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## Spirit! Let's hear it! Or not

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Visit Greenville, NC, and the purple and gold are everywhere, welcoming visitors to revel in the school spirit of East Carolina University. Take a drive through Chapel Hill, and one cannot help but bask under the Carolina blue sky of color that the town displays in honor of UNC -Chapel Hill.

Take a vacation in Wilmington and ... what? No mascots or flags with UNCW colors flanking every lamppost, no businesses with mar-quees that read "Go Seahawks"?

Visitors and students alike may wonder where the school spirit is at UNCW and in the city. Even the students wear clothing that supports Chapel Hill, NC State, Wake Forest, or even Georgia Tech.

Some argue that support of UNCW by some students, community members, and local businesses leaves something to be desired. The lack of a football team has been stated as one reason that UNCW does not get more support from some members of the Wilmington business community. Sports bars and other businesses in places with college football teams often lend massive support to their local university during football season. According to former Chancellor James Leutze, it would cost an estimated \$50 million dollars for UNCW to have a football team.

Another theory reasons that the high cost of UNCW paraphernalia at the on-campus bookstore and other places may prevent some students from buying UNCW-related merchandise. For example, the lowest priced UNCW sweat-shirt at the campus bookstore costs

\$29.99. Given annual tuition increases, rising costs of textbooks, and a decreasing job market, expensive college merchandise may be a luxury that many students cannot afford.

Some students think that the spirit level is just fine.

"I think there's a good amount of it [UNCW pride]," said senior Marty McCall. She thinks that there would be more, however, if UNCW had a football team.

In an effort to mobilize the university and town communities toward showing that UNCW pride, a press conference was held to launch the "Paint the Town Teal" campaign on June



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**There is a notable absence of UNCW apparel at local department stores. Chancellor DePaolo's "Paint the Town Teal" campaign is aimed at community support. Is the program's slow start due to the business community or lack of student support?**

23. This event was held at FNB Southeast Bank on S. College Road. Speakers at the event were FNB Southeast Bank City Executive Paul McCombie, UNCW Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo, and Greater

Wilmington Chamber of Commerce President Connie Majure-Rhett.

The campaign is a joint venture of UNCW and the Chamber of

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### Did you know?

The concerns of keeping students safe from criminal acts on college campuses are well founded, but it's important to have information on how to protect students from traffic accidents as well. UNCW has a high volume of bicycle traffic on campus, so with the help of Corporal Justin Varella of the University Police, the following are tips on how to protect yourself and your bike while riding to class.

- According to North Carolina laws, a bicyclist must ride on the right side of the road in the same direction of moving traffic, obey all traffic signs and signals - including stop and yield lights and signs and one way directional signs - use hand signals to indicate intended movement when turning or stopping, yield to pedestrians and emergency vehicles, and dismount the bicycle and walk it across pedestrian crosswalks. A bicycle is considered a vehicle in North Carolina, therefore must conform to laws that apply to vehicles, and by riding a bicycle you are not considered a pedestrian.
- Always use the proper hand signals at least 20 feet before making a movement. The hand signals are as follows: Left: Extend the left arm completely straight from the shoulder. Right: Extend the left arm out with a 90-degree bend at the elbow and hand pointing upward. Stop: Extend the left arm out with a 90-degree bend at the elbow and hand pointing downward. Bicyclists are not required to ride on the shoulder of the road and can be in the actual travel lane.
- Repeatedly scan the area around you and keep your eyes moving to see possible hazards. Avoid bicycling at night, but if you do, use the proper light and reflector as stated by statute and wear light colored clothing. Always keep your bike in good working condition and have it serviced when necessary.
- In order to properly secure your bicycle and prevent it from getting stolen, the University Police recommends that you utilize a sturdy U-Bolt style lock and lock the bicycle through the front tire and frame to a bicycle rack. Thicker cable and chain locks might also be efficient, but they are easier to cut through than a U-Bolt. If your bike has a quick releasing seat, it is a good idea to take the seat into your residence when not in use, or put it in your book bag while in class.

### Seahawk Grille update

#### Re-opening delayed

From staff reports

The opening of the Seahawk Grille, located in the Warwick Center in what is known as Center Stage, has been postponed.

The Grille, originally scheduled to open on Sept. 13, has been rescheduled to open on Monday, Sept. 20 due to construction problems.

"We have run into a few construction delays related mostly to design work done by our general contractor based on blueprints of the Warwick Center," said Food Service Director JP Fesperman. "For example, our general contractor found the drain lines to not be located where the plans show. Since everything is on a concrete slab and you must cut the concrete to make any changes, it slows down the process."

The Grille is not only used as a dining area, the space is utilized by many student groups who need a place to meet.

**NEW EXTENDED GRILLE HOURS:**  
**Monday-Friday 10:30 a.m. till 2:30 p.m.**  
**Closed on weekends**



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