Full-scale drill: Emergency training at McIver Feb. 1

On Thursday, Feb. 1, UNCG will coordinate a regional law enforcement oriented, mass casualty exercise. It will take place in and around the UNCG McIver Building.

Simulated gunfire may be heard between the hours of 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

To ensure a safe exercise, the operation and location of the scene perimeter will result in temporary changes to daily campus operations. There will be a security perimeter established around the exercise to ensure members of the campus community do not enter the exercise area.

This will be one of the largest such drills in UNC system history, and it will necessitate the closing of some roads and sidewalks as well as some parking areas (see map here).

Road/Sidewalk Closures (6 a.m. to 5 p.m.)

- Spring Garden Street in both directions from Tate Street to Forest Street
- The north sidewalk that parallels Spring Garden Street from Forest Street to Tate Street (sidewalk closest to Foust Park)
- Highland Avenue from Spring Garden Street to Oakland Avenue
- Walker Avenue from the parking lot behind the McIver Building to Tate Street
- College Avenue from the Faculty Center to Spring Garden Street
- Administration Drive from Spring Garden Street to College Avenue

Parking Closures

- The top two floors (4th & 5th) of the Oakland Parking Deck
- The SE portion of Lot 008
- Lots 13, 14, & 15
- All parking on Highland Avenue

Additionally, all vehicles parked inside the exercise perimeter will be required to move by January 31 by 8 p.m. See image above for exercise perimeter.

Bus Route Changes

As a result of these road closures, Spartan Chariot routes have been altered slightly for the day. For those who would normally embark and disembark at the Administration Drive/College Avenue stop, organizers ask that you embark and disembark at the Walker Circle bus stop. The stop at Administration Drive/College Avenue and Lot 7 at the Studio Arts Building, will be closed.
For more information, including a map, visit: police.uncg.edu/McIverExercise.

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**In overtime, UNCG's SECC passes goal; will help hundreds of charities and agencies in region**

Organizations reps and UNCG employees met each other at the Kick-Off event.

UNCG’s 2017 State Employees Combined Campaign goal was $200,125, to commemorate the university's 125th anniversary.

The goal was reached and passed.

As of Friday, Jan. 19, UNCG had raised $201,564 and achieved 32 percent employee participation in giving.

Chair Macea Whisette reflected on the impactful campaign. She noted that 500 faculty, staff and retirees attended the SECC special events on campus in October and November 2017 that garnered a total of $2,597.27.

Because of your generosity, she added, thousands will continue to receive critical services and programming.

Since the SECC began statewide in 1984, UNCG has raised $4 million. UNCG’s “Power of Giving” is our legacy.

“Thank you, UNCG! We made our goal and it’s because of teamwork,” said Whisette. “Everyone who participated – through giving, volunteerism or simple kindness – made a big difference. I hope everyone is proud of how we all pulled together to provide support and comfort to many in need.”

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**LeaderShape teaches students to lead with integrity**
A specialized curriculum for autism. No more food deserts. Free mental health care. Anti-bullying reform. Ending child homelessness. For six days in December, 60 aspiring student leaders developed skills to create a better world.

LeaderShape Institute, funded by UNCG’s Office of Leadership and Service-Learning (OLSL) and the Parent and Family Advisory Council, is a national immersive leadership program with a mission to “transform the world by increasing the number of people who lead with integrity and a healthy disregard for the impossible.”

“It’s a really empowering space for students to feel very supported, to have conversations they don’t normally have in class,” said Lindsey Woelker, OLSL’s associate director for leadership and one of the organizers of the institute.

It also provides faculty and staff an opportunity to get to know students in a unique way, outside of the classroom, Woelker added.

“We’re in it together - both teaching and developing students,” she said.

December 2017 was the fifth year UNCG offered the program, which is open to all undergraduate students. This year’s institute took place at YMCA Camp Weaver. The curriculum builds over the course of six days, with daily themes and sessions that explore defining leadership, emotional intelligence, inclusive leadership, communication, group decision-making, setting goals, living with integrity and putting vision into action.

