

**Briefly...****Hurricane preparedness conference today**

Today from 9 a.m. to 3p.m. "Hurricane Preparedness 2000: Lessons Learned" will be held in the Warwick Center Ballroom. The conference will feature discussions on tracking, disaster services, predictions, preparation and planning for future hurricanes and strategies to minimize loss.

Jerry Jarrell, retired director of the National Hurricane Center in Miami, Fla., will deliver the keynote address on "Hurricanes: The Issues for 2000 and Beyond."

Congressman Mike McIntyre, representing North Carolina's 7<sup>th</sup> District will serve as opening speaker. Panelists for the 10:30 morning session on forecasting, meteorology and public awareness include WECT-TV6's chief meteorologist George Elliot, Tom Matheson from the National Weather Service, Mark Sudduth a UNCW alumnus who specializes in mapping hurricanes, and New Hanover County Public Information Officer Mark Boyer. Assistant professor of political science Steve Meinhold will moderate the discussion.

The afternoon session includes two panels directed at state and local hurricane preparedness. State panelists expected for a discussion at 1 p.m. are David McCoy, secretary of the N.C. Department of Transportation; David Kelly, secretary of the N.C. Department of Crime Control and Public Safety; and Billy Ray Hall, director of the N.C. Rural and Economic Development Center and director of the Governor's Hurricane Floyd Redevelopment Center. Chancellor Leutze will moderate.

Local panelists invited for a discussion at 2:15 are Dan Summers, director of the New Hanover County Emergency Management Office; Doug Bowers, division engineer with the N.C. Department of Transportation; and Bill Caster, chair of the New Hanover County Board of Commissioners. Allen O'Neal, New Hanover County manager, will moderate.

**Genocide scholar to lecture at UNCW**

Professor Vahakn N. Dadrian of the Zoryan Institute will present a lecture titled "Genocide as a Problem of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century" at 3 p.m. on Monday in King Auditorium. The lecture will focus on the Armenian genocide and the Jewish Holocaust.

Dadrian has devoted more than 30 years of research into genocide, which resulted in his book *The History of Armenian Genocide*. His research was supported by grants from the National Science Foundation. In the 1970s Dadrian helped to create the field of Comparative Study of Genocide while he was a professor of sociology at the State University of New York.

The lecture, which is being sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences, is free and open to the public.

**UNCW Technology grants awarded**

by HEIDI KOGER

Staff Writer

On Thursday, Feb. 3, UNCW's Information Technology Systems Division awarded \$186,368 to the faculty and staff in order to promote the uses of information technology. The funding went to 10 separate projects, ranging from Lifetime Email Accounts for UNCW alumni to Enterprise Resource Planning.

"Technology innovations worldwide are providing a benefit to local, state and national as well as international audiences" said Assistant Vice Chancellor for University Affairs Mimi Cunningham.

One award went to "The Aquarius Connections Project", a program designed to test the water quality of the Cape Fear River. This program received \$20,000 in grant for their research and web-based data.

"Funding to try out new and creative ideas is usually only available to professors at larger institutions," said Dr. Richard Huber, who is supervising the research. "We are absolutely thrilled to be able to develop our ideas".

Huber accepted this award along with his colleague, Dr. Steven

Miller. Huber was also rewarded a \$15,000 grant for "The Model Internet Project."

An award of \$15,000 went to Tammy Blizzard, for the development of Alumni Lifetime Email Accounts at UNCW.

Dr. Ned Martin received a \$10,245 award for "Incorporation of a New Algorithm into Existing Commercial Software for Predicting NMR Spectra."

Dr. Vince Howe was granted \$11,000 for "eBusiness: Developing a Cross-Functional

Dr. Sridhar Narayan received \$16,205 for his program titled "Web-Based Travel Route Planning Subject to Road Conditions."



Courtesy of UNCW

Over \$186,000 was awarded to these faculty members for various information technology projects.

**Conservative Leaders Group making waves**

by SOMER STAHL

Staff Writer

The Conservative Leadership Group is beginning its third semester on the UNCW campus. Having gone through its "starting out" phase last spring, this past fall allowed students to get the word out, as well as get involved.

"A lot of different people attend the meetings," said Conservative Leadership Group Chairman John Kaiser. "Whether they are die hard conservatives, people who are non-political and don't have a stand on the issues, or people who just want to hear the issues, a lot of people come."

The group met Tuesday, Feb. 15 to hear a lecture given by UNCW Professor Mike Adams on Hate Crime Legislation. Kaiser said that the room was packed to its limit and the lecture was left open to discussion with plenty of room for debate.

"The Conservative Leadership Group is non-party affiliated, no Democrat, Republican or liberal distinction. We offer a place to talk and discuss the ideology of conservatism, but are not limited to it," said Kaiser.

Besides allowing students to come together and share their views, the Conservative Leadership Group also plans to send students on scholarships to Arlington, Virginia. Representatives will attend the Leadership Institute building and take part in different conferences. The Leadership Institute provides free housing/dorms for students attending.

The Conservative Leadership Group also provides paid internships for people who complete the Leadership Institute School. With free dorms provided, students attend conferences and have the opportunity to meet many well know conservatives, including J.C. Watts. The Conservative Leadership Group also provides seniors the opportunity to send job applications to the Leadership Institute and the chance to qualify for an interview.

Kaiser is in the preliminary stages of trying to organize a "debate/town meeting" in April for the upcoming U.S. Presidential Election candidates. Kaiser is currently speaking to the candidates, to his group and to the university to gain all the necessary permission and hopes to hold the meeting in Kenan Auditorium. Being a non-profit, nonpartisan legislation, the Conservative Leadership Group can allow the candidates to speak, but will not endorse a specific candidate.

The Conservative Leadership Group's next meeting will take place on Tuesday, Feb. 29. This dinner meeting held at Applebee's will be, as Kaiser described, a "sit down and get to know one another" opportunity.

Tuesday, March 14, the group will meet to hear a lecture given by Thomas Goolsby, a man who used to run the Republican Party within the area and who currently runs "Legal Line," a local political television show.

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In last week's story regarding SGA election registration, requirements for Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates were incorrectly reported. SGA Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates must have a 2.5 cumulative GPA, and have completed one full-time semester at UNCW.

In a story regarding the groundbreaking ceremony for the Millennium Clocktower, the *Seahawk* was unclear about the level of financial support provided by the university. The university is providing matching funds for the Senior Class gift, including space and maintenance for the tower, as well as the Westminster chimes.

The *Seahawk* regrets both errors and apologizes for any inconvenience or misunderstanding they have caused.

Additionally, Corinne Teagle's comment in last week's "Question of the Week" should have read only, "No, I think there should be more minority based programs." All other material attributed to her was placed by mistake. The *Seahawk* regrets the error.