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Briefly... LEAD Conference offers students skills, ideas

Global S.E.R.V.E. offers spring break alternative

The volunteer organization Global S.E.R.V.E. is sponsoring a trip to Easley, S.C. and Asheville for spring break. Participants will help build homes for the needy in collaboration with Habitat for Humanity's Nationwide Collegiate Challenge. The volunteers will be leaving Wilmington March 3 and will return March 9. The cost for the trip is \$140 per person and anyone can go. Money is due by Feb. 1 to the Center for Leadership Education and Service. Contact Becky Long at 962-3043 for more information.

SBTV's first newsprogram airs Wednesday night

Student Body Television will air its newsprogram "Seahawk Central" at 8 p.m. Jan. 30. The 20-minute program will feature newscasts about UNCW and surrounding areas. The show will be a bi-weekly production airing Wednesday nights at 8 p.m. on Channel 5. The next show will air Feb. 13.

Volunteers needed for Woodlot Service Project

The Woodlot project involves chopping wood and stacking it into trucks to be delivered to needy homes. The Center for Leadership Education and Service and the Salvation Army are sponsoring this project from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Jan. 26 and volunteers are needed. Students interested in volunteering should meet in the University Union Lobby at 8 a.m. for a light breakfast. For more information call 962-3877 or stop by UR room 212.

Organization collecting personal hygiene donations

The Fellowship of Christian University Students is sponsoring a collection of personal hygiene products for the Domestic Violence Shelter. The collection will be Jan. 30 through Feb. 1 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the University Union. Full-sized products are preferred, but any size will be accepted.

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Leadership skills are extremely beneficial and now UNCW students have the opportunity to gain these skills by attending the 2002 LEAD Conference, which will be held Feb. 23 at East Carolina University.

This conference is for all students, especially students currently in or seeking leadership positions in the campus community, such as resident assistants and orientation leaders.

There has been a positive reaction from students who have attended this conference in the past, including sophomore Billie Fleming. "This conference helps you build as a person and find your strengths and weaknesses," Fleming said. "It's one of those conferences where you bring back ideas." One of the important lessons she took home with her was that a great leader listens to what others have to say.

This annual conference, which is sponsored by the North Carolina College Personnel Association, is in its seventh year. The NCCPA is an organization that works to educate college students about professionalism. They hold four leadership conferences a year to accomplish this goal.

The purpose of this conference is to teach students leadership skills for professionalism in the real world, said Leslie Rand-Pickett, president

of NCCPA. Rand-Pickett is involved in all aspects of the conference, including choosing the keynote speaker. Last year's speaker was nationally recognized keynote speaker and leadership trainer, Nancy Hunter Denny.

This year's theme is "Survivor Adventures in Leadership: Learn, Explore, Accomplish, Discover." The students who attend the conference will design a tribal flag prior to the trip to hang on the bus they will be riding to Greenville.

Students should take advantage of this opportunity because "students make connections and are given the opportunity to outreach to students across the state and develop friendships," said Shelly Hoover of the Center for Leadership Education and Service. She added that students will "gain knowledge not only about themselves as a



Billie Fleming attended the LEAD Conference last year. She works in the Center for Leadership Education and Service.

person, but will also gain new skills and information about leadership."

The cost to attend this conference is \$10, which includes meals, transportation, a T-shirt, conference materials and a keynote speaker. The bus will leave at 7:30 a.m. and return by 6:30 p.m. Space is limited to 40 students and participants must sign up at the Leadership Center in University Union Room 212 by Jan. 25.

Speaker to perform as Martin Luther King Jr.

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As part of UNCW's 2002 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration Event, dramatist Jim Lucas will be performing tonight at 7 p.m. in Keman Auditorium.

His one-man show, "Reflections," is a dramatic rendering of the words, background and experiences of King. Lucas brings to life his interpretive readings of King's "I Have a Dream," "I've Been to the Mountaintop," "A Knock at Midnight" and excerpts from "Letter from Birmingham Jail."

"Previous speakers who've spoken on topics related to diversity have been intellectual as opposed to performers," said Joanne Nottingham, director of campus diversity. "Jim Lucas" doesn't sound exactly like Dr. King, but you get that same kind of spirit as

Dr. King."

Lucas is an advocate of King's philosophy of non-violent civil action to affect social change and, like King, participated in civil rights demonstrations in the 1960s. He worked for and achieved school integration in his hometown of Lake Providence, La.



LUCAS

While attending the 20th Anniversary of the March on Washington in 1983, Lucas was

inspired to learn and later recite King's speeches. Since then he has received national acclaim for his dynamic readings and remains committed to inspiring people to dream.

"I want to participate in a special way to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday," freshman Jessica J. Jones said. "I'm hoping to be empowered; I'd like to feel a renewed sense of unity."

Lucas has performed for the Diplomatic Corps, National Baptist Conventions and has been a guest speaker for the NAACP. Aside from his speaking tours, Lucas has co-starred in the critically-acclaimed play, "The Meeting," a drama about the lives and times of King and Malcolm X.

Tickets for tonight's event are free for students and the public, but advance tickets are required. Contact the Keman Auditorium Box Office at 962-3500 for tickets.

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This week's spotlight: Students perform at the Homecoming event "Say What" Karaoke Soundtrack Edition. Photo by Danielle Peckham.