

# CAMPUS CONNECTION

A STUDENT AFFAIRS NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS

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## GPAC Showcase

The Paul R. Givens Performing Arts Center (GPAC) is the finest stage in southeastern North Carolina. With more than 1,600 seats, the Center is home to three professional performing arts series and numerous other events.

The 2007-08 Professional Artist Series is your ticket to entertainment with a world-class lineup of shows and performers. So, parents when you schedule a trip to UNCP make sure you select a date during one of the GPAC performances. It is a treat you will not want to miss!

This exciting season features Broadway acts and numerous performers such as *Evita*, *A Viennese Christmas*, State Symphony Orchestra of Mexico, *Rent*, Kevin Locke Dance Ensemble, Larry Gatlin and the Gatlin Brothers and *African Footprint*. You will also have the opportunity to meet the following people in our Distinguished Speaker Series: Academy Award Winner Vanessa Williams; Pulitzer Prize-winning writer Bob Woodward; and Senator Bill Bradley.

For GPAC updates, take a moment to join the Email Club at [www.uncp.edu/gpac](http://www.uncp.edu/gpac). By joining the Email Club, you will receive periodic email updates on upcoming events, advance ticket sales and other special offers.

Please join us for another wonderful and diverse season of quality entertainment.

### ♦ UNIVERSITY CALENDAR

View all campus events by logging on to [www.uncp.edu/calendar/](http://www.uncp.edu/calendar/) and clicking the "Master" link.

## University Writing Center Welcomes Students

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Students working on any type of writing assignment are welcome to visit the University Writing Center. We offer students individual tutoring sessions with knowledgeable and friendly tutors. We help students with all aspects of writing, including brainstorming, planning, drafting, revising and proofreading. Tutors don't do the work for the student, but offer guidance and feedback, helping students through the writing process.

### *When should students visit the Writing Center?*

Students may visit the Writing Center at any time in the writing process. They may bring in a writing assignment and brainstorm ideas with a tutor; they may bring a rough draft and make a revision plan with a tutor; they may bring a paper that is due tomorrow and get some last minute feedback; and they may stop by for a quick question about vocabulary or formatting. Students are also welcome to stop by to use our computers as they write their papers. The Writing Center is a comfortable place (we even have a couch!) where students feel welcome.

### *How do students use the Writing Center?*

Students may call us (910-521-6439) or stop by (Dial 131) to make an appointment with a tutor. We also often have drop-in appointments available. We are open 9:00

a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. on Friday. Our services are free to UNCP students, staff and faculty.



### *What do Writing Center tutors do?*

Writing Center tutors assist with all aspects of paper writing, including brainstorming, planning, organization, thesis development, focus, grammar, style, proofreading and formatting. Our tutoring sessions are individualized so that each student receives the feedback and guidance that they are most interested in. Our goal is to help students with their current assignment and also help them to improve their writing in general.

### *Who are Writing Center tutors?*

Writing Center tutors are UNCP students who like to talk about writing and understand that writing can be challenging, but can also be fun and rewarding. They have been through a training program that prepares them to work effectively with students and their writing. Tutors are students too and understand the pressures of student life. They enjoy sharing their strategies for success!

We encourage all students at UNCP to take advantage of what we have to offer at the University Writing Center. It is a fun and supportive place to learn!

## Emergency Contact Information

Parents need to know who to contact during an emergency situation. Depending on where your student lives will determine who you should contact. We hope you never experience an emergency, but if you do please refer to the following information.

On-Campus Housing	Campus Police	910-521-6235
Pembroke Place Apartments	Sheriff's Dept.	910-671-3100
University Courtyard Apartments	Sheriff's Dept.	910-671-3100
The Commons Apartments	Pembroke Police	910-521-4333
Pembroke Pointe Apartments	Pembroke Police	910-521-4333
N.C. Highway Patrol	State of North Carolina	800-334-7411
UNCP Student Health Services	Campus	910-521-6549
Southeastern Reg. Medical Center	Lumberton, NC	910-671-5000

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## Redefining the Greek Experience at UNCP

The UNCP Greek Community is redefining the Greek experience for students. Students are engaged in educational opportunities for the purpose of leadership development and personal growth. Fraternity and sorority members are embracing the congruence of espoused and enacted values of their fraternal organizations. This can be seen through their increased commitment to community service and cultural awareness.

Students who are affiliated with Greek organizations have the opportunity to partake in attendance at national conferences, leadership institutes, and educational programs that are specifically designed for members of the Greek community. This provides numerous opportunities for career development, networking, and academic excellence/improvement.

The UNCP Greek community has grown in record numbers! We have seen a 125% increase in Greek membership over the last year. UNCP hosts eighteen fraternities and sororities on campus, and we foresee even more to come. Please encourage your student to check out all that Greek life has to offer. If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Greek Life at [greek@uncp.edu](mailto:greek@uncp.edu) or 910-521-6207.

## The Center for Academic Excellence

The Center for Academic Excellence is dedicated to helping students transition from high school to college, from assisting with class schedules to providing insight into life in the UNCP community. With each student's best interests in mind, the Center for Academic Excellence offers many programs that contribute to the success of freshmen students.

**Bravewire/Pembroke Parents** - BraveWire is an online, interactive Web site that provides freshmen with the opportunity to network with each other by building personal profiles, creating discussion topics and much more. BraveWire also offers a series of articles designed to address many of the questions and issues that freshmen face during their first year in college. Likewise, Pembroke Parents is a Web site that informs parents about important information regarding UNCP. Displayed in a newsletter format, Pembroke Parents keeps parents up-to-date on UNCP policies, important deadlines and ways to cope with students going off to college.

**Peer Education Program** - The Peer Education Program is a free academic resource for students. Upperclassmen that excel in the subject area act as peer educators and provide tutoring for students that are struggling in the course. This program offers assistance in all general education and, when a tutor is available, some major courses.

**Supplemental Instruction** - Supplemental Instruction (SI), a new UNCP program, targets general education courses in which students traditionally labor. SI Leaders, highly accomplished upperclassmen, attend the course and collaborate with the course instructor to offer regularly occurring, extra-curricular study sessions.

**Freshman Seminar** - Freshman Seminar is a course that is requisite for all entering freshmen. It is designed to help your student transition from high school to college, with discussion topics including time management, study skills, on-campus resources, UNCP organizations and social events. In addition to easing the transition into college, Freshman Seminar helps students establish an effective and beneficial relationship with the UNCP community.

**Academic Advising** - Academic advising is one of the most important aspects of a successful academic future at UNCP. It is vital that students meet with their advisor early in the semester, and throughout, to plan for classes for future semesters and to clarify academic aspirations. Freshman Seminar instructors serve as academic advisors until students declare a major, at which time students will be assigned an advisor within their major field of study.

The Center for Academic Excellence encourages parents to motivate their students to participate in as many of these programs as possible. Early and frequent participation will improve a student's chances for academic success.