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"It's like winning an Oscar"

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The results are in. At the fall faculty meeting on Aug. 17, UNCW's top three teachers were announced.

Bob Blundo, Bill Bolduc and Lou Buttino were the recipients of the Distinguished Teaching Professorship Awards. Blundo also received the top honor, the Board of Trustees' Teaching Excellence Award.

Several professors were nominated by colleagues, students or themselves. Professors were then notified of their nomination and were requested to submit a portfolio to be considered for the awards.

The provost's office selected five recent recipients of these two awards to serve on the selection committee. According to Faculty Assistant to Provost Carol Ellis, the committee recommends four professors to the chancellor. Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo selected three of the four professors to receive the Distinguished Teaching Professorship Awards and one to be given the Board of Trustees' Teaching Excellence Award.

"It's like winning an Oscar," said Blundo, a social work professor, on receiving the Board of Trustees' Teaching Excellence Award, making him the top professor at UNCW. "Most of us are here to teach. If that's our goal and our primary focus, then I want to do well."

Arthur Frankel, the head of the social work department spoke highly of Blundo and his teaching style. He believes Blundo's projects enrich the classroom beyond textbooks, and he brings an abundance of current experience to his classroom.

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Parking spaces disappear in droves

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The age-old question has been the topic of students' conversation on UNCW's campus for years. "What's the deal with parking?" With the many gripes and complaints also comes speculation. The following addresses every day questions that students may have when it comes to parking.

According to Richard Fauson, Director of Auxiliary Services, UNCW students will lose 300 to 500 parking spaces over the next few years. Construction, an ongoing project, and the fact that the campus has switched from an open parking system to a three-zoned parking system are the major factors playing a part in how parking has changed from last year. Spaces are sold based on an oversell rate. In the residence halls area, one decal is sold per space because parking there is essentially 24 hours a day. In contrast, in commuter parking, where students come and go throughout the day, more than one decal is sold per



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Students and faculty jockey for parking spaces in late August. Parking continues to be a major issue with the influence of construction impeding on already scarce parking spaces.

space. "You have to figure out how many decals you can sell. The need for parking is different per individual, per day of the week for different hours."

The old system allowed students the "license to hunt" for a space. The zoning method "probably raised expectations that you will have a

space to park," Fauson said. "With that logic, parking in a zoned system has to be more controlled than an open [one]."

The root of contention comes with students who have been assigned to zones they are not happy with. Students in zone three are not thrilled about the fact that they have to ride a

shuttle to campus, and then walk the rest of the way to their buildings. Those in zone two dislike the walk they have to make from parking lot K to the academic areas of campus. However, students who signed up on time and who went through the

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UNCW background checks considered

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This spring, UNCW students Jessica Faulkner and Christen Naujoks were murdered by fellow students who lied on their admissions applications about their past criminal history. For the most part, the University community remained unaware of these students' past criminal activities until they had committed murder.

Currently, there is no mandatory criminal background check on incoming students in place at UNCW. UNCW, as well as other UNC campuses, rely on the honor

system to evaluate the criminal history of applicants. This means that it is up to the applicant to state on their application if they have committed a crime.

In the aftermath of the murders of Faulkner and Naujoks, it has been suggested that the UNC system begin to conduct mandatory criminal background checks on all incoming students. Those who support this plan hope that it will decrease the chances of violence and murder on UNC campuses.

There are some opponents to the idea of doing criminal background checks on all incoming stu-

dents to the UNC system. Thomas Conway, a vice provost at N.C. State University, believes that it would be virtually impossible to conduct background checks on all incoming students to UNC campuses.

"What we'd probably end up doing is bogging down the system well beyond what the public would tolerate in terms of our admissions processes," Conway said.

Curtis Dixon, who is accused of murdering Faulkner in early May, failed to state on his admissions application that he had plead guilty to a charge of misdemeanor larceny in 2000. Dixon also did

not state that he was enrolled in two other UNC institutions prior to applying for admission to UNCW. Dixon had been previously enrolled in UNC-Charlotte and the N.C. School of the Arts.

John Peck, who was accused of murdering ex-girlfriend Naujoks in early June, lied on his admissions application as well. Peck did not state on his application that he had plead guilty to two felony charges and one misdemeanor charge of rape against an ex-girlfriend in 2001. Peck was initially charged with first-degree rape in the case. As punish-

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