

Seahawk Features

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Briefly...

Sorority tournament this weekend

Alpha Phi sorority will hold its fifth annual benefit golf tournament at 8:30 a.m. April 28 at Bear Rivage Resort and Golf Club. Four-person teams will compete in a captain's choice format. The cost is \$25 per person. For more information, contact Megan O'Connell at 392-3005.

Azalea Exhibit reopens

"Across the Dye Ditch: Remembering the Delgado-Spofford Mill Hill" was displayed during the Azalea Festival at 5051 New Centre Drive. The exhibit will reopen in Randall Library May 19. Graduate students from UNCW's public history program served as curators for the exhibit, which includes artifacts, photographs and documents from private collections.

Biology professor receives teaching award

Donald F. Kapraun, professor of biological sciences, received the UNC Board of Governors Award for Teaching Excellence during a luncheon April 12. The award is presented to a faculty member from each UNC system campus. Recipients receive a commemorative bronze medallion and a \$7,500 cash prize. Kapraun, a member of UNCW's Biological Sciences Department since 1971, said he finds himself still drawn to teach introductory and interdisciplinary courses after more than three decades in the classroom. Students have described him as a concerned and accessible teacher who "cared and taught, not just spat out information."

Surfing group accepting scholarship applications

The Wrightsville Beach Longboard Association is accepting applications for its college scholarship program. Scholarships will be awarded to one male or one female surfer. Applicants must be high school seniors or college freshmen who scored 1000 on the SAT or the equivalent on the ACT and have a minimum grade point average of 3.0. For more information, contact David Wilson, WBLA president, at 256-4761 or Bill Curry, scholarship committee chair, at 256-8604. June 1 is the deadline to submit applications.

Wagoner Meals: steals or deals?

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Many students want to know the fate of their leftover Wagoner meals. Some find it hard to consume the given amount of meals a week, which raises the question of where the unused meals go.

The coordinators of the Wagoner meal plans consider each type of student when designing the plans. The perfect meal plan is nonexistent, for there is the student who always has leftover meals and there is the student who utilizes every meal.

"I find it nearly impossible to use all my Wagoner meals," freshman Constance Cumbee said. "Last semester I had over 70 meals left."

On the opposite end of the scale, freshman Allison Diviny finds it easy to use all of her meals. "The best way to use all your meals is to go on the weekends," she said.

It is difficult to please every student's meal needs. Dick Fauson, director of Auxiliary Services, explained the solution to the Wagoner meal dilemma.

"In each one of our plans we have what is known as a 'participation rate,' and the participation rate is the rate that students use their meals in comparison to the number of meals that are available," he said.

"The participation rate can be compared to a bell curve where there are two extremes and the

price falls in the middle. According to Fauson, in a meal plan consisting of 100 meals, the student would pay for about 70 meals.

"We base our price for the new year when we look at the participation rates in the plans, and we try and price our meals so it is competitive with where the participation is," Fauson said. "So you are not truly paying for 100 percent of your meals." Director of Dining Services Tom Williamson said about 28 percent of meals go unused.

Prices are set based on the assumption that some students will use all their meals and other students will only use part of their meals. According to Fauson, if the meals were full price, students would end up paying a lot more for meal plans. Students who use all their meals are receiving the greatest value for their money, while those who use less are losing value.

"Those two extremes all averaged together are what gives us our participation rate," Fauson said.

Unused Wagoner meals are not lost. They are balanced out between Wagoner regulars and strangers. Williamson said even though Wagoner cannot donate unused meals to another source, at the end of each day leftover



Christina Ingold and Brooke Bambrick partaking of Wagoner Hall's the salad bar.

food is put to good use. The Good Shepherd House comes every day to pick up the leftover food to feed people at their soup kitchen.

P.E.A.C.E. tries to increase campus activism

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People Educating with an Active Commitment to Equality (P.E.A.C.E.) began as an organization dedicated to helping people promote change in the global environment by actively voicing their opinions.

"P.E.A.C.E. provides a forum that allows people to express individual interests and recognize commonalities that we have that can be used to move forward," P.E.A.C.E. coordinator Molly Ramey said.

Ramey and Adrien Lopez serve as coordinators for P.E.A.C.E. There is no president. The group is set up as an open forum with no set agenda. At the start of the meetings, members raise issues to form an agenda. Each topic is then discussed in detail.

"This organization tries to keep everyone in a leadership position," Ramey said.

The organization hosts many events on campus, such as drum circles



P.E.A.C.E. sponsored the Julia Butterfly Hill lecture earlier this semester.

in the commons, film presentations and they distribute literature. Recently, the group hosted the Julia Butterfly Hill lecture and Wilmington Wake-Up Week.

Members of the group also attend conferences

to voice their issues. The group went to Raleigh April 17 and met with citizens from around N.C. to advocate a moratorium on the death penalty. They are also aiding in the passage of a bill that would repeal the death penalty for the mentally retarded.

The organization also holds monthly "SpeakEasys" or lot of people this way, relaxing in a social atmosphere discussing politics, environmentalism,

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