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UNCW Athlete Renkin Enjoys Trip To ABW Awards

WILMINGTON, N.C. – Senior UNC Wilmington soccer player Caroline Renkin's recent trip to Los Angeles was not only the highlight of her athletic career, but also a great experience for her as a Theater major.

Renkin, escorted by her parents, Alan and Diane, and Head Coach Paul Cairney, traveled to the West Coast for the inaugural Athletes for a Better World Wooden Cup Awards. Out of 200 nominees from colleges around the country, Renkin was one of the six finalists invited to the event. The ceremony took place at the Biltmore Hotel, where the Academy Awards were hosted back in the 30's and 40's.

"I can't explain the prestige of being able to take part in this. I wish I could go back and relive it because it was just so amazing" said Renkin.

Renkin, who graduated from Clover Hill High School in Richmond, Va., finished her

collegiate career with the Seahawks this season. She appeared in 75 games in four seasons, scoring 17 goals and compiling 11 assists. This past fall, she helped the Seahawks finish 10-7-1, with eight goals and three assists.

"Caroline is very deserving of this recognition," said Cairney. "She is a great student and always works hard to improve at every practice. She comes ready to play and is a positive role model for everyone."

A new organization, Athletes for a Better World encourages amateur and professional athletes to be positive role models for youth and honors those athletes who show outstanding leadership, responsibility and character.

The six finalists in the inter-collegiate category included Renkin, Bill Betz (Brigham Young), Dionnah Jackson (Oklahoma), Clark Lea (Vanderbilt), DeAngelo Williams



(Memphis), and Michael Williams (Stephen F. Austin). Betz was honored with the award.

Nominees in the professional category were Ray Allen (Seattle Supersonics), Sue Bird (Seattle Storm), Tim Duncan (San Antonio Spurs), Peyton Manning (Indianapolis Colts), Will Shields (Kansas City Chiefs), and Dawn Staley (Charlotte Sting). Manning received the award.

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UNCW Parents Are Making It Happen!

In just six months, the UNCW Parents Council has raised \$125,000 toward their \$325,000 goal to build the Colonnade in the new Union complex! The Colonnade Campaign 2004-2006 is just that – a project to build a Colonnade in the center of campus as a lasting legacy from UNCW parents to their students. The Colonnade will be the "Finishing Touch" on

the new Union complex. It will create a true quad in the center of campus, a natural gathering place for the students in between classes and during evening activities. The completion date is 2006 – envision taking graduation photos on the very Colonnade that you helped build! – and without parent involvement it just will not happen. For more information

about the UNCW Parent Council and Colonnade Campaign, please contact Stephanie David – 910-962-2659 or davids@uncw.edu. Get involved today!

Financial Aid Essentials & Tips for Success

As you prepare to have your child return to UNCW next year, we encourage you to begin the financial aid process now in order to be eligible to receive available funds.

The FAVSO sponsors kiosks (look for computers mounted in the teal and navy surfboards) across campus to make it easier to access the FAVSO website, SEAWEB and Campus Pipeline. The kiosks are in Randall Library vestibule, across from the campus post office in Warwick Center and James Hall, First Floor.

Financial aid information is accessible 24 hours a day. Visit our website at www.uncw.edu/finaid to link to SEAWEB to view financial aid award information and review the student's account.

In addition to monitoring your financial aid on SEAWEB, you may email us (finaid@uncw.edu); call us (910.962.3177); stop by our office in James Hall 106; or make an appointment with your personal financial aid counselor. We will be glad to answer your questions.

Tips for Financial Aid Processing Success:

- Complete the FAFSA for 2005-2006 now (based on taxes for 2004). Some funding is limited. Filing electronically is

faster at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

- Filing the FAFSA is free. If you have questions about completing the form you may contact our office for assistance.
- Complete the on-line application for named scholarships, available via the financial aid website, www.uncw.edu/finaid, through April 1.
- Check the FAVSO website (www.uncw.edu/finaid) frequently for hotlinks to important websites and current news and information. Link to the

"Parents" section of the website for additional information.

- Contact the Cashier's Office (910.962.3164) to arrange for Direct Deposit of financial aid refunds.
- Include the student's name and Social Security number on all financial aid correspondence.
- If the student receives a Federal Work-Study award, check our website for available job information.
- Be prepared to pay for books and supplies. Expect to

spend about \$500 for these items.

- Students should check campus email and P.O. Boxes often! After classes begin, most financial aid correspondence is sent via email and to campus P.O. Boxes.
- Remember! By federal law, unless students give us written permission via a signed FERPA form, we cannot provide parents--or anyone else--with information about the student's financial aid. The FERPA release form may be accessed via a Hotlink from the financial aid website.

- Students who plan to attend summer school should complete the On-Line Application for Summer Financial Aid, available March 15, on the financial aid website.