Day seven, Woelker said, is considered the rest of your life.

“It’s a catalyst for students to recognize it’s not only important to dream about what could be, but to envision it and go after it and make it happen,” said April Marshall, OLSL’s assistant director for leader development.

This year, Woelker and Marshall brought in UNCG alumni to talk with students about life after graduation and community involvement.

Students who participate in LeaderShape often remain involved and more connected to campus, and join or start organizations, Woelker said.

“They feel some connection to the institution that wasn’t there before.”

Faculty and staff interested in facilitating at future LeaderShape institutes should contact April Marshall, aamarsha@uncg.edu.

By Elizabeth L. Harrison
Photography provided by the Office of Leadership and Service-Learning

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Lots of snow, lots to clear
Eight inches of snow hit UNCG last Wednesday. Offices and classes were closed Wednesday and Thursday, reopening Friday at noon. Many staff worked to ensure the students were cared for and the university continued to operate.

From Dining Services making sure the students and support staff had breakfast, lunch and dinner at the dining hall (see tweet) to Housing & Residential Life making sure the students’ needs were cared for, the unexpectedly large snowfall was dealt with.

UNCG Grounds staff led the effort of clearing the snow and ice.

“We started before the event,” said Tom White. “We wanted to be a pre-emptive as we could.”

Jeff Hawkins (Grounds) noted they applied several hundred gallons of brine before the snow hit Wednesday. It began before daybreak and continued till late in the evening.

They made a “gigantic effort” as the snowfall ended to clear the snow and ice. Offices reopened and classes resumed at noon Friday.

White explained that they hired a contactor to clear streets and parking lots.

They focused on clearing the rest (and did some work on the parking lots themselves later in the week).

“The guys (in Grounds) have worked overtime the last days,” he said in a brief interview at the Grounds shop Friday morning.

Terry Goins (Grounds) was in the Grounds shop, preparing to go back out. He noted their approach to dealing with the remaining snow that day (Friday): “We’ll work longer hours.” He noted that part of their morning work was applying ice-melt to walkways - and they’d “hit the parking lots” again that day too.
At midday on Friday, Robbie Gray (Facilities/Maintenance) was clearing snow near employee back entrances at Coleman Building, where he works in Maintenance for the building. Jeff Hawkins (Grounds) on a Bobcat and Lee Martin (Grounds) on a bulldozer cleared additional snow off walkways at the Quad. Hawkins spread more ice-melt.

Eight inches of snow is a lot.

*Text and photos by Mike Harris.*

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**Diversity and Global Engagement Expo on Jan. 31**

University Libraries will host a Diversity and Global Engagement Expo on Jan. 31, from 2 – 5 p.m. in the Reading Room on the first floor of Jackson Library. The expo will feature a collective sharing of music, food, culture and values. Students groups will be present and there will be drawings for prizes. Join UNCG faculty and staff in conversation promoting the importance of diversity and multiculturalism on campus with a panel discussion beginning at 4 p.m. The event is co-sponsored by the University Libraries, the Student Government Association and the International Programs Center.

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**UNCG places 20 student-athletes on SoCon Fall All-Academic Team**

UNCG has placed 20 student-athletes on the 2017 Fall Academic All-Southern Conference Team.

The Spartans had eight members qualify from women's soccer, five from volleyball, three from men's soccer, three from women’s cross country and one from men’s cross country.

To be eligible for the academic all-conference team, student-athletes must carry at least a 3.3 cumulative GPA entering the fall season and were required to compete in at least one-half of their teams’ competitions during the recently concluded fall campaign. In addition, the student-athletes must have successfully completed at least 24 credit hours in the previous two semesters.

The Spartans have four student-athletes on the list with perfect 4.0 GPA’s.

