Chancellor’s address: ‘Giant steps’ for UNCG

It’s for UNCG to take giant steps.

That was Chancellor Franklin D. Gilliam Jr.’s message to faculty and staff Aug. 17 in his State of the Campus address.

Gilliam celebrated the university’s accomplishments during his first year as chancellor. He praised the university’s enrollment growth, the passage of the Connect NC bond referendum, the grand openings of the Leonard J. Kaplan Center for Wellness and the Union Square Campus and numerous accolades for departments across campus, including Counseling and Educational Development’s No. 2 national ranking.

“Where we stand now – and what we’ve accomplished over the last year – provides a solid foundation for our future,” he said.

The bulk of his speech, however, focused on what’s next for UNCG.

“It’s time for us now to take some giant steps toward making our great university the best it can possibly be,” Gilliam said.

His message was inspired by John Coltrane’s song, “Giant Steps.” Not only did the piece introduce revolutionary harmonic progressions, but it changed the fabric of jazz composition.

“I like the aspirational metaphor of ‘Giant Steps,’” Gilliam said.

As the world around us continues to evolve, UNCG – like most universities – also faces considerable challenges.

“I understand that taking big steps involves risks,” Gilliam said, but added that safe, incremental changes are not enough.

Giant steps toward success require a change in culture, clear expectations for growth and big ideas. A continued focus on talent management, diversity and inclusion, as well as higher standards for technology are critical as well.

According to Gilliam, there is much work to be done, but there is a solid foundation in place for it to be laid upon.

“We are poised to take giant steps. We are chasing excellence.”

See video of the address.

By Jeanie McDowell

Photography by Martin W. Kane
UNCG Police reach out, make friends at Move-in

UNCG Police have always helped in managing traffic and with any other related needs during move-in. But this is the first year UNCG Police Command Staff and officers in the department have helped students with their move-in, from curb to room.

Paul Lester, UNCG Chief of Police, was one of those helping.

Chief Lester said that they had observed other campus entities do this, and wanted to step up their involvement this year.

It’s a way to reach out to the students and their families, Lester explained. They see that UNCG Police are approachable and ready to be of service. And being a bigger part of Move-in was great.

“This is one more way we can help.”

See related story on Move-in facts and figures.

By Mike Harris
Photograph by Martin W. Kane

UNCG alumnus Paul Chelimo wins Olympic Silver

Former Spartan track and field star Paul Chelimo ’14 placed second in the Olympic men’s 5,000-meter race Saturday night bringing home a silver medal for Team USA.

Chelimo posted a personal-best time of 13:03.90, becoming the first U.S. medal winner in the men’s 5,000-meter race since 1964. Chelimo finished just 0.60 seconds behind Mo Farrah of Great Britain.

“It’s the best feeling ever,” Chelimo told the Associated Press. “It’s the best, best feeling ever.”
But the night wasn’t without drama of Olympic proportions. Initially, Chelimo was disqualified for a lane infringement. USA Track and Field appealed the ruling and, an hour later, the International Association of Athletics Federation reinstated Chelimo.

On campus, nearly 600 Spartans gathered in the Elliott University Center for a watch party. As UNCG’s first Olympian crossed the finish line, the Cone Ballroom erupted into cheers, high-fives and a lot of Spartan pride.

By Alyssa Bedrosian
Photography courtesy USA Today

See story - and a great Storify collection of social media posts including video of the Cone Ballroom viewing - at UNCG Now.

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**Health offerings for employees, at no cost to you**

HealthyUNCG, UNCG’s employee wellness program, has several opportunities to keep you active and well this fall.

**HealthyU begins August 31.**
HealthyU is a free 12-week weight loss program for UNCG Employees only. This program is designed to help you lose weight and keep it off through information and accountability. Session topics focus on nutrition, physical activity, stress management, goal setting and accountability. Join in 3 easy steps:

1. Register by going to our website [HERE](#).
2. Stop by the EUC’s Phillips Room any time between 11 a.m.-2 p.m., August 31, for a baseline assessment and pre-survey (takes approximately 15-20 minutes).
3. Show up to the first session on Sept. 7 from noon-1 p.m. in McIver 140.

**Join the 3S (Sip, Stand Stretch!) Movement Challenge**
The 3S Movement is a self care intervention to promote health and prevent disease. The Challenge is a 4 week challenge that runs September 5th - Sept 30th. Win prizes by just standing up at your workstation and sipping water.

