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**LOOKING AHEAD**

**FALL 2002 AND SPRING 2003 CALENDAR**

Dec 9	Last day of classes
Dec 11	Final exams begin
Dec 19	Commencement
Jan 13	Classes begin at 8:00 a.m.
Jan 17	Last day to apply for May 2003 graduation
Mar 9	Spring Break begins
Mar 17	Classes resume at 8:00 a.m.
April 18	Spring holiday
May 8	Final exams begin
May 16	Commencement

*Send a little love*  
**SHOW THEM YOU CARE**

Send love from home. Love from Home is designed to make it easy for parents, guardians, relatives and friends to send a little love to their students away in college. Gift baskets are a great way to deliver an encouraging word, a good luck on finals or to simply say, "I miss you."

Place your order by visiting the Dining Services website...simply go to [www.uncg.edu](http://www.uncg.edu), rollover "Quick Find" and select "Administrative Offices." Then select "Catering and Dining" – you'll see a bar on the left for gift baskets. Also, be sure to check out the "Family Zone" option. After you place your order, we will create a personalized gift. Your loved one will be notified by postcard and/or telephone to pick up their "surprise" from the dining location.

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**SERVICE-LEARNING APPROACH ADDS DIMENSION TO COMMUNICATIONS COURSE**

Dr. Spoma Jovanovic (Communication) couldn't have joined the UNCG faculty with better timing. Just as she was starting here last August, the University was creating its Office of Leadership and Service Learning in anticipation of the Academic Affairs 2002-2003 area of focus on experiential learning for students.

Her interest in this increasingly popular new approach to teaching, learning and service coincided with the University's interest in promoting it as a way to expand students' learning opportunities while also expanding UNCG's role in the community.

The Communication and Society course Jovanovic restructured to include the service-learning aspect is among several across different disciplines that are giving the campus community an early taste of what's possible.

Although service-learning is not new to UNCG – Betty Carpenter (Residential College) has been using it for some 30 years – it's about to get bigger. "Done correctly, it's a win-win for the community, for the faculty members and for the students," says Anne Powers, director of the new office.

"Our focus is really on building social capital," Jovanovic says. "The course is intended to teach students about communication and the role of communication in solving our community and social problems."

In addition to readings and class discussions about the role of a citizen in society, students spend 20 hours a semester working in assorted community service projects that put theories into practice, often for the first time.

"Many of them have not done anything ever, and a lot of them have said, 'I don't know how.' What we do is try to teach them how," Jovanovic said. "It really is

an introduction to what it means to be a citizen."

With most students working in teams and a few working individually, the service being done in Jovanovic's class includes tutoring and serving as lunch buddies in elementary schools, volunteering in a retirement home, and volunteering with Big Brothers/Big Sisters and Urban Ministry. One group planned a fundraiser to benefit the victims of the Campus Walk Apartment fire last spring.

The hands-on learning works better for some students than traditional coursework, Jovanovic says.

"Sometimes with students who are quiet in class, I see them out in the community and they're engaged and active," she says. "I require them to spend about 20 hours in the community and a lot of them are spending a lot more than that."

Powers, whose job includes building an infrastructure to help more faculty members incorporate service-learning into their courses, already has established a listserv for sharing information.

"This approach is emerging faster than any of us guessed," said Dr. Carol Disque, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs. "Committed faculty members are driving UNCG's vision and processes for service learning."

For more information about service-learning contact Powers at (336) 256-0539 or [aspowers@uncg.edu](mailto:aspowers@uncg.edu).

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## UNCG ALUMNA WINS EMMY AWARD

Emily Spivey, a comedy writer and alumna of The University of North Carolina at Greensboro class of '93, is a member of the "Saturday Night Live" writing team that won an Emmy Award on September 22 of this year in the category "Outstanding Writing for a Variety, Music or Comedy Program."

Other nominees in the category were "America: A Tribute to Heroes," (various networks); "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart," (Comedy Central); "Late Night with Conan O'Brien" (NBC) and "Late Show with David Letterman" (CBS).

Spivey, whose hometown is High Point, majored in broadcasting and cinema at UNCG. She went on to earn a MFA from Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. While living there, she worked as a writer for The Groundlings, a improvisational troop which trains many of the sketch comedians who go on to land jobs on NBC's "Saturday Night Live."

Spivey herself landed a job with the program and began writing for it in 2001. She is one of 23 writers on the team. Her writing credits also include seasons with the FOX network comedy programs "Mad TV" and "King of the Hill."

"It's always rewarding to hear when a student becomes successful," said Dr. Anthony Fragola, UNCG professor of broadcasting and cinema, and Spivey's teacher in two screenwriting courses and a film production course. Fragola remembers her as a steady, imaginative student, with a flair for the comedic. "She had that focus and drive and discipline, which is a lot of what it takes to succeed, plus the talent" he said.

