s unique nature, which emphasizes not only academics but also teaches business aspects of the field including funding, business development and patent creation. “It offers students an extremely novel and diverse educational experience.”

You can read more in the latest UNCG Magazine, alumnimagazine.uncg.edu.