Every hour you will log drinking water (sip), stand up or walk, and stretch. Learn more and register [HERE](#).

**Group Fitness is back**
HealthyUNCG and the UNCG Department of Wellness and Recreation will be offering multiple opportunities for group fitness at the new Kaplan Center for Health and Wellness beginning the week of September 5th. We will also continue our weekly group walks! Full details and schedule coming soon.

**Fitness Lending Library**
Can't make it to our group fitness programs? Try our Fitness Lending Library (FLL). The FLL allows employees and departments to "check out" various fitness equipment to use while in the office. Items target flexibility, strength, and cardiovascular fitness and includes over 75 items. HealthyUNCG will even deliver the items to you and pick up the items when you are finished. They have many new items this year. Check it out [Here](#).

Visit healthy.uncg.edu for a full list of employee wellness opportunities, including the Personal Wellness Profile, Health Coaching, Miles for Wellness walking challenge (coming this fall), customized programs, special events and more.

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**Move-In 2016 facts and figures**
Move-in Aug. 17-19 was as successful as it was warm.

Chancellor Gilliam was among the many passing out cold water and other treats or helping students and their families unload their belongings.

Tim Johnson, director of Housing & Residence Life, gave Campus Weekly a report on Move-In as of 8 a.m. Monday. Some key numbers:

- UNCG Housing & Residence Life had 5,380 students checked into their residence halls.
- Additionally, about 60 students have been assigned to "temporary" spaces. 45 students remain on a waiting list.
- Each year there are some "no-shows" for student housing. Therefore, most of those currently in temp spaces will be reassigned to permanent rooms in the first couple of weeks of the semester.
- Most of those on the waiting list are upperclassmen who have a local address and applied very late in the summer. They are generally able to commute to campus until we are able to find them a space, Johnson explains.
- "We are slightly ahead of last year with these (on-campus residence) numbers," Johnson added.

By Mike Harris
Photograph of Chancellor Gilliam at move-in by Martin W. Kane

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**New initiative: stipends for three faculty members**

In a new initiative, the University Libraries awarded $1,000 stipends to three faculty members to provide support to revise their spring 2016 courses to incorporate more information literacy and increase librarian involvement. The faculty selected partnered with several UNCG librarians to develop new assignments and assessments that enhanced student learning.

Dr. Thomas Jackson, History 391 Historical Skills and Methods, worked with Kathy Crowe (Libraries' liaison to the History department) Lynda Kellam (Data Services and Government Information Librarian), and Kathelene Smith (Photographs, Artifacts, and Textiles Archivist) to incorporate library databases, historic census and polling data, and archival materials relating to the sit-ins of the 1960s.

Ms. Stephanie Hudson collaborated with Amy Harris Houk (Libraries' liaison to the School of Education) on ELC 381 The Institution of Education. The class included a series of scaffolded assignments centered around constructing authority in a variety of situations.

Dr. Jonathan Zarecki, Classical Studies 102 The Classical Art of Persuasion) partnered with Jenny Dale (Director of First-Year Programs and Libraries' liaison to the English department). The class focused on incorporating information literacy into classical rhetoric.

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**Weight Watchers @ Work open house Aug. 31**

UNCG Weight Watchers @ Work’s next Open House is Wednesday, August 31, 2016 at noon in MHRA 3501.

Interested in joining the UNCG Weight Watchers at Work Program? Come to the Open House on Wednesday, August 31, 2016 at noon in MHRA 3501. Attending provides you an opportunity to see how a meeting is conducted, meet current participants and have your questions answered by group leader Donna Sexton.

The Weight Watchers at Work program consists of a 12 week series of informative and motivational group meetings. Meeting time ranges
from 45 minutes to one-hour weekly on Wednesdays in MHRA 3501 from noon-1 p.m. with weigh-in starting Wednesday, September 7. These meetings are open to the entire UNCG community including faculty, staff and students.

For more information, contact Elizabeth L'Eplattenier at 334-3410 or email ebleplat@uncg.edu. Find the group on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/UNCGWWatWork

*Must have 15 paying members to start a 12 week session.

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Douglas and Carr advisors for National Folk Festival

A 2015 National Folk Festival performance

Every big event in Greensboro, it seems, has UNCG ties.