### WEB RESOURCES

Looking for new resources on the Internet? Check our website for links to various sites dedicated to families and parents of college students: <http://families.uncg.edu>.

UNCG Family Link listserv is a service provided to all UNCG families allowing information of special interest to be shared in a timely manner. To subscribe, send a message to [listproc@uncg.edu](mailto:listproc@uncg.edu) and put the following command in the message box: `subscribe UNCGFAMILYLINK-L Firstname Lastname`.

For example: `subscribe UNCGFAMILYLINK-L John Doe`

## PARENT/FAMILY ADVISORY COUNCIL MAKING STRIDES

The Parent/Family Advisory Council is a newly formed group of parents of current UNCG students. The Council's mission is to strengthen the quality of the UNCG educational experience by promoting communication, inspiring good will and support for the University, and enhancing high quality programs and educational opportunities for students.

The Parent/Family Advisory Council is currently made up of 9 families and will expand by 5 or 6 additional families following the selection of new members who recently applied for council membership. The Parent/Family Advisory Council most recently met during Family Weekend 2002 and discussed many ideas to meet the mission of the council, including projects with UNCG Admissions, UNCG Alumni Affairs and the UNCG Annual Fund.

A special thanks goes to the following council members for their continued support and participation: Marianne Bartlett, Curt and Maristev Bradley, Jean Branch, Dennis Duquette, Carl and Ellen Flamer, Chuck and Valerie Hannigan, Steve and Cheryl Taylor, Gary and Patty Brown and Stan and Marilyn Goldstein.

For further information, go to the following website: <http://families.uncg.edu>. This Council is the first step toward a Parent/Family Association - more news to come on that in the near future.



## FAMILY WEEKEND 2002 WRAP-UP

Family Weekend 2002 was a great success thanks to many families like you! We had over 400 guests at the Welcome Brunch on Saturday morning. The brunch offered families and students a time to reconnect, enjoy good food and jazz music provided by the all-UNCG group *Inner Urge*. The Chancellor and representatives of the Parent Advisory Council addressed families, sharing their thoughts on the importance of support and involvement by families.

Families also participated in College Conversations, topical sessions and tours hosted by faculty and staff members while siblings attended either Kid's College or Teen College. The Campus Ministries pond, followed by picture and letter crafting for their UNCG sibling. Teens were taken on a tour of a typical college dorm room and then participated in an interactive Internet session about college search hosted by the NC College Foundation. Many of our guests also took in the sights and sounds at the Spartan Village and Fall Fest Picnic before the Homecoming soccer game.

Check out the website to see pictures from the weekend. Maybe your face is on the web! We'd also like to ask those that attended to complete our on-line evaluation of the weekend so that we can continue to improve our programs each year. Go to: <http://families.uncg.edu>, click on Family Weekend 2002 Evaluation, complete and submit. We will select several evaluations at random to receive a free pass to Family Weekend 2003!



## UNCG ANNUAL FUND PARENT/FAMILIES CAMPAIGN

As a family member of a UNCG student, you know firsthand the importance of creating positive opportunities and experiences for your student. The UNCG Annual Fund, through the generous contributions of alumni, families and friends of the University, provides support for some of the programs and resources that help to ensure a student's success—scholarships, internships, technology, books for the library, and many other vital student needs.

Last year a special Annual Fund campaign supported by parents and families of UNCG students raised funds for an integrated technology center for career services, materials for the multicultural resource center and an online alcohol education course. Special projects like these, made possible through the Annual Fund, provide unique opportunities which not only impact the lives of current and future students but also continue to benefit them beyond their years at the University.

In the Spring we will kick off the Annual Fund Parent/Families Campaign for 2002-2003. If you would like more information about the upcoming campaign or would like to make a pledge, contact Gretchen O'Shay Lee, Director of the Annual Fund, at (336) 334-5984 or

email [Annual\\_Fund@uncg.edu](mailto:Annual_Fund@uncg.edu). Or you may send your check, made payable to UNCG, to: UNCG Annual Fund Parent/Families Campaign, PO Box 26170, Greensboro, NC 27402-6170.

## GEOGRAPHY STUDENTS PUT UNCG ON THE MAP

UNCG students know their geography. A team of students representing the Geography Department won the North Carolina Division of the World Geography Bowl October 4, 2002. The event was hosted by UNCG.

Universities throughout North Carolina sent teams to participate and included Appalachian State, East Carolina, North Carolina Central, UNC Pembroke, Western Carolina and UNC Charlotte.

Five-member teams from each of the schools competed in a round-robin style competition. The competition was comprised of seven rounds.

Individuals from the competition with the highest point totals will compete in the Southeast Regional World Geography Bowl competition in Richmond, VA, November 24 and 25, 2002. UNCG's Brendan Blackburn had the highest point total of all the graduate students and will compete in Richmond.