- Students who are newly admitted for summer, and who need financial aid for summer school, should complete the FAFSA for 2004-2005 (based on taxes for 2003).

- Be aware of Satisfactory Academic Progress Policies as they relate to financial aid. In addition to GPA requirements, students are required to com-

plete 75% of total cumulative hours attempted, as well as graduate within a maximum time limit. You may review the entire SAP policy at

www.uncwil.edu/finaid/sap.htm.

Students who are experiencing financial difficulties at any time during their UNCW experience should make an appointment to talk with their financial aid counselor. We care and are here to help.



**SGA President,
Zack Wynne**

UNCW Student Government Needs Parents' Assistance

Over the next few months, the North Carolina General Assembly will consider the state budget. UNCW needs to get its fair share of funding and we need your help to do that.

Please visit www.ncleg.net and contact your state legislators. Tell them to support Senate Bill 422 which would provide \$7 million for UNCW (that's equal to a \$675/person tuition increase!). Also, our School of Nursing needs a new building that would be funded if Senate Bill 423 and House Bill 536

(they're the same) are passed. Please help UNCW out- we're counting on your efforts!

Zack Wynne
Student Body President
UNC-Wilmington



Spring Into Leadership and Service

The school year may be wrapping up, but things are still hopping at the Center for Leadership Education and Service (CLES). In February we successfully hosted the twelfth annual Southeastern African American Student Leadership Conference (SEAASLC) at UNCW. More than two hundred students from universities and colleges around the region attended the conference. This annual event is held every other year at UNCW, and there are plenty of opportunities for your student to get involved.

Two student groups recently

returned from Alternative Spring Break trips to Florida and Charleston, where they built houses for Habitat for Humanity and learned about environmental issues affecting the Everglades. If you'd like for your student to have a meaningful experience volunteering over their fall or spring break, encourage them to get in touch with our office to learn more about Alternative Break Trips during 2004-2005.

In other leadership and service news, we planned another successful Young at Heart fellowship for senior citizens com-

plete with a live band, food and fellowship with college students. We're currently recruiting student volunteers to help with Special Olympics on April 13. This is a rewarding way for students to spend a spare hour a whole morning, helping out at the Special Olympic Games for exceptional children and adults from the community.

We invite your student to get involved by calling (910) 962-3877 or by stopping by our office in University Union 212.



UNCW Student lends a hand with Habitat for Humanity during an Alternative Spring Break Trip.

Go Greek!

Parents and families, I am happy to be serving as Coordinator of Greek Life at UNCW. It is an exciting place to be!

Building on tradition, fraternities and sororities have experienced tremendous growth and improvement in the areas of community and philanthropic service, academic achievement, leadership development and character. In recent years, we have seen members of fraternities and sororities contribute endless hours of their time to

benefit the local community as well as national campaigns. Greek organizations at UNCW stress academics as a high priority and establish academic incentive programs and financial rewards within their membership for outstanding achievements. Each chapter must maintain an overall average of at least a 2.4 to be in good standing with the university.

At UNCW, we believe in fostering a comprehensive

educational environment for our students. The fraternity and sorority community prides itself on self-governance and as such provides many avenues for leadership within each organization on campus. Members oversee their own financial accounting, facilities maintenance, community and public relations, membership recruitment and development and social programming. Fraternity and sorority members also participate in leadership re-

treats and seminars as well as educational programs involving topics such as diversity, academic success, effective communication, and alcohol and drug awareness.

I appreciate your support of the fraternity and sorority community. If you have any questions or concerns, I can be reached by email at masseytm@uncw.edu or by phone at (910) 962-3119. I look forward to hearing from you!

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"It was humbling to be in the presence of all those great people," added Renkin, "but at the same time it was very congratulatory to realize that we were all there for the same reason. It is not just about athletic achievement, but how you live your life."

The days Renkin spent in Los Angeles were full of activity. The first night she attended a dinner ceremony to meet the other nominees. She attended

a photo shoot the next day for the nominees, where she met legendary UCLA coach John Wooden.

Renkin said, "John Wooden is such a great man. I felt inspired just standing next to him. He has done so many good things for so many people."

Along with Wooden, there were many other famous sports figures in attendance.

"There were a lot of people that are excellent role

models for both coaches and athletes," said Cairney. "Gene Stallings and Vince Dooley were there. It was wonderful to see those guys, along with the college athletes who are each excellent in their own field."



UNCW students flock to the Seahawk Perch

Seahawk Perch Ready To Assist With Off-Campus Housing Searches

"Students seem to be beginning their housing searches earlier than ever, which is fantastic," says Dana McKoy, Coordinator of Commuter and Non-Traditional Student Services. "I think the word on the street is that if you want certain off-campus locations with amenities that are popular with a lot of students, you need to start early. We can make a student's search a lot easier by providing the resources he or she needs to make an informed decision," she says. "And ultimately our goal is to educate our students and help them

grow and mature by being an active part of this process.