The National Folk Festival is no exception.

Dr. Gavin Douglas and Dr. Revell Carr, faculty in the UNCG School of Music's ethnomusicology program, are members of the festival's Program Committee.

Those members are key in selecting the performers, as consultants to the national festival.

It’s an enjoyable role, Carr explained, as they listen to lots of recordings of potential performers.

Both faculty members will also serve in introducing and hosting some of the performers during the three-day festival.

The festival, with no admission charge, will be Sept. 9-11 throughout downtown Greensboro. It will feature a diverse range of musical and art genres from throughout America.

*Visual: Klezmer performance at last year’s National Folk Festival. Photo courtesy the National Folk Festival.*

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“Recovery: It’s epic!” Sept. 1

UNCG’s Spartan Recovery Program (SRP) welcomes Dr. Michael Washo to campus as we recognize National Recovery Month in September. Join us at Elliott University Center from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 1, in the Dogwood Room for light refreshments and an evening of celebrating recovery. Washo will share his personal and professional experience in the field followed by a panel discussion from the local recovery community.

Washo arrived as medical director at Fellowship Hall from the R.J. Blackley Alcohol and Drug Abuse Treatment Center in Butner, N.C., where he served as staff psychiatrist. He completed his medical school at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine.

This event is part of National Recovery Month, marked nationally in September. The SRP’s additional event is Sept 29 at Elliot, in Dogwood Room, with a screening of the film “Anonymous People.” A panel discussion will follow.
### Teens and Weatherspoon art

The Weatherspoon Art Museum announces a new education opportunity: “Teens Behind-the-Scenes” is a six-week program where high school teens discover the history of Weatherspoon Art Museum; explore museum careers; and learn about the interpretation of art objects. Based on WAM’s earlier Teen Art Guides program, Teens Behind-the-Scenes distills the museum experience into a single semester, allowing more flexibility for busy high school students.

**When & Where:** Meet at the Weatherspoon Art Museum, corner of Spring Garden & Tate Street, 4:30-6:00 pm, six Thursday afternoons: September 22-October 27, 2016. Free parking is available behind the museum, and a parking permit is provided.

**Materials fee:** $25 WAM family and student members/ $35 non-members/ scholarships available. Participants receive a one-year student membership or membership renewal.

**Application:** [http://weatherspoon.uncg.edu/learn/k12-students-teachers/](http://weatherspoon.uncg.edu/learn/k12-students-teachers/)

**Application Due Date:** Thursday, September 8, 2016

Questions? Contact Terri Dowell-Dennis at t_dowell@uncg.edu or call 336-256-1449.

### Dr. Holly Sienkiewicz

Dr. Holly Sienkiewicz (Center for New North Carolinians) received new funding from the North Carolina Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service for AmeriCorps ACCESS Project. The purpose of this project is to help immigrants gain access to human services, build bridges with mainstream society, and assist immigrants with acculturation leading to self-sufficiency.

### Dr. Jacqueline Debrew

Dr. Jacqueline Debrew (School of Nursing) received new funding from the North Carolina Area Health Education Center for expansion of RN to BSN outreach programs to rural areas of North Carolina in 2016-2017.

### Dr. Cherry Callahan
Dr. Cherry Callahan (Student Affairs) received new funding from the UNC General Administration for the project "Collegiate Recovery Community." This project is supported by funds from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS). The abstract notes that the Spartan Recovery Program is a program of Student Health Services located in the Counseling Center that is available, free of charge, to UNCG students in all phases of recovery from addictions to alcohol and/or other drugs.

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Dr. Tracy Bartlett

Dr. Tracy Bartlett (School of Nursing) received new funding from the Jonas Center for Nursing and Veterans Healthcare for the “The Jonas Scholar Program.” Funds will be awarded by AACN on behalf of the Jonas Center for Nursing and Veterans Healthcare to universities over a two-year grant period. The Jonas Center has chosen the UNCG to participate in the Jonas Scholar Program with grants to support one PhD Jonas Nurse Leader Scholar and one PhD Jonas Veterans Healthcare Scholar with scholarships.

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Dr. Colleen Fairbanks

Dr. Colleen Fairbanks (Teacher Education and Higher Education) received new funding from UNC School of the Arts for the project "Student Personnel Program in Higher Education (SPAHE) at the University of North Carolina School of the Arts (2016-2017)." She received funding from Greensboro College for the project "Student Personnel Program in Higher Education (SPAHE) at Greensboro College (2016-2017)." She received funding from Guilford College for the project "Student Personnel Program in Higher Education (SPAHE) at Guilford College (2016-2017)."

