Empowering Those With Developmental Disabilities

$761,000 Grant Will Promote Inclusive Recreation

Dr. Stuart Schleien is passionate about inclusive recreation programs, programs that enable individuals with developmental disabilities to take part in the arts, sports and other activities alongside individuals without disabilities.

“These programs empower people,” he said. “They empower individuals with developmental disabilities to be active members of their communities.”

Schleien, head of the Department of Recreation, Tourism, and Hospitality Management in the School of Health and Human Performance, will use a new four-year, $761,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Education (DOE) to prepare students to work in this field as certified therapeutic recreation specialists.

Schleien brings to the project more than 25 years of experience directing similar research and training grants. He also brings his experiences as the father of a child with severe disabilities, who died in 1990.

The grant from the DOE’s Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services will provide graduate assistantships and tuition assistance to eight graduate students and 25 undergraduates in the department. In addition to their coursework, the students will train with exemplary agencies across the country and a new community inclusion program that will bring transition-age individuals (14-26 years old) with developmental disabilities onto the UNCG campus.

Kimberly Miller, who holds a master’s degree in parks and recreation management from UNCG, will serve as project coordinator. She has spent the past six years coordinating Partnership FIVE (Fostering Inclusive Volunteer Efforts).

Potter Party

Are you – or a young family member – a fan of the Harry Potter series? Eagerly awaiting the final book of the series?

The UNCG Bookstore in EUC will host a late-night, in-store party on July 20 to celebrate the release of the series’ finale, “Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows.”

Doors will open at 10 p.m. The books will go on sale after midnight.

Those attending can enjoy games, arts and crafts and refreshments. Free parking will be available in the Walker Avenue Parking Deck. Copies can be pre-ordered. For more information, call 4-5563.

Barba Named Nursing ‘Fellow’

Dr. Beth Barba, associate professor of nursing, is one of 54 nurses worldwide inducted by the American Academy of Nursing as 2007 Fellows.

Barba will be inducted Nov. 10 during the academy’s annual meeting and conference in Washington, D.C.

Selection criteria include evidence of significant national and/or international contributions to nursing and health care. Each nominee must be sponsored by two current academy fellows. Selection is based on the presentation of evidence of the nominee’s work to improve nursing practice and health policy and their capacity to make contributions in the future. Barba’s contributions are focused in gerontology and geriatric nursing education. She is currently the director of a federally funded project that provides geriatric education to nurses practicing in rural regions of North Carolina.

Barba holds a BSN from Jersey City State College, an MA and PhD from New York University and a postdoctoral fellowship in geriatric nursing from Duke University.

The academy is made up of more than 1,500 nursing leaders in education, management, practice and research.

It was established in 1973 under the auspices of the American Nurses Association to provide visionary leadership to the nursing profession and to the public in shaping future health care policy and practice.

Fall Kickoff Deadline July 30

The annual Fall Kickoff is set to take place Monday, Aug. 20. Numerous student organizations and other campus offices will be handing out information and other items along College Avenue on the first day of classes. Groups wishing to participate must register online at studentlife.uncg.edu/fallkickoff by Monday, July 30.

For more information, contact Curtis Tarver in the Office of Student Life at cwtarver@uncg.edu or 4-5800.
SOE Gets National Accreditation

The School of Education has received full reaccreditation by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).

The school is one of 59 departments or schools of education nationally that has received initial or continuing accreditation by NCATE’s Unit Accreditation Board this year.

Dr. Betty Epanchin, associate dean of teacher education and school relationships, coordinated preparation for the reaccreditation review. Epanchin was pleased to receive positive feedback from NCATE on several points.

“The NCATE team commended us on the quality of our faculty and the progress we had made moving toward the assessment of outcomes, or the impact of our programs,” she said. “They were also particularly impressed by our work with the K-12 schools. The real purpose of NCATE, however, is not to judge or compare programs; rather it is to improve all programs that prepare teachers and other professional educators. It’s really a program improvement effort. And it’s pretty clear that we have a solid, established program.”

Dr. Dale Schunk, dean of the School of Education, was also pleased with the outcome of the process, which involved a visit from a seven-member NCATE review team. “It reaffirms our belief that we provide excellent preparation for educators. At UNCG we support the commitment to high quality preparation and continued professional development.”

The school’s next reaccreditation review by NCATE will come in fall 2013. Epanchin said NCATE is shifting from five-year cycles to seven-year cycles for institutions seeking reaccreditation, although all accredited institutions must continue to submit annual reports.

Help for Weekend Warriors?

Soreness from ‘unaccustomed exercise’ subject of study

A new study conducted by Dr. Allan Goldfarb, a professor in the Department of Exercise and Sport Science in the School of Health and Human Performance, could help the legions of weekend warriors and others who experience muscle aches after over-exertion caused by “unaccustomed exercise.”

Goldfarb has received a $113,989 grant from National Safety Associates to study whether taking phytonutrient antioxidant pills containing substances derived from fruits and vegetables before doing strenuous exercise can help enhance the recovery of aching muscles and microscopic damage to muscles caused by working the body too hard.

Antioxidants are molecules that slow down chemical reactions in the body that break down tissue and lead to disease. They occur in abundance in foods such as leafy green vegetables and brightly colored fruits.

Goldfarb will study a group of 40 participants ages 18-40 for four weeks. One half of the study group will receive the phytonutrient antioxidant pill and one half will receive a placebo. Both groups will then undergo vigorous exercise followed by tests measuring muscle soreness, muscle force, range of motion and other forms of secondary inflammation and oxidative stress.

