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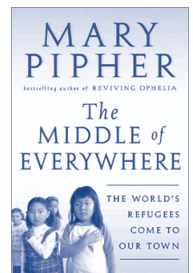
## NEW YORK TIMES BEST-SELLING AUTHOR VISITS UNCG CAMPUS

Mary Pipher, author of “The Middle of Everywhere,” visited UNCG to speak about her powerful book highlighting her experiences and interactions with immigrants living in her hometown of Lincoln, Nebraska. Pipher hopes to increase awareness of the growing immigrant population in the United States and specifically in Lincoln. In an article Pipher wrote for the Unitarian Association, she noted: “I interviewed people who grew up in the mountains of Laos and in war-torn Bosnia. I celebrated Eid al-Adha with northern Sudanese, did family therapy with refugees from Macedonia and Romania, and worked in a classroom where the kids spoke 22 different languages- and still slept in my own bed at night.”

Mary Pipher’s novel has been chosen as this year’s UNCG All-Freshman Read and Greensboro’s “One City, One Book” community read. As UNCG’s All Freshmen Read, new students entering the

university during the 2004-05 academic year read “The Middle of Everywhere” in English 101 courses and, in doing so, join Greensboro’s current community-wide discussion of the book. The All-Freshman Read is in its seventh year and was established to provide a sense of collaboration and community among UNCG freshman and their instructors. Each year books are selected based on a number of reasons: timelessness, connections to the community, and interesting forms or genres.

Students give presentations, do interviews, write responses, and participate in class discussions before the author’s visit. A select group of students were invited to share the stage with Pipher and ask her questions.



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## UNCG AMONG NATION’S TOP 50 IN CosmoGIRL RANKINGS

The University of North Carolina at Greensboro has been listed among the nation’s top 50 institutions for young women in CosmoGIRL magazine’s first set of college rankings.

For its study, the magazine focused on specific factors important to female students: small class size, prominent female faculty, strong women’s athletic programs, a career center that facilitates internship opportunities, leadership options among clubs and activities and an active alumni network. The finalists were selected from 2,685 colleges and universities. Single-sex institutions were not considered.

According to Dr. Jim Black, Associate Provost for Enrollment Services, 78 percent of UNCG’s top academic honors have gone to women graduates in the last six years. Among elected or appointed positions, 73 percent of student government presidents, 87 percent of campus activity board presidents and 76 percent of the newspaper editors have been women.

(Source: Steve Gilliam, UNCG University Relations)

# ASK AWAY

Go ahead, ask us the questions you need answered! Having a son or daughter in college may mean having lots of questions you'd like to ask, and our experts can answer them. Here are a few questions parents have asked our experts. If you want to submit a question for our next issue, send an email to [families@uncg.edu](mailto:families@uncg.edu), subject: Ask Away.

## Is the Student Health Center giving flu vaccines to high-risk students?

The Student Health Center is giving flu shots to high risk students only this year. Chiron was the company from which we ordered all of our vaccines and also the company whose vaccines was withheld. We advise students at high risk to contact our office for an appointment.

-Tresa M. Saxton, PhD

Director, Student Health Services

## What are the important details for students graduating this December?

Graduation will be held Thursday, December 16 at 10:00 am at the Greensboro Coliseum.

Students can bring as many guests as they would like. Seating is not reserved and parking is free. The December ceremony honors students who graduated in August as well as December. In order to participate in the ceremony students must pay their graduation fee, order their regalia, and RSVP for the ceremony. For more information, check out the Commencement Central website at

<http://web.uncg.edu/reg/CommencementCentral.html>

-Stacy L. Fair

Assistant Registrar for Graduation Services

## Why isn't the cafeteria open all day long?

The cafeteria serves over 2000 meals per mealtime and we close so that our staff has the time to clean the serving area and dining rooms, restock their supplies, and set up for the next meal. This recovery time is essential to provide quality service to students. "Outta Here" is designed to serve to-go meals to students when the cafeteria is closed. We have recently extended the "Outta Here" hours to 8:30pm to better serve the needs of our customers.

