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# Grogan News

## Grogan College Turns Fifteen!

Established in 1997, UNCG's Grogan Residential College is proud to be celebrating its fifteenth anniversary.

The youngest of three residential colleges on campus, Grogan was launched in 1997 with support from the Office of the Provost. By January 1998, it was given its official title of Ione Grogan Residential College, named after Ione Grogan, a member of the Women's College of Mathematics and Residence Hall counselor.

Grogan is designed to support first-year students as they transition into college life by helping them to connect with their peers and professors, and to develop the essential academic, personal and professional skills necessary for success in college and beyond. Supported by faculty members and fellow students who share common interests, Groganites are able to explore various disciplines and interests through coursework tied to general education requirements.

"I think Grogan performs a service that very few things on campus can match," explains Dr. Aaron Terranova, who has served as a Faculty Fellow in Grogan for the past three years. "It provides a built in cohort of friends, classmates, study partners, etc. which makes the transition from high school to college much easier."

Dr. Larry Lavendar, a former Faculty Fellow who taught a freshman seminar entitled "Creativity 101," notes that one of the many benefits of Grogan College is that it "attracts some of the most eclectic students at UNCG and provides them access to each other and to ideas and ways of working often not available in their other classes."

Reflecting on her time as a Groganite, Teresita Cherry says that "Grogan College is truly a *learning community*: a space where 2 a.m. study groups exist as students prepare to excel academically with fellow classmates; a living arrangement where students develop an appreciation for variation, in areas of culture down to hygienic practices; a community where your next door neighbor is not only a classmate and/or close friend but an extended family member that transitions with you throughout your college career."

During its fifteen years on campus, Grogan Residential College has provided its students, faculty, and staff with a place to collaborate and exchange valuable knowledge and ideas—a mission that it continues to fulfill as it adapts and expands in order to extend its reach to even more first-year students. Meg Horton, Grogan College's new Senior Faculty Fellow, is working to develop a robust second semester experience for students and has ambitions of nearly doubling enrollment in the program in hopes of eventually filling the entire residence hall with Grogan students.



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# Fall LC Highlights

“My favorite part of the fall semester was TeamQuest. Even though it was a struggle to get up early on a Saturday morning, everyone was very cooperative. We had fun doing different activities with each other because we got to bond and learn a little something about everyone. I, along with my LC, had a lot of fun doing activities that required team work and getting to know the person next to you. The activity that established getting to know someone was the trust exercise. I thought this was a lot of fun and my LC seemed to have fun with it as well. I believe it was a great bonding experience and helped establish some lasting friendships. Through TeamQuest, I bonded with my LC and became their PAL even more.”

–**Rebekah, Science and Health**



“The Non-Residential Nursing learning community was very engaging with campus life. As a class we went around campus learning about different things that are offered on campus and our campus resources.”

–**Micah, Nursing**

“The Grogan Nursing Learning Community had a lot of service learning field trips. Places include the Sanctuary House, Greensboro Urban Ministry, The Interactive Resource Center, and AfterGateway. These experiences showed us possible career paths and how nurses influence our community. The trips were enriching and we enjoyed our wonderful Faculty Fellow Deb Stanford! She treated the entire class to ice cream at Yum-Yums after one of our trips in the hot sun!”

–**Alisha, Nursing**

“In the Kinesiology Learning Community we have been actively participating in UNCG campus activities and sporting events. As a group we have attended men’s and women’s soccer and basketball games and are planning on attending baseball and softball games in the spring. As a learning community we have found out that these activities bring us closer as a whole and are a great way to support our fellow Spartans!!”

–**Ebony, Kinesiology**

“In the Fall, we focused on what exactly is art and its definition; created and performed original dance pieces; held audition workshops; and took part in the high ropes course with TeamQuest. We also had a winter holiday party, did much socialization outside of class with group dinners and plans, and collaborated with the Making Music LC.”

–**Jacob, Creativity**

“The first semester of the Science and Health Learning Community was very beneficial to helping freshmen get acclimated to college life at UNCG. During this course, the students participated in the first step of the Leadership Challenge for the Bronze Medallion. We also went to different places around campus to learn about helpful services available to students, such as the Student Health Center. We also emphasized how to better organize and study for classes in college, and learned how to reflect on how we were doing academically. At the end of the semester, the class did a group research project on a topic of their choice relating to Biology.”