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**Visual identity, narrative at today’s Faculty Forum; additional sessions for faculty**
The UNCG narrative and visual identity will be the topic at the faculty forum, 3 p.m. at Alumni House’s Virginia Dare Room today (Wednesday, Jan. 24). Jeff Shafer, associate vice chancellor and chief communications officer, will address the faculty forum on this topic.

Additionally, updated dates for open meetings for faculty to continue to provide updates and drive conversation and feedback are listed below. These are updated due to the snowstorm last week. Registration for faculty members will open soon at workshops.uncg.edu - see “University Communications” tab.

Friday, Feb. 2, 10-11:30 a.m. - EUC, Azalea Room

Monday, Feb. 5, 3-4:30 p.m. - EUC, Phillips Room

Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2-3:30 - EUC, Phillips Room

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Looking ahead: Jan. 24, 2018

Men’s Basketball vs. Furman
Wednesday, Jan. 24, 7 p.m., Coliseum

Film: ‘An Inconvenient Sequel: Truth to Power’
Thursday, Jan. 25, 6:30 p.m., Weatherspoon, discussion led by Dr. Anna Marshall-Baker

Silent film with piano: ‘A Page of Madness’ with Gil Fray
Friday, Jan. 26, 8 p.m., UNCG Art’s GPS, Lewis St.

GROWTH gerontology Lunch & Learn, Catherine and David Sevier
Wednesday, Jan. 31, noon, Edwards’ Lounge, Stone Building

Diversity and Global Engagement Expo
Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2 - 5 p.m., Reading Room (first floor of Jackson Library)

Emergency exercise, at McIver Building (see story in this issue)
Thursday, Feb. 1; Starts at 9 a.m.

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Disaster relief can create lasting trauma

The talk “Disasters are Us: The Anthropocentric Roots of Mayhem” will be presented by Dr. Steve Kroll-Smith Friday, Feb. 2, 2018, in the Faculty Center, 12:15 p.m.

From the Great Chicago Fire of 1871, to the earthquake and firestorms in 1906 San Francisco, to the flooding of New Orleans in 2005, to Superstorm Sandy seven years later, to the recent Hurricane Harvey inspired mayhem in Houston, and, the havoc Irma wreaked on Puerto Rico, a single narrative thread ties together America’s historic catastrophes. The noteworthy source of human misery in each of these disparate disasters was not the destructive agent, the atmospheric or geologic event. It was, rather, the work done in the name of disaster relief that created the most telling and lasting trauma. Drawing on work he recently completed on the 1906 San Francisco calamity and Hurricane Katrina in 2005, Professor Kroll-Smith sketches out the broad outlines of market forces that inevitably work against humane and successful efforts at recovery. Professor Kroll-Smith will close with some brief comments on the anthropogenic roots of climate change and the unsettling idea that we humans are the only species on earth that can think our way to extinction.

This presentation is part of the Department of Sociology's Brown Bag Series

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Lorena Guillén creates songs of immigration; concert is Saturday
UNCG Music’s Dr. Lorena Guillén has been shining a spotlight on the unique stories of immigrants.

Guillén, a performer and professor of musicology, is a highly awarded singer, songwriter and conductor. A native of Buenos Aires, she had been looking for a way to engage with the community, and to help Latina women share the stories of their journeys from their countries of origin to North Carolina.

“I am an immigrant, a Latina, and I want to use my art to give voice to other women like me. The music I’ve done has always been leading me to this.”

And so, “The Other Side of My Heart” was born. Guillén and her husband, Alejandro Rutty, who also teaches at UNCG’s School of Music, wrote the piece which is a musical-visual artwork composed of songs and recorded conversations with six women who shared and reflected about their dreams and fears while evaluating the things they gained and lost.

Guillén says the music and story, performed by her Tango Ensemble, transcend politics and stereotypes.

“This is not an openly political piece - and we are not preaching - some people find the topic of immigration to be uncomfortable. But these topics can appeal to not just immigrants. They are the concepts of home and the value of friendship.”

