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Campus community celebrates dedication of Kaplan Center

UNCG students, faculty, staff, alumni and community members gathered together on Friday, Sept. 16, to celebrate the official dedication of the Leonard J. Kaplan Center for Wellness.

The event included a ribbon-cutting ceremony, the ringing of the university bell and an open house for the campus community.

“To me, what this center represents is the health of the community and the health of the campus,” said Chancellor Franklin D. Gilliam Jr. “It really serves all of our missions of service and education and research.”

During his remarks, Gilliam expressed deep gratitude to the late Leonard J. Kaplan and his late wife Tobee Kaplan. In March, UNCG announced a $5 million gift made by Tobee Kaplan in honor of her husband. The gift, which created an endowment in support of health and wellness programs on UNCG’s campus, was recognized in the naming of the new wellness center.

“The Kaplan family has contributed a lot to the Triad community philanthropically,” Gilliam said. “This building in many ways not only stands in testament to Leonard J. Kaplan, but also to the vision of his wife, Tobee.”

The Kaplans were widely known for the indelible mark they left on the community through their extraordinary record of philanthropy and leadership. Together they established the Kaplan Family Foundation (later renamed the Toleo Foundation), which has been active in furthering the causes of education, health, social services and community involvement.

The Kaplan Center opened to students, staff, faculty and alumni members on Aug. 1. The facility features more than 20,000 square feet of weight and cardio space, seven basketball courts and a 54-foot climbing wall, among other wellness spaces and classrooms. The center also provides education on sexual health, mental health, sexual violence and relationships, alcohol and other drugs, nutrition and body image.

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Visual: Past and present campus leaders take part in the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Kaplan Center. From left to right: Katie Marshall ’11, Isaac Miller ’12, Chelsea Boccardo ’13, Dr. Jill Beville, Chancellor Franklin D. Gilliam Jr., former Chancellor Linda P. Brady, Trustee David Sprinkle, SGA President Joseph Graham.

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Financial Aid and Human Resources offices are moving
Two UNCG offices are trading spaces.

On September 30, the Financial Aid Office will be moving to the Mossman Building at the corner of Spring Garden and Stirling. They will be trading spaces with Human Resources. Financial Aid’s phone numbers and mailing address will remain the same.

Office and phone assistance for the Financial Aid Office will be limited on Friday, September 30, and Monday, October 3. Please email finaid.uncg.edu with any questions you may have while they settle into their new location.

On September 30, the Human Resources office is moving to 723 Kenilworth St., which currently houses Financial Aid. HR phone numbers and mailing address will remain the same.

Human Resources will be closed on Friday, September 30, and will be open with limited availability on Monday, October 3. Please email hrs@uncg.edu with any questions you may have while they settle into their new location.

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See the stars (and planets too)

The fall and winter dates for the UNCG Planetarium Show and the Three College Observatory (TCO) Public Nights are now listed. These shows are free, open to the community and appropriate for adults and older children.

UNCG’s Spitz projector will project the stars, planets, sun, and moon onto the interior of a 20-ft dome on Oct. 14, Nov. 11, Dec. 9, and Jan. 13, with all shows at 7:30 p.m., in Petty Science Building, 310. This remarkable tool is used to reveal astronomical objects and patterns of motion.

The TCO, located at a dark-sky location near Snow Camp, will have shows Oct. 7 at 8 p.m., Oct. 29 at 7:30 p.m. and Nov. 19, Dec. 2, and Jan. 21, at 7 p.m. This facility opened in 1981 and contains a 0.81-meter reflecting telescope, one of the largest in the southeastern United States.

Although admission is free, seats are limited for both. The shows are popular; slots fill quickly. Reservations can be made through the UNCG Department of Physics and Astronomy website: https://physics.uncg.edu/.

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Now, you can give online to SECC

The SECC’s ePledge, the online giving system for the campaign, is officially up and running for UNCG faculty and staff.

The SECC is an annual giving campaign that allows state employees to support a variety of charitable organizations in North Carolina. Employees can now pledge online instead of submitting a paper pledge form.

“Using ePledge to make a donation is easy and quick, and it immediately records participation,” said Dr. L. DiAnne Borders, SECC committee chair and faculty member. “It’s a convenient alternative to the paper pledge form.”

All UNCG employees received an email on Monday with a link to the ePledge site. The ePledge site can only be accessed through the link in the email. Online pledging is designed for payroll deduction (to begin January 2017) or one-time credit card payment. Individuals who wish to pay by cash or check should complete the paper pledge form and submit it to their assigned solicitor.

For more information, visit secc.uncg.edu.

