

## Greek Life: More Than Just A Party



Dear Parent,

Enabling your son or daughter to join a Greek organization will enrich his or her life tremendously. The UNCP Office of Greek Life is committed to providing your student with a

values-based leadership experience for a lifetime! Greek organizations were established in the mid-1800s and continue to be established today in order to provide college students with a support system during their developmental years. All social Greek organizations at UNCP have been founded on the guiding principles of values and ideals. Students affiliated with fraternities and sororities at UNCP are provided with numerous leadership opportunities on campus and within the community.

The pillars of Greek Life consist of values-based leadership, community service and philanthropy, academic excellence, and brotherhood and sisterhood, as well as lifetime involvement. Fraternities and sororities provide a number of educational opportunities for the campus including etiquette workshops, career development, academic success, health and well-being, etc.

Studies have shown that members of Greek organizations tend to have a higher GPA and graduation rate than non-affiliated students. National and international fraternities and sororities often provide career development resources in order to assist members with job searching. Membership within a Greek organization also provides many opportunities for networking with future employers.

For more information, please contact me at (910) 521-6207.

Sincerely,

*Sara Jahansouz*  
Director of Greek Life

## Health Alert for Parents

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### Meningococcal Disease: Why Is It a Concern for College Students?

Meningococcal disease is a serious bacterial infection. It can cause meningitis—an inflammation of the membranes surrounding the brain and spinal cord. It can lead to sepsis—a life-threatening blood infection.

Although meningococcal disease is uncommon, the risk for this disease is higher for young people living on campus. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), college freshmen living in dormitories have a 600 percent greater chance of developing meningococcal disease than other college students.

### Why are college students living on campus more likely to get meningococcal disease?

Lifestyle factors common among college students seem to be linked to the disease: crowded living situations such as dormitories, bar patronage, active or passive smoking, irregular sleep patterns, and sharing of personal items.

Certain conditions also increase a person's susceptibility to the disease. Persons with immature or damaged immune systems are at increased risk. Respiratory tract infections also increase a person's risk of getting the disease.

### How is meningococcal disease spread?

Meningococcal disease is spread, person-to-person, by air-borne respiratory droplets (e.g., coughing and sneezing). The bacteria also can be transmitted through direct contact with an infected person, such as oral contact with shared items like cigarettes or drinking glasses, and through kissing.

### Should college students be vaccinated?

CDC and the American College Health Association (ACHA) recommend that all first-year students living in residence halls be vaccinated against meningococcal disease. Other college students under age 25 who wish to reduce their risk for the disease may choose to be vaccinated.

### How effective is vaccination?

The meningococcal vaccine provides protection against four of the five types of bacteria that cause meningococcal disease in the United States—types A, C, Y, and W-135. In persons 15-24 years of age, 70-80 percent of cases are caused by potentially vaccine-preventable strains.

Student Health Services offers the vaccine at a charge of \$80. Please call for an appointment (910) 521-6219.

## Jurisdiction Extension for Student Conduct

UNCP has recently made some important changes in its University policies related to student conduct. During the spring 2006 semester, UNCP extended its jurisdiction to all off-campus locations for all offenses. In practice, this policy change means that all students involved in any unlawful act may now be subject to the University's judicial process, no matter where the infraction occurs. The process leading to this decision involved input from the University community, including local law enforcement. UNCP believes extending the jurisdiction will help ensure the safety and well-being of the University community.

The University's Code of Conduct is outlined in the Student Handbook. This document is also located online at [www.uncp.edu/sa/handbook](http://www.uncp.edu/sa/handbook).

## CAMPUS CONNECTION

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## It's A Date

**October 25 - 26**

Grad Finale for Graduating Seniors

**October 25**

Departmental Majors Meeting

**October 26 - November 22**

Seniors register for Spring '07

**October 30 - November 22**

Juniors register for Spring '07

**November 1 - 22**

Sophomores register for Spring '07

**November 3 - 22**

Freshmen register for Spring '07

**November 22 - 25**

No Classes

**December 1**

Classes End

**December 4 - 8**

Final Examinations

**December 8**

Residence halls close at 5 p.m.

**December 9**

Winter Graduation at 10 a.m.

## UNCP Briefs

### ◆ CAREER SERVICES PARENT LISTSERVE

To receive announcements and updates about upcoming Career Center events via e-mail (i.e. workshops, career fairs, on-campus recruiters, etc.), please join the Career Services Parent Listserve by sending an e-mail message with the subject line "SUBSCRIBE PARENT" to [lori.bumgarner@uncp.edu](mailto:lori.bumgarner@uncp.edu). We hope that you'll find these announcements helpful in encouraging your student to take advantage of the services the Career Center has to offer.

### ◆ UNCP CAREER DEVELOPMENT WEEK

**Tuesday, October 31st** - Alumni Career Day  
Various alumni will speak to classes during the day.  
5:00 PM - Alumni Career Panel at WNCP\_TV Studio.  
**Wednesday, November 1st** - UC Lounge  
10:00 AM - Fall Teacher Education Fair  
5:00 PM - Business Etiquette Dinner  
**Thursday, November 2nd** - Career Center (UC 210)  
10:00 AM - Keys to a Successful Job Search  
3:30 PM - Networking: Sometimes It's Who You Know and Who Knows You

### ◆ TUITION MADE EASY

Will your student's account be left with a balance for the spring 2007 semester? If so, there is a payment program that allows you to pay your student's balance in installments rather than in one lump sum. The first of your five spring semester installments will be due the first week of November. For more information, please call Student Accounts at 910-521-6525.

### ◆ GIVENS PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Please join us for another wonderful and diverse season of quality entertainment. This exciting season features numerous performers, Broadway acts and guest speakers such as: *Children's Letters to God*, *Cinderella*, *Mo Rocca*, *Strictly Clean and Decent*, *Wonderful Town* and *A Pat Boone Christmas*. Please call the box office at 1-800-367-0778 to reserve your tickets today.

## Networking Sites: What Parents Should Know

Facebook, MySpace, and similar services are networking tools that enable those with access to communicate with each other, explore common interests, and develop relationships. However, UNC Pembroke administrators are advising students to use caution and common sense when using these services. Students should understand that the content of such sites is stored indefinitely, and this information is not private. Furthermore, it is becoming common practice for employers to investigate such sites when performing background checks of potential employees. UNC Pembroke supports the responsible use of these valuable networking tools. However, the University is asking parents to take a proactive role in helping their student(s) make appropriate decisions regarding these various Web-based networking programs.