

Briefly...

Volunteers needed for Habitat for Humanity workday

UNCW's Habitat for Humanity workday will be held on Saturday, Nov. 17 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Noah Riedel at the Leadership Center to reserve space at 962-3877 or visit University Union room 212.

Red Cross to offer several classes in accident and rescue information

Several courses are offered by the Cape Fear Chapter of the Red Cross this month, which is located at 1102 S. 16th St. Adult, Child and Infant CPR/First Aid are available on Nov. 5, 7 and 8 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.; CPR Professional Rescuer on Nov. 6 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Adult CPR & First Aid on Nov. 10 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Adult, Child & Infant CPR/First Aid on Nov. 12, 13 and 14 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.; Babysitter's Training on Nov. 17 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and Adult, Child & Infant CPR/First Aid on Nov. 27, 28 and 29 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. To register or for more information, call 762-2683.

Volunteers for Leadership Center needed

The Center for Leadership Education and Service is looking for volunteers to help students in kindergarten through fifth grade at Rachael Freeman Elementary School. Volunteers will aid in one-on-one reading, writing and math tutoring. For information, call Community Liaison Lauren Davis at 962-3877 or visit the office in the University Union in room 212.

Beverly Perdue to speak at fall commencement

UNCW NEWS BUREAU

LI Gov. Beverly Perdue will address the University's 1,000 Dec. graduates at 10 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 21, in Trask Coliseum as commencement speaker.

Perdue is a former public school teacher, health care professional and co-chair of the North Carolina Senate Appropriations Committee. Prior to her election as LI Gov., Perdue served five terms in the Senate and two terms in the state House of Representatives. She was consistently ranked as one of the most

Forum discusses newsroom ethics

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Some media types are finding the public still reeling from the horrific events of Sept. 11, more closely scrutinizing their presentation of the news recently.

Addressing the ethics associated with reporting such serious events, a panel of five local journalists convened at UNCW as part of the Pastoral Summit talks.

Allen Parsons, executive editor of the Wilmington Star; Ronda Bellamy of WGNI-FM; Jon Evans of WWAY-TV; Frances Weller of WECT-TV; and Susan Dankel of WHQR-FM all participated in the recent campus discussion, commenting on the recent media coverage and polling questions from a small audience of about 75 attendees.

The event moderator, Paul Wilkes of UNCW's creative writing department, opened the forum by presenting his view that there is no such thing as "the media." Rather, he explained, the media comprises many individuals who collectively and individually come together to present news and important issues.

Parsons, beginning the panel discussion, identified three critical issues relative to effective news reporting. He noted first, that journalist detachment from the issues is key. Second, Parsons said, balance in addressing the full, contextual range of a situation, is paramount. Last, Parsons said it is the responsibility of journalist to question authority. Only by examining issues through these criteria, Parsons said, would the important issues become evident.

Commenting on the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, Evans said his news station, WWAY, an ABC affiliate, turned to "24 hour, wall-to-wall news (coverage)" for four days. "Evans said that the 96-hour period of continuous national news coverage presented challenges in regard to filing time. He said that ABC aired some stories that he, personally, thought were somewhat questionable in nature, noting specifically a story they aired that addressed the means by which bombs were made in the Oklahoma City bombing. He said that these types of stories are what fill time when no other new stories is available.

Frances Weller of WECT-TV agreed with Parsons' comments.

"Our job is to be responsible," she said.

Parsons said many members of the public see

effective members of the North Carolina General Assembly and gained the reputation as one of the legislature's hardest workers. She is involved in many civic and community boards including the State Board of Education and State Board of Community Colleges and she chairs the Health and Wellness Trust Fund. She has also supported innovative advances in education, including the Excellent Schools Act and Governor Hunt's Smart Start for early childhood development. UNCW December graduates should report to Hanover Hall no later than 9 a.m. on commencement day to robe and form



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the media as gatekeepers. Thus, the media is charged with the task of acting as a mirror for the society and giving the public a clear picture of what is going on.

When asked how their respected TV stations would be handling presentation of material during Nielsen's November sweeps ratings, Weller conceded that her station would be giving special attention to stories that might gain the attention of an increased number of viewers. Although, she said along with Evans that stories would still be handled in a responsible, ethical way.

WHQR-FM's Susan Dankel, spoke of her station's effort to bring a local perspective to the events affecting the nation, by returning the station to its regular format as early as possible.

"Americans have a responsibility to learn for themselves" (about the new news topics)," Weller said. Bellamy agreed, noting that she reads a large number of online and print sources daily, so that she can gain knowledge and varying viewpoints on a single topic. She encouraged others to do as well.

The Pastoral Summit concluded with the panel addressing questions concerning how and why Americans may have been desensitized to tragedies and horrific events occurring internationally prior to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Evans said that these recent attacks just hit too close to home for many Americans.

"Oh my God. Is it a plane that just hit the world trade center," Evans recalled of what Charlie Goodman of Good Morning America said on air at the time of the second building's attack. "It was the Pentagon and the World Trade Centers, very real places—places where people had been."



Perdue

announced in the commencement program.

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Sat. October 13th

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