Because antioxidants in the form of phytonutrients protect muscles, Goldfarb believes they can stave off the soreness and possible injury caused by working bodies too hard.

“People don’t always have the time or inclination to properly train or prepare themselves before exercising or performing activities that they don’t normally do,” said Goldfarb. “This work will explore the role that phytonutrients have in the recovery process.”

Levenstein Receives Research Award

For study of African American women, power and poverty

Dr. Lisa Levenstein, an assistant professor of history, has received a $30,000 postdoctoral research grant from the American Association of University Women to write the book “A Movement Without Marches: African American Women, Public Institutions and Poverty in Postwar Philadelphia.”

Levenstein, who teaches courses focusing on the role of women in American history, will take a leave of absence during the 2007-08 year to work on the project.

The book documents the movement of African American women into institutions such as welfare, the courts, public schools, public housing and public hospitals. It also traces the public backlash against African American women enrolled in welfare and other government programs.

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**Gives You Butterflies**

If you haven’t seen the exhibition of nature photography by Dr. Charles Tisdale, professor emeritus, you have a few more weeks. On view outside the Teaching and Learning Center in McIver Building through the end of July, the exhibition focuses largely on butterflies, which tend to pose a challenge for photographers. Tisdale was a longtime professor of English here at UNCG. He retired in 2005.

**Bobb Tapped**

Bobb was recently named to the Division I-AAA Athletics Directors Association Executive Committee as an at-large member for the 2007-08 academic year.

The association’s mission is to enhance initiatives common to its Division I-AAA membership (the 94 Division I institutions that do not sponsor football), in particular, aspects related to their flagship basketball programs.

**Extra Credit**

*Biography Faculty Grade AP Essays*

Eight biology faculty members recently spent a week in Louisville, Ky., grading essays for the Advanced Placement exam in biology.

Dr. John Lepri, head of the biology department, is the chief faculty consultant for AP Biology. No other university sent more than two readers, he said.

As chief faculty consultant, Lepri was responsible for setting scoring standards and managing more than 460 readers as they graded 564,000 essays from 141,000 test-takers.

Dr. Rob Cannon and Ellen Lamb served as table leaders. Joe Bundy, Meg Horton, Julia Loreth, Robin Maxwell and Dr. John Tomkiel served as readers.

The exam, which also includes multiple-choice questions, determines whether students receive college credit for their high school biology studies.

**Looking ahead**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 11**

**THURSDAY, JULY 12**

**THURSDAY, JULY 19**
7 p.m. – Film, “Alice Neel,” about the great 20th century portrait painter, Weatherspoon Auditorium. Free.

**FRIDAY, JULY 20**
UNCG Newsmakers:
A brief look at faculty and staff recently in the news

Dr. Kevin Lowe, professor in the Department of Economics at the Bryan School, was recently interviewed by the Australian Broadcasting Corporation about his research on call centers. Lowe is currently a visiting professor at the University of Southern Queensland in Australia.

Dr. Jen Day Shaw, dean of students, and Dr. Bruce Lynch, staff psychologist for the Counseling and Testing Center, were recently interviewed for a News & Record story written in the aftermath of the Virginia Tech tragedy. Lynch spoke on psychological services available to students. Shaw spoke about the university’s policy for dealing with troubled students.

A weeklong herpetology camp for Orange County high school students envisioned by Dr. Catherine Matthews, professor in the School of Education, was recently featured in the Orange County section of the News & Observer. Matthews’ project “Slip Slidin’ Away” was funded by a three-year, $180,000 Burroughs Wellcome award.

Dr. Keith Mobley, clinical professor in the Department of Counseling and Educational Development, was recently interviewed for a News & Record story on the university’s Project Safe Love initiative. Project Safe Love targets violence among same-sex partners.

To submit information to UNCG Newsmakers, email mkhines@uncg.edu. For more information about working with the media, contact University Relations at 4-5371.

Student Nets Top Sculpture Award

Izumi Ryono, who earned an MFA in studio arts in May, has received the International Sculpture Center’s Outstanding Student Achievement in Contemporary Sculpture Award.

She was one of 21 winners selected from a field of 339 student nominees from more than 140 universities, colleges and art school sculpture programs from the United States and abroad.

Her winning work is titled “I Think I Should Have Been Born As a Boy.” It will be displayed from Oct. 6, 2007, to April 27, 2008, at Grounds for Sculpture, an outdoor park and museum in Hamilton, N.J., and will be featured in the October issue of Sculpture magazine.

Ryono, who is from Japan, received a BA in art from UNCG in 2004.

In her MFA thesis, titled “Grotesque Beauty,” she explained the influences behind her work as the exploration of “the duality of beauty and the grotesque coexisting simultaneously within a singular sculptural form ... I seek to make work that paradoxically seduces the viewer with the promise of beauty even as it repels in its cultivation of the unnatural and the perverse, a sculptural elegance that takes its inspiration from the aversive feelings inspired by biological malformation. My work holds beauty and grotesqueness in uneasy balance.”

Ryono cites children’s toys, cyborgs, television, tabloid media and Japanese animation as some of the main inspirations for her sculptures, whose shapes “evolve the sensuality and seductiveness of the human body.”

The International Sculpture Center, based in New Jersey and Washington D.C., is the world’s leading international organization devoted to the creation and understanding of sculpture.