–**Megan, Science and Health**



“My group of students really learned to value one another for the gifts they have to offer. We all learned that building trusting and respectful relationships are super important to our success in college. I have no doubt that we have formed solid lasting friendships that we can count on.”

–**Thomas, Science**

“The music students took courses like Music Theory and Ear Training. These two courses are some of the most vigorous courses that make or break a music major, but a majority of students passed with flying colors. Along with that, the students partook in a course offered by our Faculty Fellow, Leslie ‘Pinky’ Simmons, whose goal was for us to be not only wonderful musicians, but artisans of the craft of music. We went out into the community to participate in performance events and we also collaborated with various forms of media (film, media, and dance). As a result, we all grew as musicians, individuals and most importantly, as UNCG Spartans.”

–**Gianna, Music**



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## Spring LC Course Highlights

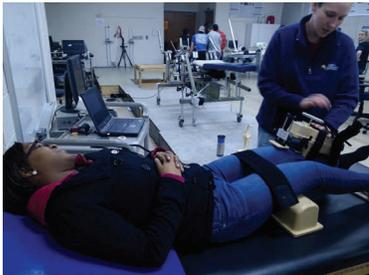
The spring LC courses offer Grogan students the chance to extend their fall LC experience through activities both in- and outside of the classroom. Here are some highlights from a few LCs:

### Science and Health:

The second semester of the Science and Health Learning Community course is more focused on Biology. Since the students are taking Biology 112 Lab during this semester, there will be time devoted in class to lab work and studying. Also during this semester, the students will have a class project, which is to help middle and high school students in the Science Olympiad. Along with in class activities, there are many out of class activities that have been proposed. A couple of these activities include going to the zoo, taking a trip to the emergency room/hospital, learning more about lab work at UNCG, and many more fun and exciting opportunities!

### Kinesiology:

During the spring semester the Kinesiology LC will plan to attend lab observations and tours to get first-hand opportunities to experience real-life situations dealing with specific job titles. For example, they will be doing Emergency Room observations, neuromechanics lab tours, and exercise physiology lab tours. As the semester unfolds they will focus on continuing to grow as a community and participate in hands-on experiences that will assist in future endeavors.



### Nursing:

This upcoming semester the Nursing LC plans to step out more on campus and become involved with projects that reach out to the community. They have already participated in the Empty Bowl project and have plans to visit the homeless. As a class, the Nursing LC will get more in-depth about career paths and look at every angle of what a nursing major may have in store.

## Grogan Grows

Soon Grogan will be reaching more first-year students at UNCG than ever! Grogan College is expanding its program and increasing the LC offerings for 2013-2014. Here is a list of Grogan's exciting Learning Communities for the upcoming academic year:

Acting Out  
 Creativity & Performance  
 Making Music  
 Education & Teaching as a Profession  
 Pre-Physical Therapy & Kinesiology  
 Nursing Profession  
 Careers in Human & Social Sciences  
 Science & Medical Professions  
 Pre-Law & Political Science  
 It's a Crime! Sociology and Criminology

With this expansion, Grogan College will occupy floors 3-8. A separate LC, Summer Launch, will be housed on the second floor.

## Senior Faculty Fellow Wins "Of the Month" Award

Last fall, Meg Horton received an "Of the Month Award," sponsored by the National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH). This program represents the top 1% of leaders within residence hall communities who "strive to achieve excellence in scholastics" and are "role models of service, bestowers of recognition, and exercisers of leadership." Meg was nominated by a current Grogan resident, Wilson Brooks, and was later notified that she would be a recipient of the "Advisor of the Month" award.

In his nomination, Wilson emphasizes Meg's ability to "provide encouragement and positive environments for those involved in the Residential College."

He additionally asserts, "Meg deserves this OTM because she has tirelessly and enthusiastically helped GRC through this year of transition for GRC and for Grogan Residence Hall as a whole. She encouraged her PALs and saw the revitalization of traditional programs. She has gone above and beyond her responsibility as the director and for this she is both loved and commended by her staff and peers."

