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## SimMan is sick

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The School of Nursing has one more member this semester -- the Laerdal SimMan Patient Simulator.

Arriving on campus three weeks ago, SimMan is a life-sized mannequin that operates in conjunction with a computer program.

"(SimMan can) serve as an advanced teaching model as it can breathe, make heart, lung and bowel sounds and can be defibrillated," said Jaca Baynes, the director of the simulation lab.

Laerdal, a Norwegian company, produced the line of patient simulators after analyzing similar high-risk industries such as aviation that use simulation training. Most aviators are given computer models before their first run with a real plane. Their analysts concluded that simulations should be used wherever possible. According to Laerdal, simulations

enable repetition and therefore errors can be made without harm to the patient.

Directed by Baynes at a cost of about \$50,000 -- half of which came from the NHHN, the other half from university funds -- SimMan will be used on campus for health assessments of complex care issues. Most nursing students will have access to him through their classes. Baynes notes that due to the size of the School of Nursing, many students will work on him in groups.

The program that is run through SimMan will react to external stimuli with changes in vital signs and noises much as a real patient would do, Baynes said. "For example, if the job is well done then SimMan will say something like: Thank you so much. You've done a wonderful job," Baynes said.

The directors and professors in the lab can also alter SimMan's **SEE SIMULATOR, PAGE 3**



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Nursing students simulate real life with SimMan.



KRT Campus

Tens of thousands of protesters gathered in Washington, D.C., for the "No War On Iraq" national march Saturday, Jan. 18, 2003. UNCW students joined protest.

## Thousands attend war protest in Washington

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Amidst a mass of banners and posters waving in the cold UNCW students, faculty and staff -- along with 500,000 others, according to International Act Now to Stop War and End Racism -- gathered in Washington, D.C., Saturday to protest war with Iraq.

The protest -- endorsed by former Attorney General Ramsey Clark, the Rev. Jesse Jackson and political prisoner Mumia Abu-Jamal -- was sponsored by International ANSWER. The event began with a rally on the

Mall in front of the Capitol building and was followed by a march down Pennsylvania Avenue, ending in front of the Navy Yard.

"I went because I don't think a pre-emptive strike is the right move right now," said Roey Rosenblith, a UNCW student. "The inspectors should be given more time and there should be a sanction on arms."

Timed around the celebration weekend of Martin Luther King Jr., a lifelong peace advocate, the protest was held simultaneously with a march in San Francisco and in other large cities in about 30 countries worldwide.

The crowd in DC was extreme-

ly diverse, encompassing a broad range of ages, races and causes, according to UNCW junior Kristin Henry. Henry noted that it was overwhelming to see so many "causes together in solidarity against the war."

Two buses left from Wilmington Friday, Jan. 17 at midnight. Organized by PEACE and Southeastern Alliance for Community Change and Grassroots Leadership, the buses picked up about 20 people from Rocky Mount. The two buses, along with seven from Chapel Hill, three from Raleigh, two from Durham, six from Asheville and

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