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UNCW strives to better facilitate disabled

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UNCW has been involved in an ongoing effort to go beyond the rules and regulations laid out in the Americans with Disabilities Act in order to make UNCW more accessible to students with disabilities. Currently there are over 400 students registered with Disability Services.

Despite the fact that UNCW has undergone many structural changes to accommodate students with disabilities, many feel that some important details regarding access are often overlooked, or in some cases ignored.

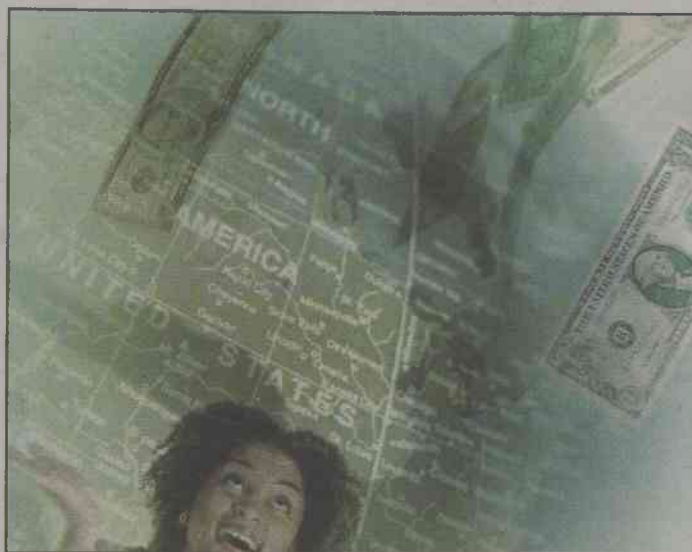
Last Monday Disability Services received a call from a student with limited mobility who could barely get into Leutze Hall because a bicycle was chained to the railing of the handicap ramp.

Dr. Peggy Turner, Director of Disability Services, says that she sometimes gets as many as five complaints a week regarding bicycles parked on the handicap ramp.

"It is not done deliberately, but people don't realize that a person with a wheelchair, or someone who simply needs to grab on to the railing cannot enter the building if bikes are chained to the ramp," said Turner.

According to Turner, chaining a bicycle to a handicap ramp is the equivalent to parking in a handicap space. The school has the right to impound the bicycle, but they seldom do. There are plans to have signs posted around disability entrances by next fall.

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Lottery likely in North Carolina

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The chances of a lottery in North Carolina are now higher than ever. The House recently passed a bill supporting a lottery for the first time in North Carolina. Now the bill awaits a verdict in the Senate, where

the last three proposed lottery bills have been passed.

The bill recommends that lottery proceeds go toward funding for public education and prescription drugs for senior citizens.

The bill also provides that, in order to maintain and oversee a state lottery, a state lottery commission

must be installed. This commission would consist of seven members. The Governor would appoint three members, two would be appointed by the General Assembly with recommendation of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and two would be appointed by the General Assembly by recommendation of the Speaker of the House. A state lottery director will also be appointed by the governor.

A maximum of 16 percent of annual lottery revenue from all ticket sales and lottery game shares would finance this commission. A maximum of 50 percent of annual lottery revenue would go toward the distribution of lottery prizes. Six percent of the retail price of tickets

or shares for each lottery game would compensate

lottery game retailers, with a possible maximum incentive bonus from the commission of 1 percent.

Net revenues of the lottery would be divided among local school administrations and the Department of Health and Human Services. Seventy-five percent of net revenues would be distributed to local schools

for the funding of construction and maintenance of school buildings and for information technology. Twenty-five percent of net revenues would fund a prescription drug benefit for senior citizens.

UNCW sophomore, Kurt Staiger expressed his views on a state lottery when he reported, "I think it's good, so long as the money goes mainly to education. The bottom line is a lottery is money for the state, and if our state can manage the money correctly then we should do it."

Randy Bobbitt, of UNCW's communication studies department, has conducted extensive research on the workings of lotteries and the analysis of the "lottery debate."

"I am disappointed that there will be no public vote on the lottery since there are no political races this year, just because I enjoy the political mud-slinging during the debates over a lottery. I am concerned about the two main venues that the proposed lottery plan supports. I don't believe that the lottery could do a good job of supporting both education and prescriptions for senior citizens [...] The goal of financing both would be too expensive for a lottery to support," Bobbitt said.

Computer "modding" for a good cause

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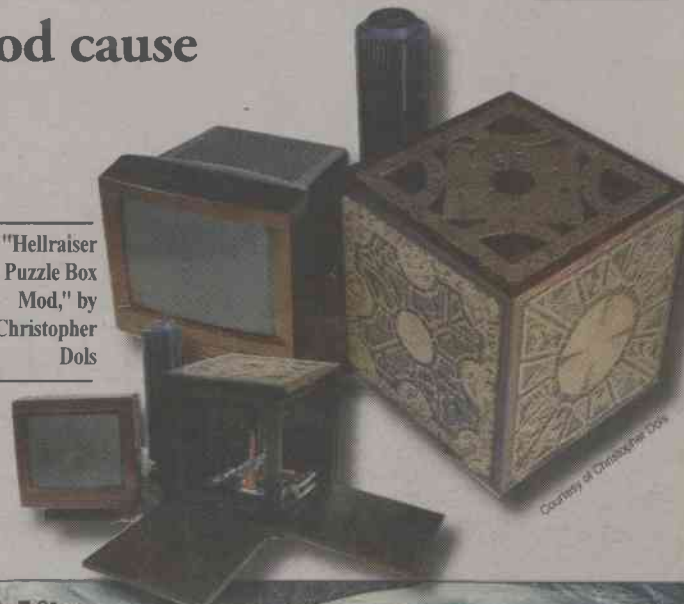
The pilot episode for a television show that will be filmed in Wilmington is "Like Monster Garage and Junkyard Wars meets computers," said computer modifier Christopher Dols from the set of a new television pilot.

Dols is currently working on the new television series where teams are in competition to modify computers for those in need. The teams are given all of the basic components of a computer with the exception of a case. In a limited amount of time, the teams must use their skills and experience to modify the computers to suit their task.

Though audiences may want drama, the work is going to a good cause. The inspiration behind the pilot episode's "modding" is the New Hanover Regional Medical Pediatric Wing. The contestants from this first episode will be modifying computers to accommodate children who are unable to get out of their bed.

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"Hellraiser Puzzle Box Mod," by Christopher Dols



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