THE DIRECTOR’S PODIUM

BY KIM CUNY

What’s New, and What’s Not, at the Speaking Center?

Last year we completed over 2,000 consultations and 100 workshops for UNCG students, faculty, staff, and our community. This year, there are many things that are new and some that remain the same.

NEW

*We now offer extended hours of operation. Google Talk/AIM: UNCGSpeaking or visit our Web page ASK US.

*We are featured in two new publications:


*Our staff members, Kiya Ward & Will Bryant, each won a national award for their individual speaking center research at the 2009 National Association of Communication Centers Conference.

NOT NEW

*We continue to offer public speaking, group, and inter-personal communication consultations as well as open enrollment evening workshops.

*Our FLIPVIDEO cameras allow our clients to have the option of being recorded digitally as they practice their speech. We can send the recording via e-mail to the speaker for future viewing.

*Do to the spoken nature of our work we still require appointments. It is never too early to call to arrange for an appointment: however, it can be too late. Appointments need to take place two or more days before the final presentation date.

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

*We are taking requests for our interactive oral communication workshops. We can facilitate these workshops in your space or the Speaking Center Training Facility.

*During a consultation, our clients work one-on-one with a communication consultant trained in peer-to-peer tutoring. Each individual session will last thirty minutes while a group session lasts one hour. We can assist you at any stage of your presentation, from invention to delivery.

*Our services are open and available to the entire campus community.

*Want to join our team of consultants? To learn how, check out: speakingcenter.uncg.edu/staff/

VITAL STATISTICS

Location: 3211 MIRA (Consultations)

21 Helby Building

Underground (Workshops)

Phone: (336) 216 1346

Hours: Mon.-Thurs 10am to 8pm

Friday 9am to noon

Sunday 9pm to 4pm

Web: http://speakingcenter.uncg.edu

AIM/Google Talk: UNCGSpeaking

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By Erin Ellis

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Just sit and listen from the back,

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GET THEIR ATTENTION!

BY LARA AMSHAY

The idea of constructing a speech used to terrify me! I always knew the main points I wanted to use that went along with my topic, but I had trouble formulating an introduction. “Hi, my name is Lara Amshay and today I’m going to be informing you about…” was about the best thing I could come up with. It was good that my audience knew my name and what my topic was, but I was missing one key element: an attention getting device. I realized anyone could state their name and purpose, but choosing to start off with a question, story, quote, or fun fact was a way I could set myself apart from the pack. Having an attention getting device has helped break the ice and set a tone of high interest among my audience. Suddenly, my fear went away! I started approaching speeches with an attitude of excitement and with hundreds of possibilities of ways to get my audience engaged. I now had students from my CST 105 class approaching me and telling me how they loved the joke that I started my speech off with or how the question I posed真的 gave them something to think about. I started approaching speeches with an attitude of excitement and with hundreds of possibilities of ways to get my audience engaged. I now had students from my CST 105 class approaching me and telling me how they loved the joke that I started my speech off with or how the question I posed really made them think. I have found that being creative and going the extra mile really goes a long way!