By Alyssa Bedrosian

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Inaugural UNCG Business Affairs Expo Sept. 27

The first annual Business Affairs Expo will take place Tuesday, Sept. 27, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the EUC Cone Ballroom. The event will include exhibitions and demonstrations on power saving, office ergonomics, financial planning and digital signage. The Business Affairs department will share information about key initiative and available services. Samples from Spartan Dining and other light refreshments will be available. The campus community is invited.

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Ashby Dialogues: Race, Student Activism and Responsible Speech

The Ashby Dialogues were created to honor the late Dr. Warren Ashby and his assertion that a university is “freedom in the search for and service of truth.” Every year, the UNCG program invites faculty and students from at least two academic departments to meet at least once a month to discuss crucial issues and to build a community of inquiry. This year’s fall dialogues have been curated by professors in the African American and African Diaspora Studies, Sociology and Anthropology departments. On Sept. 9 the series began at the Alumni House with “White Privilege and the Black Experience,” moderated by Dr. Robert L. Anemone, professor of Biological Anthropology and Paleoanthropology at UNCG.

The second session will be Oct. 11, 5-6:15 p.m. in Curry Auditorium (225), when Mark Anthony Neal, professor in Duke University’s African and African American Studies department, will speak about race relations on North Carolina campuses. Dr. Tara T. Green, professor of African American and African Diaspora Studies at UNCG, will moderate the dialogue following the talk.

The third session, “Race, Gender, Identity, and (In)visibility” will be on Nov. 1, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. This discussion will concern Claudia Rankine’s Citizen, a National Book Award finalist. The lyric essay presents experiences of daily life that are affected by racial injustice and police brutality. Students are asked to bring responses to the text, which may include poems, journal entries and video blogs. Dr. Shelly Brown-Jeffy, associate professor of sociology, will moderate this discussion.

To enroll in the public Canvas.org course, visit https://aas.uncg.edu/ashby/2016-17/race-activism-campus-speech/

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Careers in Student Affairs Conference

On Oct. 28 the Student Personnel Administration in Higher Education M.Ed. program at UNCG, with support from the North Carolina College Professional Association, will present its annual Careers in Student Affairs/ NextGenNC Conference at Elliott University Center. This conference will offer information and guidance to undergraduate and graduate students, as well as to professionals and those
considering a doctoral program.

The keynote speaker is Dr. Cherry Callahan, UNCG vice chancellor for Student Affairs. Callahan has been a dedicated mentor of students and young professionals and has served as president of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators. The cost of registration for the conference is $20 and includes lunch. Find more information at: http://uncgcsa.blogspot.com/

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Human Subjects Research Training Workshop

The UNCG Office of Research Integrity will offer a two-hour session in human research protection on Tuesday, Oct. 25, 9-11 a.m., in MHRA 2711. The workshop will cover all required categories to meet the requirements of assurance with the Office of Research Protections, including areas such as confidentiality, informed consent, recruitment and the history of human research protection. This session is offered as an alternative to CITI training. Registration is available at http://workshops.uncg.edu/.

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Registration is open for 2016 Homecoming 5K

UNCG’s Homecoming will hold its fourth annual 5K Saturday, Oct. 22, and you are invited to participate.

What’s new this year? The 5K will support the Spartan Open Pantry. Participants may make a donation to the pantry in lieu of paying a $20-25 registration fee. Details regarding registration and food donations are listed on the event page, http://recwell.uncg.edu/fitness/events/5k/. (There is a shopping list for most needed food items.)

Also new this year, the race will start and finish at the Plaza and UNCG’s award-winning Pedestrian Underpass. Parking on campus is free the day of the event and race participants are encouraged to park in the Oakland Deck. The race will begin at 9 a.m., and will be followed by a 10:30 a.m. awards ceremony and pancake brunch at the Leonard J. Kaplan Center for Wellness.

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Golden Chain Honor Society seeking nominations

Faculty and staff are invited to nominate outstanding juniors and seniors for UNCG’s Golden Chain Honor Society for Fall 2016 inductions. Candidates must have a minimum 3.25 GPA and should demonstrate leadership, scholarship, service, tolerance, judgement, magnanimity, and character.

The Golden Chain organization, unique to the UNCG campus, was created in 1948 to recognize students who have made significant and meaningful contributions to the university community. “Golden” denotes excellence and rarity, and “chain” signifies linkage – a binding together of past generations of students who served the university with students of today and those generations yet to come.

The nomination form and instructions can be found at http://sa.uncg.edu/golden-chain/ and should be returned to Coretta Walker at crwalke5@uncg.edu by October 7, 2016. Nominations may be submitted by faculty, staff, Golden Chain alumni, and honorary members.
Mysterious celebration

University Libraries will host a reception and pop-up exhibit of crime novels on Thursday, Sept. 22, 3:30-5 p.m. in Jackson Library’s Hodges Reading Room. This event is in celebration of the national recognition UNCG has received for its collection of mysteries written by female authors. Last March, UNCG University Libraries was awarded a $1,000 grant from Sisters in Crime, to purchase additional rare mystery and crime books for the collection.

