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There will be no edition of the Seahawk this Thursday or next Tuesday. Check out our post-election coverage at [www.theseahawk.org](http://www.theseahawk.org)



### Elections Today

Cast your today for the general elections and the bond referendum



### Who let the dogs out?

Men's basketball starts season off with a win against Charlotte Stars / 13

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## Low student turnout at election debate

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The presidential election forum held last Wednesday in the Warwick center received little attention from students. The forum featured local representatives from the Libertarian, Democratic and Republican parties.

Each representative was allotted 15 minutes to present a summary of their party's platform as well as reasons why their party's candidate for president is the right choice. The forum was designed to educate student voters. A question and answer segment followed the presentations.

Over 600 students registered to vote during a registration drive sponsored by student organizations earlier this semester. Despite the approaching Election Day and the large number of newly registered voters, fewer than 30 students attended the forum, which was sponsored by the Leadership Center and the Student Government Association.

The North Carolina Higher Education Bond Referendum was an important issue discussed at the debate. If passed, the bond will distribute \$3.1 billion to public universities and community colleges in North Carolina. Other issues discussed included school vouchers, the second amendment, the war on drugs, public education, healthcare, taxes and social security.



Representatives from local political parties spoke in support of their candidates at a forum on Wednesday night sponsored by SGA and the leadership center.

Mike Glancy, chairman of the New Hanover County Democratic Party, spoke about the traditions of his party. He voiced the Democratic Party's support for Al Gore for president, the North Carolina Higher Education Bond Referendum, and other traditionally Democratic Party issues such as public education and handgun control.

"This [bond referendum] is the reason students should vote," Glancy said.

The reasons Glancy gave for why Al Gore would make a good president included,

among other things, Gore's support for a patient's bill of rights, his commitment to improve public education and his commitment to balance the budget every year.

Woody White, chairman of the New Hanover County Republican Party, spoke about Republican philosophies such as, limiting the size and role of the federal government, school vouchers, the partial privatization of social security, and the increased role of faith in the public sphere. He

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## Flu vaccine delayed: Production problems may prevent university from giving shots

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The season for contracting influenza (flu) is upon us, and workers from UNC Wilmington health services are unsure when a vaccine will be available on campus. Laurie Zebroski, lead registered nurse at health services, confirmed that, due to a production problem with supplies and manufacturing, the vaccine has been delayed.

"We found out that one of the health care corporations that provides vaccinations for places like Harris Teeter will be filling the needs of big corporations with big orders first. We were told that we will get the vaccine but that it will be delayed, and we may not get a full shipment," Zebroski said.

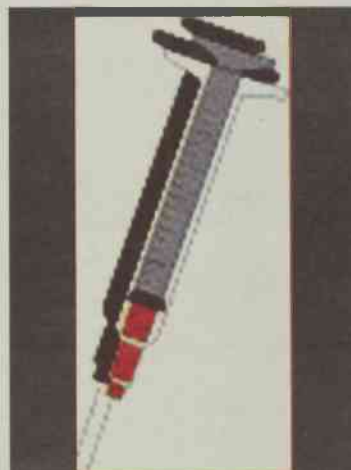
Although health services has yet to see any influenza cases this year, they

are ready to advertise when they receive the shipment and encourage everyone to take advantage of the vaccine. When it becomes available, students can receive it for \$10.

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, influenza is a viral disease and extremely contagious. In the United States, flu season lasts from November until April and peaks in both late December and early March. The CDC reports that optimal time for vaccination is anytime from October to mid November.

Flu symptoms include high fever sometimes alternating with chills, sore throat, dry cough, aching muscles, fatigue and weakness, nasal congestion, sneezing and headache. When one contracts the flu, the body's ability to fight

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Flu season is approaching and there is a shortage of flu shots throughout the country.