

Briefly...

New assistant director of alumni relations appointed

Tom Lamont, Jr. was recently named assistant director for alumni relations. He will work with the Young Alumni Program and chapter development and advise the Ambassadors student organization.

Lamont earned his bachelors degree in speech communication for UNC Wilmington in 1980 and a master's degree in radio/television from the University of Mississippi in 1982. A past chair of the UNCW Alumni Association, Lamont was involved in the establishment of the Betty Jo Welch Scholarship.

Prior to joining UNCW, Lamont was the Civic Club development officer for the Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina, Inc. in Lake Waccamaw. A long-time resident of Wilmington, he has worked extensively in radio and television in the area.

Participants needed for UNCW college bowl team

A competition will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 18 in the Warwick Center Ballroom to select UNC Wilmington's varsity team to participate in the College Bowl 2000-2001 scheduled for April 27-29.

Organized by the Association of College Unions, the College Bowl is a game of academic knowledge and quick recall. Teams of four players compete to score points by asking questions from a variety of topics including literature, science, geology, arts, sports, popular culture and current events.

The UNCW team will compete in the regional championship Feb. 16-21 at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville. Fifteen regional champions and a wild-card team will then be sent to compete in the national tournament.

Interested students should contact Sarah Yackly at 962-3811.

Chancellor's Hours set for November 7 and 20

Chancellor Leutze will hold student hours between 11 a.m. and noon next Tuesday, and again on Monday, Nov. 20 from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Leutze's office is located at Alderman Hall room 110. Student hours at his office are open to all students for any reason. For more information, call 962-3030.

Nader supporters may sway election

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According to New Hanover County Board of Elections Director Len Chambee, a write-in vote for Ralph Nader will not mean anything on the North Carolina ballot. However, Nader supporters stand to have a significant impact on the upcoming election because many of them remain undecided about how they will vote next Tuesday.

The Green party of North Carolina missed their deadline to get Nader on the ballot by submitting a petition with 500 signatures. Nader is on the ballot in 44 other states.

In North Carolina the choices for president are Republican George W. Bush, Democrat Al Gore, Reform Party candidate Pat Buchanan, Libertarian Harry Browne and Socialist write-in candidate David McReynolds.

Traditionally, third party movements have failed in the process of getting a candidate elected to a high office. Exceptions include Minnesota Governor Jesse Ventura who ran on the Reform party ticket and H. Ross Perot who started the Reform party for the presidential election of 1992. Perot received 19% of the vote in 1992, which is the largest margin for any third party, but the Reform party has seen a significant decline in support since then. Buchanan, who switched from the Republican to the Reform party to obtain a nomination, is expected to garner only about 1% of the vote in next week's election.

The Green party has become a more viable option in the 2000 campaign. The Green Party needs 5% of the national popular vote in order to be eligible for matching funds in the 2004 presidential election. Polls show that Nader has the support of 5% or more of the vote in half a dozen states, including California, which has 54 electoral votes.

Most Nader supporters remain optimistic that the Green party will make enough of a showing to receive funding in the next election.

"[Nader supporters] are absolutely still going to write his name in," UNC Wilmington senior Chris Register said.

Recent polls have shown that some Nader voters are starting to switch over to the other two major candidates near the closing days of the election, and both the Republican and Democratic parties are making a vie for those votes. In a recent ABC News poll 13% of Bush voters said the may change their minds be-

fore election day, 16% of Gore voters said they may change and 56% of Nader voters said they may change.

Political analysts have speculated that since Nader is more liberal than either of the major party candidates, his supporters would otherwise vote Democratic, implying that a vote for Nader takes a vote away from Gore.

According to Associated Press reports, the Republican Leadership Council recently bought TV ads featuring Nader in states where votes for him will benefit

Bush. The ad uses clips of Nader criticizing Gore during a speech at the National Press Club on last Wednesday. Nader was equally critical of Bush in the same speech.


At a press conference at Rutgers Law School last Tuesday, Nader was asked about the republican ads.




"This why we're against soft money in candidates' campaigns. These ads are a soft

money maneuver," Nader said. "There is nothing that can be done about it legally. If the Democrats object, they can make an ad quoting





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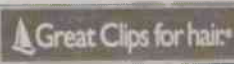
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