

SPEAKING FROM THE CENTER

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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. This year we have completed 25% more in addition to the nearly 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

*Communicators seeking support via the resources on our Web page is growing in popularity.

*Strictly Speaking, our open enrollment evening workshop series, has gained a following among Greensboro residents.

* We are under review along with the rest of the Communication Across the Curriculum program at UNCG.

*We will be open during the summer for the first time ever.

*We are supporting on-line classes via distance education technologies.

NOT NEW

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

*We offer extended support via on-line chat! Send us your quick questions during our regular hours of operation.

GoogleTalk/AIM: UNCG-Speaking

Or visit our Web page ASK US.

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

*Due 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.

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

*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 organization to delivery.

*Our services are open and available to the entire campus community, and through our community outreach, the off-campus community as well.

*Want to join our team of consultants? To learn how, check out :

speakingcenter.uncg.edu/staff/

VITAL STATISTICS

Locations: 3211 MHRA (Consultations)

21 Melver Building

Underground (Workshops)

Phone: (336) 256 1346

Regular Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 10am to 8pm

Friday 9am to 3pm

Sunday 5pm to 8pm

Summer Hours: Mon. & Wed. 10-5

Tue. & Thur. 12-7

Web: <http://speakingcenter.uncg.edu>



The Voice

By Melinda Alston

The Voice,

The Voice creates possibilities and transforms realities,

Stand with your voice,

Demand with your voice,

Understand those who express their voice,

The Voice has knowledge to shower,

The Voice empowers,

Voice your opinions and emotions,

Make a loud commotion!

The Speaking Center can help you in exploring your voice,

But you have to make that choice.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

BY EVAN ZAKIA



This year the Speaking Center has been working closely with the Interactive Resource Center, Guilford County's only homeless day center. Together the Speaking Center and the IRC

have created a Speakers Bureau designed to assist individuals experiencing homelessness in educating the community about the homeless experience in Guilford County. This semester IRC speakers have participated in several speaking engagements on campus and in Center City Park. We look forward to continuing our work with the IRC next year through

an AmeriCorp Vista position, and expanding to other community outreach programs in Guilford County.

Community outreach is nothing new for us at the UNCG Speaking Center. We have had a long history of partnerships with local organizations. In the past we have worked with the Association of Retarded Citizens, Joseph's House,

the Hive, and currently the IRC. With each outreach program we strive to understand the needs unique to that particular organization, and to work within their organizational framework to assist in any speaking related projects or endeavors that the organization needs or values. For more information visit us at: speakingcenter.uncg.edu/communityoutreach/



GOING GREEN!

BY CAROLINE MYRICK

The Joyce Ferguson Award

At the 2010 National Association of Communication Centers conference hosted by DuPauw University, UNCG Speaking Center Director Kim Cuny and Assistant Director Hema Yarragunta received the Joyce Ferguson Award for their paper, "Communication Activism: A New Model of Outreach in the Communication Center." The paper excelled in clear organization, solid theoretical grounding, and especially in advancing theoretical principles.



A few semesters ago, the University Speaking Center established a new committee which I have the privilege of chairing. That's us – the Sustainability Committee! What exactly is sustainability, and what is our goal as a committee?

sustain (v.)

1. To keep in existence; maintain (environmentally)
2. To support the spirits, vitality, or resolution of; encourage

Our goal is to tackle *both* definitions of sustainability. Not only do we find ways to be more "green" in and around the Speaking Center, we focus on supporting and encouraging our local and global community.

Before the birth of this committee, the Speaking Center was already engaging in many 'green' practices. For instance, we were reusing and recycling our office paper, supplying the campus with free online tip-sheets, lighting

our rooms with automatic shut-off lights, and drinking out of our BPA-free Speaking Center water bottles.

When the Sustainability Committee came on the scene, more 'green' practices followed suit. The committee began a bottle cap collection project, since caps don't get recycled at recycling plants. The caps are taken to Aveda, the only place in Greensboro that recycles such plastics. Additionally, every week or so, the Speaking Center staff receives an email courtesy of the committee. "The Green Scene" emails enlighten staff members about environmental problems, such as the effects of bottled water, and offers achievable changes/solutions, like recycling your bottles and/or using reusable ones.

In addition to being 'green', the Sustainability Committee has upheld its promise to support communities in Greensboro and across the globe. For two Thanksgivings in a row, we have held our "Thanx 4 Giving" food drives, which have collected nonperishable foods for Greensboro's Urban Ministries food bank. Last spring, we held our first "Spring n2 Giving" spring cleaning drive, collect-

ing clothing for Goodwill of Greensboro. This semester, we reached out beyond our city *and* country, with our "Change 4 Haiti" drive.

Through the contributions of pocket change of our giving coworkers, we were able to donate over \$30 to the Red Cross to help earthquake relief efforts in Haiti.

...But that's not all! The Sustainability Committee has big plans for its future. Over the next few semesters, we look forward to finding ways to use less paper, less energy, and more natural products in the Speaking Center. We also plan to organize stream cleanups, street sweeps, and other group volunteering events. Long-term, we can't wait to collect enough money to purchase a tree to be planted in our name outside the MHRA building.

The Sustainability Committee has had a great run so far – with lots of support from the entire Center. We thank you and look forward to the 'green' future that lies ahead!



A Few of our Graduating Seniors



Brooke Davis: BS Elementary Education



Kissy Gomes: BS Information Systems & Operations Management



Libby Lanning: BA Communication Studies



Molly Malone: BFA Theater Education

FROM YOUR FRIEND PRACTICE

BY LARA AMSHAY



Hi Friend,

Haven't heard from you lately. It's the night before your final speech and I'm surprised we haven't been spending time together like we used to. You haven't studied your information, checked to see if your power point works, and you have a bad attitude. I see how you

are freaking out because you haven't prepared, and you feel like you are going to fail tomorrow. Hate to break it to you, but most likely you will. You've heard of a self-fulfilling prophecy right? If you have the mindset that you are going to do well, then you probably will. If you don't have that positive mindset, then studies show you most likely won't succeed. Friend, we need to spend more time preparing, and that's a fact! Public speaking is a process and if we had started working together a week or maybe even two weeks ago, you

would feel more confident and prepared. You could have rehearsed your speech with me, made sure your power point worked, and put your information to memory. You could have even sought help at the Speaking Center! We all know what cramming does to us the night before a big presentation or test. Best of luck my friend, but next time don't forget about me. Our relationship makes more of a difference in the final results of your speech than you might realize!

- Your Friend Practice