The hours of operation in our cafeteria are:

7-11:00am	Breakfast
11-2:30pm	Lunch
12-4:00pm	Lite lunch served in "Outta Here"
4-7:30pm	Dinner
7:30-8:30pm	Late hours in "Outta Here"

-Pete Mandala

Senior Foodservice Director

## Does UNCG sponsor Job Fairs on the campus for students seeking employment in the surrounding communities?

The Career Services Center (CSC) sponsors several annual events to assist students in networking with area employers and identifying great part-time jobs, internships and full-time employment for graduates. For more information visit the CSC website (<http://csc.dept.uncg.edu>).

**Part-time Job Fair** (late August) Local Triad employers are invited to campus to meet with students interested in a part-time job during the academic year.

**Fall Career Day** (late September) A variety of employers share information with students from all majors about career and job opportunities.

**Nursing Career Day** (November 10, 2004 at NC A&T State University) This fair is jointly sponsored by UNCG and NC A&T, providing students with the opportunity to talk about job opportunities and careers in nursing and healthcare.

**Education Career Day** (February 3, 2005 at UNCG) This fair is also jointly sponsored by UNCG and NC A&T. Public and private school systems from North Carolina and other states are invited to meet with students interested in pursuing careers in pre-K through 12 educational settings.

**Internship and Summer Job Fair** (February 23, 2005) Local, regional and national employers are invited to campus to meet with students interested in internship or summer employment opportunities.

**Spring Career Day** (March 30, 2005) Representatives from private, public, and government organizations will provide career information and discuss full-time career opportunities with students from all majors.

# No.1 UNCG MEN'S SOCCER WINS SoCon REGULAR SEASON TITLE FOR THE THIRD TIME

UNCG captured its first Southern Conference men's soccer championship since 1998 with a 3-1 league victory over No. 26 College of Charleston October 30th at Patriot's Point in Mt. Pleasant, SC. With the win, the Spartans (16-0-1, 6-0-1 SoCon) clinch the top seed in the upcoming conference tournament and remain the lone unbeaten team in Division I.

"It feels great," said Spartan head coach Michael Parker, who picked up his 432nd career victory spanning 29 seasons. "It was our top objective at the beginning of the season. Now it's time to move on to our next goal, the Southern Conference tournament title."

(Source: [www.uncgspartans.edu](http://www.uncgspartans.edu))



# PARENT FAMILY ASSOCIATION

Have you joined the Parent Family Association yet? It's a great way to stay connected to UNCG and what's going on in the lives of our students. We invite you as parents and family members to take an active role in the life of your college student by supporting the various opportunities available. You can volunteer in many ways... assist in the planning of Family Weekend, help raise funds for special projects, recruit members to the PFA, serve as a presenter at SOAR and other UNCG events and contribute to our parent and family newsletters.

Best yet, it's FREE. All you have to do is visit our website and click on the Parent Family Association link. Once you join, you'll begin receiving our monthly e-newsletter, *Family Connections*, filled with all sorts of fun and informative news. You'll also continue to receive other benefits such as this newsletter, and access to FAMILYLINK and our families' email.

## RETURNING HOME FOR VACATION

### Reestablishing Rules and Guidelines with the Least Amount of Difficulty

#### Testing the boundaries

When students return home for vacations, especially over the summer months, there can often be disputes as to the rules that were in place before they left for college. Parents may hear from their son or daughter, "Well at school I could stay out as late as I wanted!" And Students may hear back from their parents, "Listen as long as you live under our roof, you'll do as we say." Rules are important because they provide structure and boundaries that are the hallmark of responsible decision making.

#### Rules are necessary both at home and college

The residence halls have rules that students are required to live by. Rules at home can convey a sense of caring and let the students know that they have certain responsibilities when living with other people. Having a set of boundaries that students are expected to live within is very important if the rules are designed to help the students handle responsibility.