“We’re really celebrating the craft of writing mysteries,” said Keith Gorman, assistant dean for Special Collections and University Archives. The reception and exhibit are free and open to the campus and Greensboro communities.

Looking ahead: Sept. 21, 2016

Trustees’ meeting
Friday, Sept. 23, 8:30 a.m., Union Square

Special Collections: Vintage Viands - The Roaring 20s
Friday, Sept. 23, noon, Jackson Library Reading Room

Asian Autumn Festival
Saturday, Sept. 24, 2016, 10 a.m., EUC

Men’s Soccer vs. West Virginia
Saturday, Sept. 24, 7 p.m., Soccer Stadium

Inaugural ‘Business Affairs Expo’
Tuesday, Sept. 27, 11 a.m., Cone Ballroom, EUC

Kevin Schilbrack, “Religious Practices & the Formation of Subjects”
Tuesday, Sept. 27, 4 p.m., Faculty Center

Lecture: Daryl Davis, “Klan-Destine Relationships”
Tuesday, Sept. 27, 7 p.m., EUC Auditorium

Staff Senate Workshop: Event Planning at UNCG
Thursday, Sept 29, noon, Room 113, Bryan Building

Second language critical discourse studies though social media

On Saturday, Oct.1, 10 a.m. to noon, Dr. Paul Renigar, assistant professor at the University of Alabama, will present “Second Language Critical Discourse Studies Though Social Media” as part of the Department of Languages, Literature, and Cultures’ 15th Language Learning Series. The workshop will cover pedagogical uses of social networking sites, Mobile Assisted Language Learning (MALL) and approaches to discourse analysis and methods for various levels of instruction of languages. Participants will be given the chance to convene in small groups to develop lesson plans. The free event will be in MHRA 1214.

How to navigate event planning at UNCG
Staff Senate is hosting a workshop to help you navigate the process of event planning at UNCG. If you are new to campus or if you just need to know where to find updated information and campus resources, please plan to attend. The workshop will be held on Thursday, September 29, 2016 in Bryan 113 at noon.

You may register at https://workshops.uncg.edu/sign-up/?wks_sch_id=33022509

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**Housing Hangout**

The UNCG Center for Housing and Community Studies hosts a “Housing Hangout” once a month, and the next one, “The Link Between Health and Affordable Housing,” will be Friday, Oct. 7, noon-2 p.m at Triad Stage, in the Upstage Cabaret.

A “Housing Hangout” is an informal space in which community housing advocates, city officials, university researchers, students and members of the public gather to discuss housing and community development issues. These informal talks share information about ongoing programs, housing-related studies and community events, and encourage the development of strategic plans and partnerships to move the needle on providing decent and affordable housing in our community. The upcoming session includes multiple speakers and refreshments.

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**Humanities Network Consortium**

The newly created UNCG Humanities Network Consortium will host a launch event for faculty and staff on Thursday, Sept. 29, at 4 p.m. The network’s mission is to connect the university’s humanities scholars to one another and to the public, to support faculty research and interdisciplinary collaborations and to help students identify how humanities coursework leads to successful careers and public leadership. Food and drink will be served at the launch event.

For more information, please see: https://hnac.uncg.edu/.

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**Auditions for “Vagina Monologues” Sept. 26-27**

The 4th annual “Vagina Monologues” performance presented by UNCG Housing and Residence Life will hold auditions on Monday, Sept. 26, in the EUC Sharpe Room and Tuesday, Sept. 27, in the Shaw Tillman-Smart Room (Quad), from 7 to 9 p.m. both days. No appointment nor previous acting experience is needed. Students, faculty, staff, and community members are all invited to participate. Each auditioner will read a monologue from texts that will be distributed, and advance preparation is not necessary.

Performances will be at the EUC auditorium February 10 and 11 at 7 p.m. “The Vagina Monologues” is an award-winning play based on the work of V-Day founder Eve Ensler, and is part of a movement to end violence against women and to raise awareness about related issues. This production will donate its profits to the Clara House, a local domestic violence shelter.

Contact Maggie Gillespie, magilles@uncg.edu, for details.