## Upcoming Events

**Wed., April 17th**– Unconference in Faculty Center, 5-9 pm

**Tues., April 23rd**– Leadership Medallion Ceremony in Cone Ballroom, 5:30 pm

**Wed., April 24th**– Grogan-at-a-Glance in Grogan Hall, 5-7 pm

## Friday Night Flags: Grogan Tradition Now More Popular Than Ever



Friday Night Flags is more popular than ever this year due in great measure to the effort of PAL Jacob Timmons.



“Friday Night Flags is an original Grogan take

on the classic game of Capture the Flag. It is a great tradition of Grogan that is open to all residents of the hall. This year, to make the game more exciting and engaging, we've changed some of the rules. The playing field is now much larger than it was before and now encompasses the entire golf course on campus. We encourage players to make use of the landscape in the most creative of strategies. We have also changed the 'jail' part of the game to be a single, central location that is emptied every 5 minutes to keep players a part of the entire game. We have also replaced a physical touch tag to get someone out with a bandana that must be pulled out of a player's back pocket.



Players of Friday Night Flags go all out as they come in all black, camouflage, or sturdy clothing that allows them to be ready for anything. Moderators of the game encourage fair play and good sportsmanship as well as the idea that this is not a competition to see who is most athletic. The changes in the game promote a need for teamwork, creativity, and wit.”

Last fall, about fifty people turned out for the event each time it was held. PALs are monitoring the nighttime temperatures and when the evenings are warmer, FNF will return!

## GRC Welcomes New Associate Senior Fellow



In accordance with the commitment to increase faculty presence in the residence hall, Grogan has recently welcomed the new Associate Senior Fellow, Ariane

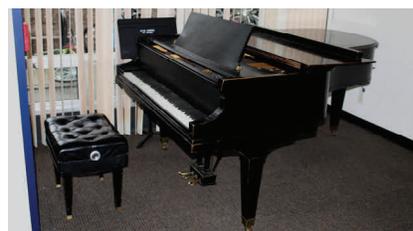
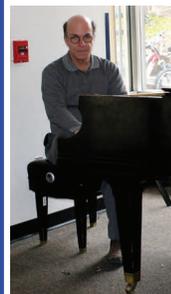
Cox, to the Grogan office and community. Ariane joins Grogan from the Sociology department where she has taught for the past four and a half years. A Spartan since her years as an undergraduate, Ariane was herself a Groganite during her freshman year at UNCG.

Next year, Ariane will head Grogan's "It's a Crime! Sociology and Criminology" Learning Community.

## The Grogan Piano

One of Grogan's most beloved assets has received a face lift! Charles Angel, a piano technician from the School of Music, Theater, and Dance, has recently repaired and renovated the Grogan piano. The piano, a Baldwin Model F, was first purchased by the School of Music in 1965 but was surplused in 1999. It was originally placed in Spencer but was eventually brought to its new home in the Grogan parlor.

In order to improve playability and sound quality, Angel made numerous adjustments and repairs to the instrument: he re-bushed both action rails to create tight keys; re-pinned the hammer shanks; replaced the felt pads underneath the keys; and resurfaced all the hammer felts. Additionally, he did standard action "regulation adjustments" including adjustments of jack position, balancer height, repetition string, let off, blow distance, aftertouch adjustment, drop, and back-check on all keys. Finally, he replaced a missing keytop and a missing string.





## Grogan's Valentine Ball



On February 14th, Groganites celebrated Valentine's Day with their very own Valentine's Ball. The event was held in the EUC's Cone Ballroom, and a lot of Grogan residents were able to attend. The success of the dance was due to great efforts put forth by the PALs who helped to arrange the location, festive decorations, and catering. One highlight of the event was a photo booth where students could take pictures with friends. In addition to good food and photo opportunities, the favorite part of the night for everyone seemed to be—what else?—the dancing.

"A lot of people danced throughout the whole night," remarks Grogan PAL Rebekah Malizia, "So it was fun to watch and participate in."