#### Avoid power struggles when possible

In some cases, however, rules are imposed by parents not for the purpose of giving their children necessary guidelines for accepting adult responsibilities but rather in an attempt to maintain control over their lives. This can create an atmosphere in which parent and students are in a constant struggle for power. Ideally, the home should be a place where the students are respected as individuals and treated increasingly as adults.

To join the Parent Family Association, go to <http://families.uncg.edu>

Subscribe to FAMILYLINK, the immediate email notification of important events and news. Here's how - - 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

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#### Compromise and Negotiate

When the school year ends and your son or daughter returns for summer vacation, plan to sit down and work out reasonable parameters for living at home. Parents need to respect the independence their kids have worked hard to achieve, and students need to remember there are courtesies to be observed.

Using curfew time as a model problem, one solution might be for parents and students to compromise on and negotiate a set of rules. In this way, the students have an opportunity to take the responsibility of keeping their end of the agreed upon arrangement and the parents can hold the expectation that the students will keep their word. This type of agreement gives the students a voice in decisions that directly affect their world- an issue important in this stage of life and one that needs to be fostered and encouraged.

(Source: [www.csc.edu/parents/Coming\\_home.asp](http://www.csc.edu/parents/Coming_home.asp))

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**Looking Ahead**

<b>Fall 2004</b>		January 14	Last day to change courses or course sections without special permission
December 6	Last Day of Classes	January 14	Last day to drop course for tuition and fees refund
December 7	Reading Day	January 17	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Classes dismissed; offices closed
December 8-10, 13-15	Final Examinations	February 1-28	Undergraduate students declare or change major in February
December 16	December Commencement	March 5	Instruction ends for Spring Break, 1:00 P.M.
<b>Spring 2005</b>		March 14	Classes resume after Spring Break, 8:00 A.M.
January 4-8	SOAR sessions for all students based on student population and classification	March 25	Spring Holiday. Classes Dismissed; offices closed
January 10	Classes Begin, 8:00 A.M.	March 29-Apr. 15	Summer and/or fall 2005 advising for continuing students
January 14	Deadline for undergraduates to apply to graduate in May 2005		

**Parent Family Advisory Council**

The Parent Family Advisory Council is made up of parents of current UNCG undergraduate students and is charged with serving as the board for the Parent Family Association. The PFAC meets bi-annually to discuss current issues and ideas concerning the UNCG community. They also assist in planning events and contributing to publications for UNCG families.

Current members of the PFAC include:

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|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Marianne Bartlett</b><br>of Summerfield, NC         | <b>Wayne and Linda Franklin</b><br>of Roanoke, VA        | <b>William Richardson</b><br>of Ash, NC             |
| <b>Curt and Maristevie Bradley</b><br>of Charlotte, NC | <b>Charles and Valerie Hannigan</b><br>of Pawtucket, RI  | <b>Mike Salanik</b><br>of Roanoke Rapids, NC        |
| <b>Jean Branch</b><br>of Lenoir, NC                    | <b>Robyn Musselwhite</b><br>of Greensboro, NC            | <b>Steve and Cheryl Taylor</b><br>of High Point, NC |
| <b>Gary and Patty Brown</b><br>of Summerfield, NC      | <b>Greg and Priscilla Leggett</b><br>of Fayetteville, NC |                                                     |
| <b>Steve and Elva Cooper</b><br>of Charlotte, NC       | <b>Rita Menzies</b><br>of Pinehurst, NC                  |                                                     |
| <b>Dennis Duquette</b><br>of Greensboro, NC            | <b>Donna Moseley</b><br>of Fayetteville, NC              |                                                     |
| <b>Carl and Ellen Flamer</b><br>of Charlotte, NC       | <b>Chris Musselwhite</b><br>of Greensboro, NC            |                                                     |

Each spring we elect new members to the PFAC. If you are interested in serving on the Parent Family Advisory Council, you are encouraged to fill out an application, which is available online at <http://families.uncg.edu>.