

# CAMPUS CONNECTION

A STUDENT AFFAIRS NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS

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## Golden Opportunities

Parents: It's hard for your son or daughter to see and even harder to appreciate the value of opportunities on campus every day. The offerings at Givens Performing Arts Center represent one case. GPAC hosts a variety of professional events and activities each year. These events often include the best of touring Broadway and an assortment of internationally recognized talent. UNCP students are able to see these shows for only \$5 by presenting their student ID at the box office. For an even greater value, the first 100 students at the box office on day of show will receive one free ticket with their ID for all Professional Artist events. For spring '12, the GPAC line-up includes the Tony Award Winning musical, "In the Heights", on January 24, the Royal Winnipeg Ballet performing "Moulin Rouge" on March 20, and Ballroom with a Twist on April 24.

For a full listing of events, please visit the GPAC website at [uncp.edu/gpac](http://uncp.edu/gpac) and encourage your son or daughter to take advantage of the opportunity to see a show!

## GPAC Events

January 24 - "In the Heights"

February 4 - "Sing-a-long-a Sound of Music"

February 7 - Frank Warren, Distinguished Speaker Series

February 9 - Tchaikovsky, St. Petersburg Symphony Orchestra

February 22-25 - "The Odd Couple" (Female Version) Presented by the University Theatre Department

March 9-10 - River People Music and Cultural Festival

March 20 - The Royal Winnipeg Ballet, "Moulin Rouge"

April 19-21 - "The Crucible," Presented by University Theatre

April 24 - "Ballroom with a Twist"

April 27 - "Hotel California: A Salute to the Eagles"

## Student of the Month Develops Teen Mentoring Program



Shelby Newsome, a junior Mass Communication major from Winston, N.C., was named the Student Government Association's Student of the Month for November. Shelby was recognized for her involvement on campus and the impact she has made on her community. In addition to being involved with the Association for Campus Activities (ACE), Shelby serves as a Student Service Leader in the Office for Community and Civic Engagement (CCE). In her position, she has developed several programs that target at-risk youth in areas surrounding the UNC Pembroke campus.

Shelby's newest endeavor includes creating a mentoring program where college students will be asked to mentor teen who is at-risk for dropping out of school. The teen mentoring program will begin recruiting interested students early in the spring semester. Mentors are asked to dedicate at least five hours a month to working with a teen. Mentors and participants will work together and participate in activities that work to improve educational performance, build life skills, encourage healthy living, prepare for college, and promote community engagement.

Becoming a mentor provides UNCP students with an opportunity to build and enhance their own skills while making a difference in the life of someone in need. Please encourage your students to make a difference by stopping by the Office for Community and Civic Engagement to speak with Shelby or one of the other Student Service Leaders or staff about the mentoring program or one of the many other service opportunities available. Regardless of your students interests or major, there are opportunities for them to build their professional resume.

The Office for Community and Civic Engagement is located in Old Main, Suite 124. For more information, please visit [www.uncp.edu/cce](http://www.uncp.edu/cce).

## Financial Aid Deadlines and Opportunities

Complete the FAFSA for the 2012-13 school year as soon as you file your 2011 federal income tax return. The priority processing deadline is March 15. Funds are limited, so be certain to complete the FAFSA soon. The UNCP school code is 002954.

FAFSA Day is Saturday, February 18, 2012. FAFSA Day is a program offered by the College Foundation of North Carolina, the North Carolina Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, and the State Employees' Credit Union each February. On FAFSA Day, college financial aid officers and other volunteers will help students complete their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) forms. The program is open to students who plan to attend college in the 2012-13 academic year.

Visit [http://www.cfnc.org/event/fafsa/fafsa\\_nc\\_map.jsp](http://www.cfnc.org/event/fafsa/fafsa_nc_map.jsp) to find a site near you.

## Connecting Parents to the UNCP Community

Be Connected...Stay Involved: Please subscribe to the parent and family listserv at [www.uncp.edu/parents/](http://www.uncp.edu/parents/).

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## It's A Date

January 31  
Health Insurance Waiver Deadline

February 9  
Deadline for Immunizations

March 5 - 10  
Spring Break

March 12  
Classes Resume

March 14  
Last Day for Undergraduates to Withdraw from the University without Documentation

March 15  
Deadline for Filing FASFA

March 26  
Pre-registration for Summer and Fall 2012 Semesters

April 6  
Good Friday (University Closed)

April 9  
Last Day for Undergraduates to Withdraw from the University with Documentation

April 28  
Classes End

April 30 - May 4  
Final Examinations

May 4  
All Residence Halls Close

May 7  
MayMester Begins



### UNCP Housing and Residence Life To Assume Operations of Courtyard Apartments

UNC Pembroke's Board of Trustees approved a resolution, that now goes to the UNC Board of Governors for consideration, which authorizes the Office of Housing and Residence Life to assume the operations of the Courtyard Apartments effective July 1, 2012. Courtyard Apartments is a 96-unit, 336-bed apartment complex featuring 24 two-bedroom/two-bath units and 72 four-bedroom/two-bath units.

The University will offer an academic year agreement with opportunities to reside during the summer months. The proposed semester rate for a 2-bedroom/2-bath unit is \$2,900 and the proposed rate for a 4-bedroom/2-bath unit is \$2,625.

The acquisition of the Courtyard Apartments offers many positives for the department and students. The amenities at the Courtyard Apartments add to the housing diversity now offered and, with the recent opening of Cypress Hall, the acquisition assists in developing a north residential campus. In addition, the Housing Department offers a larger, talented and professional staff, skilled trade and maintenance employees to address issues in a timely manner, and additional resources to assist with the success of students.

For information about Courtyard Apartments, please contact the Housing Office located on the second floor in the University Center Annex, by emailing [housing@uncp.edu](mailto:housing@uncp.edu) or at (910) 521-6228.

### Housing Assignments 2012-13

Beginning January 18, 2012, Housing and Residence Life will begin the room selection process for returning students for the next academic year. A guide which provides important information on changes to our buildings, the process students should follow to secure rooms, and a schedule of help sessions can be found at [www.uncp.edu/housing/reservations](http://www.uncp.edu/housing/reservations).

### Immunization Deadline

The deadline for North Carolina's required immunizations is February 9, 2012. Students who do not have a complete immunization record on file when classes begin will have 30 days to obtain the required immunizations. Students who are not in compliance within the 30 days of the first day of class will be administratively withdrawn from classes. Immunizations are given Monday - Friday from 8-11 a.m. at Student Health Services for \$7.

### Student Health Insurance

All registered students taking six (6) or more credit hours are required to purchase the student injury and sickness health insurance plan. Exceptions to the insurance policy include distance education students and students who submit evidence of equivalent coverage satisfactory to the policyholder. If you have any questions, please contact Student Health Services at (910) 521-6219 or log onto [www.studentinsurance.com](http://www.studentinsurance.com).