Resources offered by the Seahawk Perch include a wealth of local apartment and real estate literature and its own annual 28-page publication, *The Off-Campus Living Guide*. The Perch also offers a comprehensive website, which contains an extensive section designed to help students new to the area through the entire process of finding off-campus housing. The site address is www.uncw.edu/seahawkperch; visitors should click on the *Off-Campus Housing*

Information section. "Students can learn about a wide variety of things on our website," says McKoy, "such as university parking policies which may affect their decision of where to live, how they can determine a budget for housing expenses, transportation and meal plan options, and even advice on selecting a roommate." The Seahawk Perch will be happy to assist students in person, over the phone, or by email. The phone number to the Seahawk Perch is 910.962.7371 and the email address is seahawkperch@uncw.edu.

**University
Learning
Services,
"Maximizing
the Lifelong
Learning
Potential of the
UNCW
Student"**

University Learning Services Offers Academic Support

Hello Seahawk parents! It has been an eventful year for University Learning Services, the place for your student to find free tutoring and personalized assistance with learning strategies. Our center of operations moved, joining other Student Affairs offices in making services more accessible. Two of the three centers that make up ULS, the Tutoring & Learning Center and The Writing Place, have now moved to the newly renovated Westside Hall. The

Math Lab's drop-in assistance remains in the Bear Hall location. While walk-in writing help is available in the new center, an appointment guarantees that a trained Writing Place consultant will be able to meet your student at a specific time. Tutoring in all other Basic Studies courses is available only by appointment, and usually begins within three days of the initial request. Your student can also meet individually with a study skills consultant to refine spe-

cific skills to optimize his or her academic success. Whether it be time management, effective study habits, note taking, reducing test anxiety, learning style awareness, or some other skill, the academic support your student needs is available. You are invited to tour the center at any time, we love to show it off. Please feel free to contact us at (910)962-3549, email us at uls@uncw.edu, or visit our website at www.uncw.edu/stuaff/uls.



Dr. David P. Cordle

David P. Cordle Named Dean of the UNCW College of Arts & Sciences

David P. Cordle, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Longwood University in Farmville, Va., has been named dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of North Carolina Wilmington, effective July 1.

P. Nelson Reid has been serving as interim dean since Jo Ann Seiple stepped down in June 2004 to return to teaching. "The dean's position in the College of Arts and Sciences at UNCW is an exceptional lead-

ership opportunity," Cordle said. "The higher education community has taken notice of the great strides forward that the university and the college have made in recent years. It's an honor to be selected, and I look forward to being a part of UNCW's bright future."

Cordle is in his seventh year as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Longwood University. He will bring to UNCW over 21 years of administrative service, demon-

strated knowledge of key academic issues in the liberal arts and sciences, experience with curriculum development, and a deep commitment to the centrality of liberal learning to the mission of higher education. Provost Hosier praised the search committee chaired by Dean Larry Clark of the Cameron School of Business, which identified and brought to campus five outstanding candidates from 99 applicants.

Seahawks Sparkle In NCAA's APR Report

UNC Wilmington has passed the NCAA's new litmus test for academic performance with flying colors.

The Seahawks fared well in a preliminary report released by the NCAA this week, finishing second only to William & Mary among Colonial Athletic Association schools and performing above average in 13 of the 15 programs included in the comprehensive report.

"We're very pleased with these findings," said interim athletic director Mike Capaccio. "Our student-athletes have

their priorities in order and are obviously preparing for their futures. We're extremely proud of their accomplishments, both on the playing field and inside the classroom."

According to the new formula, programs in each school are given points when student-athletes remain eligible and stay in school. The points are then calculated for each team and divided by the highest possible total. That percentage is then assessed a point total, with 1,000 as the highest possible score.

Six of UNCW's programs recorded a perfect tally of 1,000 – men's swimming, women's swimming, men's golf, women's soccer, women's outdoor track and field and volleyball.

Schools scoring below a 925 could face penalties in the sport such as the loss of a scholarship. NCAA officials hope the new format improves both the academic eligibility and retention of student-athletes.



UNCW Men's Basketball Player, Junior Guard, John Goldsberry.

UNCW Hosts Violence Prevention Conference

The University of North Carolina Wilmington's Department of Social Work and the North Carolina Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers are hosting a conference on the topic of violence prevention from 8:30 a.m.– 3 p.m., Friday, April 1, at UNCW's Executive Development Center at the New Hanover County Northeast Regional Library off Military Cutoff Road. The conference is part of the university's continu-

ing education program for social workers and other social service practitioners and awards six continued education units.

