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Racial profiling at UNCW discussed in forum

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NEWS EDITOR

Students, faculty, staff and administrators gathered to discuss concerns about the treatment of minority students on campus last Monday.

The event was the first of what many people said they hoped would be a series of discussions to inform others of racial problems that happen on campus and to eventually find solutions.

One facet of the forum focused on the presence of racial profiling on campus, a discriminatory practice in which a police officer stops an individual for an offense based on his skin color.

"If you are actually able to walk around and racial profiling doesn't happen to you, then you may not believe that racial profiling happens on this campus at all," said Carlo Laurore, freshman. "If you know there is racial profiling, or a possibility of racial profiling on this campus, then you can be more mindful and be more aware to actually help solve the problem."

While some students said that they have not experienced any problems, others shared situations where they felt discriminated



Students of all races attended the race dialogue forum in the Warwick Center last Monday night.

against or uncomfortable with treatment by the police. Many concerns expressed were the result of actions taken by the UNCW police.

One member of the track team, Kristoffer Jones, cited an incident involving UNCW police during the summer, when the team was on campus to practice. Jones said that he and a group of black teammates, all clothed in UNCW track apparel, were stopped and questioned about their presence on campus and told the campus was closed. Jones said he and his teammates were very frustrated because police had to pass a group of white men from the baseball team, whom

they did not stop to question, in order to approach them.

Several members of the community were surprised to hear that this and similar incidents had taken place and were not reported.

Dr. Brian Hemphill, associate dean of students, said that he has been at the university for three years, and has had only two or three discussions about race or discrimination issues.

"There are numerous policies in place [to deal with these issues]," Hemphill said during the forum. "We may not know that it's an issue. We may not know that it's going on if you don't bring it to the table."

Although UNCW police officials were not present at the event, in a separate interview Capt. David Donaldson expressed concern.

"If there are issues out there, let's get those out and give each other time to discuss and research any actions or allegations, and let's have an opportunity to discuss them," Donaldson said. "Anyone's percep-

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Students dissatisfied with budget cuts

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Students at UNC Wilmington are overwhelmingly appalled about recent news of a potential \$4 million cut to the school's budget.

Last week, UNCW administrators compiled a list of budget reductions as requested by the state legislature. The proposed cuts would eliminate more than 50 university employee positions and student support services during the 2001-02 school year.

If the budget decrease is approved by the state legislature, \$125 million will be eliminated from the UNC system. Immediately, talk of the budget reduction became a popular topic of discussion throughout the Wilmington campus. Many students expressed outrage over the contentious decision.

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Chi Phi house vandalized

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A Wilmington man was arrested in connection with vandalizing the Chi Phi fraternity house at 5004 Wrightsville Ave. Friday.

Mikel Beau Long, 20, of 5009 Park Ave. was charged with two counts of damage to real property and three counts of damage to personal property, and was held at the New Hanover County Jail on \$3,000 bail.

According to Wilmington Police Department spokeswoman Linda Rawley, the Chi Phi house, a privacy fence, several vehicles and five street signs were spray-painted with red, black and blue paint sometime between 4 a.m. and 9 a.m. Friday morning. Insults and epithets were visible all around the property.

Chi Phi president Justin Long estimated that \$15,000 damage was done to the property. The Fraternity has insurance to cover



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The Chi Phi house suffered approximately \$15,000 in damage from vandalism.

the damage, although there is a \$5,000 deductible.

Long said he was not sure what sparked the incident. "We don't know what their motive is," he said.

Police are investigating the incident and may make more arrests.