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**Later this week: Spartan Family Weekend**

The campus will have lots of guests this weekend. UNCG Spartan Family Programs hosts Family Weekend Sept. 23-25. Events will range from movie night on the lawn to tours of our downtown. A brunch and a gold tie gala are on tap as well. Learn more at https://spartanfamily.uncg.edu/family-weekend-2016/
Dr. William Gerace

Dr. William Gerace and his colleagues in the Physics Education Research Group in the Department of Physics and Astronomy received new funding from the National Science Foundation for the project "Self-efficacy Intervention to Improve STEM Performance." This award funds a research project to design, develop, test, and document a practical self-efficacy intervention to improve students' self-efficacy and academic performance in STEM courses. Research shows that student self-efficacy, or a student's belief about their ability to be successful in a specific domain, is strongly related to academic success. The SIISP project, Self-efficacy Intervention to Improve STEM Performance, will seek to improve students' sense of STEM self-efficacy by creating an intervention which focuses on internal attributions and growth mindset. With research locations at UNCG and NC A&T State University, this three-year research project will design and test an intervention with the goal of providing a practical tool for STEM faculty to use to positively effect student self-efficacy and academic performance.

The principal investigators are:

- Dr. William Gerace (PI), Helena Gabriel Houston Distinguished Professor for Science Education, Department of Physics and Astronomy
- Dr. Ian Beatty (Co-PI), associate professor, Physics Education Research, Department of Physics and Astronomy
- Dr. Michael Kane (Co-PI), professor, Department of Psychology
- Dr. Stephanie Carrino (Co-PI), research associate, Physics Education Research Group, Department of Physics and Astronomy

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Dr. Melissa Floyd-Pickard

Dr. Melissa Floyd-Pickard (Social Work) received continued funding from the Center for Mental Health Services (SAMHSA) for the project "JMSW Behavioral Health Workforce Education Training Grant." The Joint Master of Social Work Program (JMSW), offered by UNCG and NC A&T, educates future social work clinicians who are committed to social justice, diversity and inclusion. The program will provide stipend support to MSW students for experiential training, and will recruit incoming students intending to serve at-risk children, adolescents, and transitional-age youth. The program evaluation findings will be disseminated to appropriate audience through traditional methods, such as reports, articles, and presentations and non-traditional methods, such as a creative drama production.

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Dr. Wendy McColskey

Dr. Wendy McColskey (SERVE Center) received funding from Forsyth Technical Community College for the project “Improving Student Achievement through Faculty Development (Title III) Evaluation.” McColskey’s career with the SERVE Center has spanned more than twenty years, and during that time she has been responsible for many publications on classroom assessment and student-
motivation and has directed the Regional Educational Laboratory-Southeast, operated by the SERVE Center. Her work informs critical educational decisions made throughout the Southeast.

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**Dr. Yashomati Patel**

Dr. Yashomati Patel (Biology) received funding from the National Institute of Health (NIH) for the project "Mechanism of Myosin Action in Glucose Uptake." Patel is associate professor and director of Undergraduate Studies of Biology. Her research concerns mechanisms regulating glucose homeostasis in relation to type 2 diabetes and breast cancer progression.

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**Dr. Shan Suthaharan**

Dr. Shan Suthaharan (Computer Science) has published a textbook, "Machine Learning Models and Algorithms for Big Data Classification," which has been downloaded more than 22,000 and received a STAR rating by ACM, the major computing professional society. The book presents machine learning models and algorithms to address big data classification problems. It teaches readers about the field of big data and machine learning, and the book is well suited for both undergraduate and graduate students, in addition to new researchers and developers. The book can be accessed at: [http://www.springer.com/us/book/9781489976406](http://www.springer.com/us/book/9781489976406). Suthaharan serves as the Director of Undergraduate Studies in UNCG’s Department of Computer Science, and he has authored or co-authored more than 75 computer science research essays published in international journals. He also invented a key management and encryption technology, patented in Australia, Japan and Singapore.

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**Dr. Terri Shelton**

Dr. Terri Shelton (Office of Research and Economic Development) received funding from NC DHHS Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse for the project "NC Preventing Underage Drinking Initiative." The abstract states that, despite reductions, underage use of alcohol is still prevalent in North Carolina. Based on the most recent Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System Survey (2015), 29.2 percent of middle and high school students drank alcohol in the past 30 days and 13.9 percent of high school students binge drank in the past 30 days. This contract will support the North Carolina Preventing Underage Drinking Initiative (NC-PUDI) in developing innovative strategies to prevent underage alcohol consumption and the resulting social, health and economic consequences. This continuing effort is designed to further support and develop environmental management strategies that prevent underage drinking, and to create a sustainable movement to stop practices that make underage drinking both easy and acceptable. Long-term outcomes include reductions in youth alcohol consumption, which will be tracked using the North Carolina YRBS and local data.
Shelton serves as UNCG’s vice chancellor of Research and Economic Development.

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**See/hear: Sept. 21, 2016**

Joseph Graham, the 2016-17 president of the UNCG Student Government Association, shares his goals for the year, his advice to the Class of 2020, and why he is an advocate for the university. Graham is also an ex officio member of the UNCG Board of Trustees.

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