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Looking ahead: August 24, 2016

Spartan Service Day
Saturday, Aug. 27, 9 a.m.

Women’s Soccer vs. Wake Forest
Sunday, Aug. 28, 4 p.m.

Faculty Senate meeting
Wednesday, Aug. 31, 3 p.m.

Chad Eby Quintet, 'Miles and Coltrane at 90'
Friday, Sept. 2, 7:30 p.m., The Crown, Carolina Theatre

Staff Senate meeting
Thursday, Sept. 8, 10 a.m., Moran Commons, Room 109

Collage concert
Saturday, Sept. 11, 7:30 p.m., UNCG Auditorium

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**In memoriam: Dr. Tony DeCasper**

Anthony (Tony) DeCasper, Professor Emeritus of Developmental Psychology at UNCG, died on July 4. He joined the faculty of UNCG in the mid-1970s, and retired 2012. His scientific career is marked by his ground-breaking research demonstrating how prenatal and neonatal auditory perceptual experiences contribute to the development of human cognitive abilities. He devised a research strategy that was able to reveal the prenatal mechanisms of learning and memory that establish the neonatal abilities essential for the continued development of the infant. See more information at [https://psy.uncg.edu/in-memoriam-dr-anthony-james-tony-decasper/](https://psy.uncg.edu/in-memoriam-dr-anthony-james-tony-decasper/).

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**University Libraries’ partnership with data archive**

The University Libraries has partnered with UNC Chapel Hill’s Odum Institute to archive and disseminate research data through NC DOCKS. This partnership offers the following advantages over other archiving options:

- no cost to UNCG faculty
- integration with NC DOCKS
- redundant, geographically distributed back ups
- long term storage of your data
- ability to control the degree of access others have to your data

The NC DOCKS / Odum partnership will fulfill most data management plan requirements of granting agencies. In addition to providing this option, the University Libraries can provide training and support for data management best practices and more. For a consultation, please contact Lynda Kellam (lmkellam@uncg.edu) or Anna Craft (arcraft@uncg.edu).

For more information on research data services at the UNCG University Libraries, please consult a guide at [http://uncg.libguides.com/RDM](http://uncg.libguides.com/RDM).

NC DOCKS ([http://libres.uncg.edu/ir/uncg/](http://libres.uncg.edu/ir/uncg/)) is UNCG’s institutional repository for faculty scholarship and more. For more information, please contact Anna Craft (arcraft@uncg.edu).

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**Department of Recreation & Wellness**

Earlier this summer, UNCG’s Wellness Center and Campus Recreation merged to create the Department of Recreation & Wellness. UNCG Wellness, which provides education on sexual health, mental health, sexual violence and relationships, alcohol and other drugs, nutrition and body image, is now housed in the Kaplan Center.

“By bringing recreation and wellness together, we can expand the opportunities for students to engage and participate in a variety of programs, whether it’s a cycling class or a mental health workshop,” said Dr. Jill Beville, director of recreation and wellness. “We want to tap into all aspects of student well-being.”

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**New book of poetry for Stuart Dischell**
Stuart Dischell has a new book of poetry, “Standing on Z,” to be released Sept. 1 by Unicorn Press. He is the author of Good Hope Road, a National Poetry Series Selection, Evenings & Avenues, Dig Safe, Backwards Days, and the chapbooks Animate Earth and Touch Monkey. Dischell’s poems have been published in The Atlantic, Agni, The New Republic, Slate, Kenyon Review, Ploughshares, and anthologies including Essential Poems, Hammer and Blaze, Pushcart Prize, and Garrison Keillor’s Good Poems. A recipient of awards from the NEA, the North Carolina Arts Council and the John Simon Guggenheim Foundation, he teaches in the MFA Program in Creative Writing.

The chapbook has another UNCG connection: The editor of the series, Andrew Saulters, is a UNCG MFA alumnus who has taken up artisan printing of books.

Dischell will give a reading at the UNCG Faculty center on Sept. 1 at 7 p.m..

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See/hear: Aug. 24, 2016

See Chancellor Gilliam’s complete State of the Campus address here.

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