From the Director’s Desk by Kim Cuny

Last year we completed over 2,000 consultations which doubles our 2004-2005 total. During the summer we were busy with our move across Spring Garden Street. We have already had a number of classes come by for orientations and are busy developing workshops for classes across the curriculum. This year, there are many things that are new and some that remain the same.

What’s NEW?!

* Our New Speaking Center location is 3211 HHRA (corner of Forest and Spring Garden). From this new space we will perform all of our one-on-one and group consultations. We can now do six consultations at a time where our original space allowed only three. Our friends from the TLC installed state-of-the-art equipment which allows our clients to practice their speeches with the same technology they will later use in their classrooms.
  * We have a new assistant director and two new graduate assistants all of which are our own alumni!
  * We share an entrance with our CAC friends at The Writing Center.
  * Our Web page has a new look!

What’s Not New?!

* We continue to offer public speaking, group, and interpersonal communication tutoring/consultations.

* Our phone number remains 336-256-1346. We still require appointments due to the spoken nature of our work. It is never too early to call to arrange for an appointment but it can be too late as appointments need to take place two days (or more) before the final in-class presentation date.

* We still do center orientations for classes and other groups.

* Support in the form of oral communication tip sheets on our Web page continues to grow both in volume and popularity.

* We continue to take requests for our interactive oral communication workshops. We can facilitate these workshops in your space or The Speaking Center Training Facility which remains in our original McIver Underground location.

* Our services are free and available to the entire campus community. Please call 336-256-1346 to schedule an appointment, have a Communication Consultant offer your class or group an informative orientation of our services, to request a workshop, learn more about our free evening workshop series, or to arrange for us to help with tip sheets.

Tired of being hassled by your public speaking anxiety monster? Learn how to tame your monster at the University Speaking Center!!

Ode to a Consultation

By: Amanda Cook and Laura Schule

You enter to the smell of mint,
You mess with your pocket of lint,
You see our smiles,
You don’t wait a while,
And you’re oh so happy you went!

We offer these services for free,
Time is your only fee,
You’ll be led in a room,
With technology a boom,
And you leave with such feelings of glee!
CST-390...Don’t Take It Lightly

By McKenzie Hubbard

How many of you have ever taken a class and felt like nothing you learned would ever benefit you in the future? I know I have, and I’m sure you have too!

Well that’s the great thing about CST-390, everything you learn in this class can be applied to your work at the Speaking Center, your work in other classes, and will ultimately help you become a better speaker and listener.

Think of CST-390 as a boot camp, but a lot more fun, that will whip your brain into shape and eventually prepare you to be able to prepare others. One of the best feelings that I have ever had was being able to lead a consultation on my own and know that I had helped someone become more confident and prepared for future public speaking endeavors.

The Strictly Speaking Workshop Series: What is it?

By: Christen Hanley

At the University Speaking Center we like to take things one semester at a time. With this in mind, the Strictly Speaking Workshop Series for Fall 2006 will consist of ten different workshops offered either on a Wednesday or Thursday night (FOR FREE) by the University Speaking Center. The topics of the workshops reflect the areas students have requested while visiting the Speaking Center or areas most often covered during Speaking Center consultations. Workshops and corresponding packets are created by the two consultants that facilitate the workshop. During the workshop, the information in the packet will be covered through a series of interactive activities between the consultants and the participants; the more the participants get involved the better the workshop experience. Anyone is welcome at these workshops and the more people the more diversity the audience has to offer. To sign up or read the different workshop titles go to http://speakingcenter.uncg.edu/ and click on the Workshops tab on the left-hand side. Workshops will be located in our Training Facility located in 21 McIver Building Underground.

Think you might want to work at the Speaking Center?

Ask yourself:

Do I enjoy working with others?
Do I enjoy helping others?
Do I like to work in a warm and friendly environment?

Find out how to become a consultant at speakingcenter.uncg.edu/staff/becomingconsultant.html

Meet some of our staff!

Chris
Hema
Jackie
Vik-E
Ron

Hours of Operation:

Monday—Wednesday 10am to 8pm
Thursday 10am to 6pm
Friday 9am to Noon