Conference presenters, including practitioners, policy makers and UNCW and Pembroke faculty, will examine community-based violence prevention efforts. The keynote luncheon address will be offered by noted national criminologist Margaret Zahn. Zahn is the director of Research

Triangle Institute's Crime, Justice Policy and Behavior Program and a professor of sociology at North Carolina State University. Prior to her work for RTI, Zahn was the director of the Violence and Victimization Division of the U.S. Department of Justice.

The cost of the conference is \$85; NASW-NC members receive at \$10 discount. Register by March 25 by calling (910)962-3195 or at www.uncw.edu/swk/.

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**Department of
Social Work and
the National
Association of
Social Workers**

Present

**"Tools For
Preventing
Interpersonal
Violence"**

Campus Recreation Corner

The Department of Campus Recreation organizes and administers a variety of structured and self-directed recreational services that enhance the overall wellness of the university community. We encourage UNCW parents and students to take advantage of Campus Recreation programs. For more information call 962-4052 or visit our website at <http://www.uncw.edu/stuaff/camprec/index.htm>.

Discover Outdoors Events for April:

Saturday, April 2nd, 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Annual Seahawk Scramble Climbing Competition

Fee: \$25.00 (before March 19th) \$35.00 (after March 19th) \$5.00 for spectators

Thursday April 7th, 5:00-9:00 PM

Night Kayaking Harbor Island

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 4/4

Fee: Students: \$32.00 Faculty/Staff/Guest: \$38.00

PRE-TRIP MEETING: Wednesday, April 6; 5:00 PM

Saturday, April 16th, 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM

GAAG (Get Around Above Ground), UNCW Challenge Course

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 4/14

Fee: \$5.00



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The Office of Transition Programs is responsible for providing a comprehensive program that will assist all students and their families in their transitions to and from the University. This program exposes new students to the educational opportunities within UNCW, orients them to the academic and co-curricular life of the institution, and assists them in their on-going transition to the university beyond orientation. The Office of Transition Programs also assists parents in their transition and understanding of the UNCW environment, services and changes within the university. The office is also responsible for a comprehensive senior transition program designed to help seniors make meaning of their college experience, celebrate their achievements and prepare them for life after college. In addition, the Office of Transition Programs is responsible for the coordination of Commencement.

Spring Commencement Projected Largest In School History



This year's spring commencement is projected to be the largest in school history with over 1,600 students slated to graduate! We are proud of our graduates!

Commencement will take place on May 7, 2005 with the College of Arts and Sciences ceremony starting at 9:30 a.m. and the Professional Schools ceremony beginning at 2:00 p.m. Graduates are reminded to arrive at Hanover gym to line up for the processional for the College of Arts and Sciences at 8:15 a.m. and at 12:30 p.m. for the Professional Schools. For further information regarding commencement, please visit our website at <http://www.uncw.edu/stuaff/transitions/commencement>.

Newly Constructed Technology Support Center Opens Its Doors

The Information Technology Systems Division is excited to welcome students, faculty and staff to our comfortable, collaborative and user-friendly Technology Support Center! The center, opening in spring 2005, offers state-of-the-art equipment, technology accessibility, skilled support personnel and comfortable work spaces for faculty, staff and students. An extension to Hoggard Hall, this site also houses an expanded Technology Assistance Center (TAC) and multi-function workspaces designed for collaboration. The environment is fully wireless for the use of laptops and PDAs. The four main support functions in this new technology center:

The **TAC Help Desk** serves as a call center to provide assistance to faculty, staff and students with computing questions and problems. It also serves as a walk-in help desk where support personnel are able to answer questions, distribute software, provide docu-

mentation, and assist with a variety of technology needs.

The **TAC Student Center**, which is open to the entire campus community, includes work spaces and collaborative areas for students to work with multimedia equipment, access the Internet, use the latest computer programs, or simply check e-mail at the "e-mail stations." This area includes comfy, stylish laptop chairs, bistro tables for collaboration, Mac and PC multimedia workstations, scanners, printers, and a laptop checkout program where students may check out laptops to be used specifically in this area. There is also an interactive white board for practicing presentations.

The **"E-merging Technologies" Faculty Center** has been designed specifically for providing instructional support

to faculty and for addressing faculty technology issues. This area is an excellent space for faculty to get support from highly qualified personnel and to use the collaboration areas to work together on various projects.

The **Technology Training Room** incorporates the same state-of-the-art audio visual equipment as the campus technology classrooms. Here free information technology training sessions are offered to faculty, staff and students. Twenty computers are available for hands-on training on a variety of software applications. Monitored drop-in sessions are also scheduled for those who want to work in a quiet environment and with an instructor on hand to provide assistance.

We encourage everyone on campus to drop in to this collaborative center and take advantage of all the support and technology available at UNCW!