Guillén holds a Master's in Vocal Performance and a Ph.D. in Historical Musicology and Music Theory from State University of New York at Buffalo. She has taught as a lecturer at UNCG since 2007, and has previously taught at Wake Forest University, Hartwick College (NY) and SUNY at Buffalo.

If you’d like to learn more about Guillén’s work, visit [https://www.lorenaguillen.com/the-other-side-of-my-heart](https://www.lorenaguillen.com/the-other-side-of-my-heart).

**Hear a talk:** Members of the Lorena Guillen Tango Ensemble and guest speakers of Greensboro immigrant support organizations, Monday, Jan. 22, 2018, UNCG Music Building, Collins Lecture Hall

**See the work:** Saturday, Jan 27, 2018, 8 p.m., UpStage Cabaret at Triad Stage: Concert Album Release of “The Other Side of My Heart” with the Lorena Guillen Tango Ensemble. Tickets on sale at Triad Stage box office.

Copy drawn from CVPA web site. See full story by Terri Relos.

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**Tiffany Henry**

Tiffany Henry (Technical Services, University Libraries) has been awarded a Code4Lib Diversity Scholarship, which will support her attendance at the 2018 Code4Lib Conference in Washington, D.C. Code4Lib is an annual gathering of technologists from around the world, who largely work for and with libraries, archives and museums and have a commitment to open technologies. Code4Lib strives to build collaboration across vibrant and diverse communities.

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**Dr. Matina Kalcounis-Rüppell**
Dr. Matina Kalcounis-Rüppell (Biology) received new funding from the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission for the project “Acoustic Monitoring of Bats in North Carolina.”

Ten of the 17 bat species found in North Carolina are species of greatest conservation need. To monitor bat distributions and population trends in the mountains, the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission (WRC) implemented the North Carolina Bat Acoustic Monitoring Program (NCBAMP) in summer 2011. In 2015, the WRC, in partnership with UNCG, set up the North American Bat Monitoring Program (NABat) to expand the summer bat monitoring effort from the mountains to the entire state of North Carolina. In winter of 2016-2017, an NABat winter monitoring network was developed to gain information on winter bat activity patterns and distributions.

The abstract further notes, “In the proposed project, we aim to continue all three of these initiatives by conducting NABat summer (transect/stationary) and winter (stationary) statewide bat monitoring for two years. We will use data collected since 2015 to develop statistical models to describe statewide bat distributions and population trends. We will also analyze all NCBAMP data collected since 2011 and compare results from NCBAMP with results from NABat. Expected products include analyzed and archived NABat data (since 2015, except the 2018-2019 winter season), analyzed and archived NCBAMP data (2011-2018), and a research report that will summarize all distribution and population trend findings, and a comparison between NCBAMP and NABat that provides recommendations for continuing to run NABat into the future.”

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Dr. Stephen Sills

Dr. Stephen Sills (Center for Housing and Community Studies) received new funding from Guilford County Emergency Services and Department of Health and Human Services for the project “Guilford Solution to the Opioid Problem (Guilford STOP).”

There have been over 600 overdoses from opioid in Guilford County since January 2017. This project leverages one-time funds allocated by the NC General Assembly to design, implement and evaluate a rapid response program intended to decrease mortality from opioid overdoses among the opioid user population. Guilford Solution to the Opioid Problem will engage citizens who overdose in harm reduction practices, distribute naloxone, conduct community health education, coordinate community resources and build relationships focused on ending opioid overdose. The project will also include extensive evaluation and research components.

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See/Hear: Jan. 24, 2018

The play on the court is fun to watch. The support on the bench is just as great. Jack Konstanzer, Taqqi Muhammad, and CJ Coleman show how just because you don't play in the game, doesn't mean you can't impact it. Get an inside look at UNCG Men's Basketball's “Bench Mob.” And catch the big home game tonight (Wednesday) against Furman. Join these guys in cheering on the team.

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