

Seahawk Features

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Briefly...

Literacy Council seeks volunteers

The Cape Fear Literacy Council is searching for volunteers to help adults and youth improve their basic literacy skills in reading, writing, spelling and math. A background in education is not required, but volunteers are required to attend a 12 hour training workshop. The next workshop runs from Oct. 17 to Oct. 19, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the council office. The council also needs tutors to teach English as a second language (ESL). The next training session for that will be Oct. 27 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. and Oct. 28 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 251-0911.

Ohio State professor lectures on UN

Carole Fink, professor of European international history at Ohio State University, will present a lecture on "The United Nations and Human Rights, 1945-2000" Oct. 22 in the Hawk's Nest. Lunch will be served at 1 p.m., and the cost is \$9. Reservations are due by Oct. 18. The lecture itself is free and will start around 1:45 p.m. The Office of International Programs Critical International Perspectives lecture series and the Coastal Carolina Chapter of the United Nations Association are sponsoring the lecture. For more information, contact Assistant Provost for International Programs Jim P. McNab at 962-3859.

Organizations focus on helping kids

Child Watch, an annual event that focuses on issues vital to the health and welfare of children, will take place at 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Oct. 21 at Alderman Elementary School. More than 20 organizations will participate in the event. Christopher Eaddy, executive director of the governor's statewide Support Our Students Program, will give an interactive presentation. Child Watch will target preschool, elementary, middle and high school children. Two other sessions will examine communities of faith and community service organizations. Registration is \$3, which includes refreshments and a copy of Peter Benson's "What Kids Need to Succeed." For more information, call the Child Advocacy Commission at 791-1057, extension 30.

Gaining new insights through diversity

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The Office of Campus Diversity, formerly known as the Office of Minority Affairs, attempts to provide leadership to students of various ethnic backgrounds, including African-American, Hispanic American, Native American and Asian American.

The office provides essential networking and social ties for all minority students and those interested in minority and multicultural issues. The office encourages anyone who is interested in becoming involved with or is concerned about diversity issues to get involved.

Leeann Dualtre, secretary to the director of campus diversity said, "You don't have to be a minority to become involved."

According to Dualtre, the goal for the year is to get as much information out to students about the office and what the office can do to help students and relate to their own needs.

"It is hard to tell exactly how many students come in wanting information, it is important that students should come and become involved," Dualtre said. "The biggest challenge has been to get the word out about our office and what we can do to help minority students," she said.

One way the Office of Campus Diversity plans to help minority students is the selection of November for the first annual Native American Heritage Month. The kick-off for the month will be a lecture from Billy Mills, a Lakota Sioux who won a gold medal in the 1964 Olympics. He will give a lecture titled, "Your Pursuit of Excellence." The lecture will be Nov. 14 at 7 p.m. in the Warwick Center Ballroom.

Students can also get involved through the African-American Cultural Center, which is located in the University Union, room 208. It provides students with information and resources concerning ethnicity and minority groups. All students may use the facility, which contains resources such as books, magazines

and videos. The cultural center is sponsored and funded by the Student Government Association (SGA).

"It provides the linkage and information for all students of different backgrounds to learn more about their culture, they can come here and find almost anything on any culture," Cookie Mattocks, member of Alpha Kappa Alpha said.

The National Pan-Hellenic Council (NAPC) is also a member of the cultural center, and represents traditionally African-American sororities and fraternities. Students can go to the center and learn more about their cultural backgrounds. While there, they can also meet and interact with other students. The Center stresses the concern for more diversity involvement, and knowledge of minority affairs.

"It is important to spread the word that there is diversity programs that students can become involved in, and we hope to provide a place for everyone here at UNCW," Dualtre said.

'Writers for Readers' benefits library

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The Bristol Books "Writers for Readers" series, which features readings by local, regional and nationally known writers, began last year when the Friends of the New Hanover County Library were raising money for the new Northeast Branch facility.

Nicki Leone, buyer for Bristol Books said, "We wanted Bristol Books to be a community oriented store, so we picked a cause... We picked this one because it's our neighborhood library."

To support the newest branch of the county library system, Bristol Books donates a portion of each book sold during the Writers for Readers events to the library. According to Bristol Books owner Joanne Bristol, the store raised \$1,200 for the library last year.

"Their donation amounts to approximately 20-25 percent of gross



Wendy Brenner

book sales," Bristol said.

Leone said that libraries and book stores are both necessary in the book world.

"I've had customers in the store who will sheepishly tell me they can't afford a book, that they are going to get it from the library," Leone said. "That's great, because libraries create readers for us. It's a mutually benefi-

cial relationship."

This year's series falls around the same time the new library opened and Bristol Books hit its tenth year and moved into a new space in Lumina Station. According to Leone, the new store is more than twice the size of the previous one, which was located in another part of Lumina Station.

"We're celebrating the new library, our tenth anniversary, and the opening of our new space," Leone said.

The line-up for the series has grown from six events to eight, which Leone attributes partly to last year's success, but also to the larger space the store now occupies.

The first event in early October was a discussion of "New Stories from the South" by author and UNCW lecturer of creative writing Wendy Brenner and Algonquin Books Editor Kathy Poirer.

Last Friday, October 13, Writer Tim McLaurin read from his new memoir,

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