

**Briefly...****Career Services sponsors Educational Job Fair**

Career Services will be hosting its first educational job fair on Monday. The fair will be held in the Warwick Center ballroom from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 to 4 p.m.

Over 55 counties from North Carolina are participating in the fair, which will feature jobs for teachers. All students and community members who are interested in teaching are welcome to attend.

For more information, contact Career Services at 962-3174.

**UNCW professor covers article for American Scientist**

Dr. Michael Mallin, research associate professor at the Center for Marine Science, wrote the cover article "Impacts of Industrial Animal Production on Rivers and Estuaries" for the January/February issue of *American Scientist*.

The article deals with how animal waste lagoons and sprayfields near aquatic environments may significantly degrade water quality and endanger health. Mallin wrote about his collaborating laboratory research efforts on the New River and the Cape Fear River following the rupture of several swine waste-holding lagoons in 1995, as well as studies in the Cape Fear region following Hurricanes Fran and Bonnie.

Mallin can be contacted at 962-2358 or [mallinm@uncwil.edu](mailto:mallinm@uncwil.edu)

**Financial Aid night**

Financial Aid Night for continuing students will be held on Thursday, March 14 at 6 p.m. in Room 105 on Cameron Hall. Students should bring their completed FAFSA forms, and dependant students should have the form signed by their parent. At the event, students can get help filling out their FAFSA and have them filed electronically.

**Outdoor Center hosts first aid certification course**

The Discovery Outdoor Center will host and advanced wilderness first aid certification course from 9 a.m. to 5p.m., March 9-12 in Room 119 of Trask Coliseum.

Stonehearth Outdoor Learning Opportunities (SOLO), a nationally recognized trainer of outdoor programs, will teach the class. Participants will receive training in how to handle emergency situations such as neck and spine trauma, hypothermia and heat exhaustion.

The cost of the program is \$175 for students, faculty and staff with a valid ID, and \$200 for community members. Participants must attend the entire course to receive certification.

Participants must register in person at the Discover Outdoor Center in the Warwick Center, by Friday, March 3. For more information, contact the center at 962-4052.

**Leadership Center contributes to literacy awareness**

by ALLISON BIGGAR

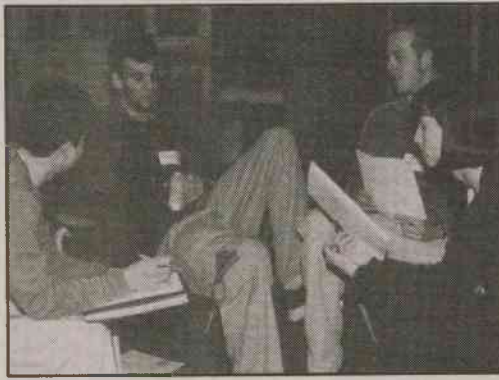
Staff Writer

Recent statistics from the North Carolina Literacy Resource Center show that 20 percent of adults in New Hanover County, approximately 29,000 people, cannot read or write. An additional 25 percent have extremely "low" skills. In the City of Wilmington, the statistics are higher. 28 percent of the population ranks at the lowest level of literacy and an additional 27 percent are "low" skilled.

This week, the UNCW Leadership Center took action to educate the university population to the importance of literacy issues. As part of Literacy Awareness Week, the center along with other campus organizations sponsored numerous activities on campus and throughout the community.

"The approach that we took was to connect issues of literacy with social justice and to talk about not just the whats but the whys... and focus on what can we do to make a difference," said Community Services Coordinator Becky Long.

Throughout the week, Barnes and Noble and WWAY Channel 3 co-sponsored a Community Wide Book Drive with drop off locations at Randall Library, University Union, Warwick Center, the dorms, Channel 3 News, Barnes and



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Students of SCALE (the Student Coalition for Action in Literacy Education) sponsored a discussion on the effects of literacy on social change.

Noble, K-Mart and all eight Domino's locations.

The Theta Chi fraternity sponsored a "Campus Read-A-Thon" on Tuesday in the University Union Living Room. Students were invited to come with their favorite books and the fraternity provided refreshments.

On Wednesday, the Leadership Center sponsored a bookmaking project for UNCW Kids.

"It went really well," Long said. "Some of [the kids] allowed us to keep their books and display them [in Randall Library], but some of them were so excited about their books that they wanted to take them home right then. They had a really good time with it."

On Wednesday night, a Student Coalition for Action in Literacy Education (SCALE) workshop, featured a discussion on literacy effects on social change and how people can improve the quality of life for others.

The Students and Community for Alternative Transportation (SCAT) contributed to the week's events by sponsoring a bike trip to Girls Inc. of Wilmington. Students read to the children and presented them with gifts donated by Barnes and Noble.

Leadership Center representatives said the overall program was a success.

"We've just gotten boxes and boxes of books," said Nicole Brusik of the Leadership Center, "It's been wonderful."

The Leadership Center also has a list of several Literary Agencies where students can volunteer and get involved in the Community.

"We try to create programs that make it easy for people to jump on board. Just come... and sign up for something," Brusik said.

To get involved stop by UU 212 or call 962-3877.

**SGA ratifies constitution, \$10,000 approved for new crew boat**

by THOMAS M. RUYLE

Editor-In-Chief

The Student Government Association (SGA) is one step closer a complete reorganization beginning in April. Both the House and Senate ratified the new constitution, which will restructure the SGA as a unicameral legislature after spring elections.

Senate members applauded for several seconds after the final ratification last Monday. Other than the final approval by Vice-Chancellor for Student Affairs Patricia Leonard, Chancellor James Leutze, the incoming SGA President and Attorney General, the new SGA constitution is final.

Attorney General Christian Kilgore said he expects the new constitution to be approved very soon. He said, "I talked to the Dean of Students, and he is very enthusiastic." Kilgore is slated to meet with Leonard tomorrow to discuss the changes.

**Funds for crew team**

The SGA Senate approved \$10,000 toward a new eight-person boat for the UNCW Crew club last Monday. Several members of the club attended the meeting to show support for the funding proposal and answer questions from the Senate.

Crew club president Julie Sullivan told the SGA that the current boats were being used in both regular practices and in competition, and the club needs a new boat strictly for competition. The SGA

bought the club a new eight-person boat in 1995, which is still in use - even though it was damaged nearly two years ago en route to a meet.

"They've been repaired and are back in working order, and everything's insured now," Sullivan told the Senate.

The club does not receive funding through the university because it is not a varsity sport, although they compete with varsity teams from other schools. "We race varsity teams, and we do pretty well, usually," Sullivan said. Much of the club's funding comes from member dues and fund-raising events, such as the Row-a-Thon held last fall. She estimated this semester's operating expenses at about \$5,300, mostly spent on competition and boat maintenance.

The new crew boat will cost \$16,000 total, and will be ordered as soon as the

club completes fundraising efforts to cover the remaining \$6,000.

SGA also approved \$902 to the Global Volunteers for an upcoming service trip to the Appalachian region of North Carolina.

**Election registration**

Registration for spring elections ends this Friday at 5 p.m. All registration materials need to be submitted to the SGA office at University Union Room 200.

As of press time, Election Committee Chairman Yancey Gulley said that about 25 people had obtained the packets, but none had been turned in. Campus-wide elections for over 30 SGA positions will be held April 5-6, and all students are eligible to vote.

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