

College students would rather volunteer than vote

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Record numbers of college students are volunteering their time to community, state, national and worldwide projects, but less than 30 percent are voting. The trend shows a passion for issues, but no participation in voting process, which directly affects those issues.

A 1998 Internet survey, by GVV Polls, shows that 83.78 percent of people between the ages of 19-25 are registered to vote. The same survey shows that only 23 percent actually cast a ballot.

College students at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington were asked what they think about the voting process.

Business major Jason Pate, 22, said, "I really don't know anything about it. I got registered, but I don't even know where I'm suppose to go to vote."

Trista Pearson, a 19 year-old political science major, said, "I doubt if I'll even register to vote until after college. What difference does my vote make anyway?"

Tiffany Rimar, a 23 year-old marine biology major, said, "I'm really into the environment, and I know that certain politicians stand for environmental issues, but it seems

like most of them change their stance as soon as they get into office anyway. So what difference does it make who you vote for?"

Professor Roger Lowery, a UNCW political science professor said, "This trend shows a complacency towards human-kind in general. The youth of today have seen the presidency in chaos. Politicians are just people out to make a buck, or serve their own interests. These kids are politically jaded."

Mark Lanier, special assistant to the chancellor, specializes in the voting process. He said, "Voting on line would help tremendously. Unfortunately, not everyone has a computer, and that would make it unfair. The information on voting is out there. It's just hard for people to find if they don't know where to look."

A group on the UNCW campus, called DYM (Do You Mind) productions, is in the process of making a video about college students and voting.

There will be more information about voting registration, absentee balloting, and on-line registration on the UNCW campus, in the spring. There will also be a registration booth in front of the library.

Voter registration is also taking place at all Army recruiting stations and the old courthouse, at Third and Princess Streets, in the basement.



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