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and transfer students from underrepresented groups. The program teams new students with enrolled students who have been successful in meeting the challenges of college," said Deborah Brunson, Interim Director of the Office of Campus Diversity.

There are approximately 150 student organizations on campus that are registered with the Campus Activities and Involvement Center, so students have a myriad of choices for extracurricular activities.

Services utilized by many UNCW students pertain to health. Health services provided by the university include help for students with learning disabilities, counseling services, drug and alcohol awareness programs and access to an on-campus pharmacy. Traditionally housed in Westside Hall, these services are temporarily located in the Friday Hall Annex.

In recent months, students have been encouraged to visit the counseling center to help them deal with issues associated with the recent tragedies that have occurred on the campus.

Entertainment services are also popular among UNCW students. The Association for Campus Entertainment offers events such as open mic night and an annual spring concert.

Campus Recreation, Career Services and Greek organizations are also student-friendly.

For more information on services offered by UNCW, visit www.uncw.edu/www/students.html.



Courtesy of Rachel Poole

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Amigos Internacional has expanded rapidly. It is now located in a large brick building at 1516 Market St. "I'm very proud of what we do here. We cover a broad scope—we have English classes, we'll help them read their mail, find housing, attorneys, doctors, even jobs."

"We have people calling and asking for someone to clean their house, cut their lawn or do carpentry. We're glad to help them and also find employment for the Latinos, who need to make a living," Vasquez said. "In fact there is nothing we don't take on, and we don't turn anybody away."

She has had some unusual requests. "A young man came in and said, 'I heard you help

people with problems. Can you help me get an arm?'"

"So we did. We got him free or reduced doctor care and Floyd's Limbs here gave him the prosthesis at a discounted price," said Vasquez. The 23-year-old from Mexico is now doing landscaping locally.

Another little boy, a 12-year-old from Honduras, came in with his parents. The boy was outgrowing his artificial eye and the socket would close or shrink if he didn't get a larger replacement. "We were able to provide him with the eye through the help of donors, who gave \$1,000 to buy it at a discounted price," Vasquez explained.

Juan Aragon receives help in Spanish-English translation for his various classes. Amigos Internacional, a program designed to assist the Latino community of Wilmington, employs many UNCW foreign language students as tutors and translators.

She said people are so grateful for the help. "I love seeing people's lives change and watching them succeed," Vasquez said.

A small staff and volunteers from all walks of life help the director with the program. The largest group of volunteers comes from UNCW. "We have about 150 volunteers and 80% are from UNCW. And they do just about anything around here to help," said Vasquez.

One UNCW student volunteer, Lisa Caruso, agreed. "I can get a telephone call asking if I can meet someone at the dentist office to translate," she said.

The bilingual senior said she also works at the organization office Centro Latino organizing, filing, setting up appointments or working in the daycare center babysitting. "I love it," Caruso said, who enjoys lending a helping hand.

The Spanish Club at UNCW also gets involved in the agency. "We have an Adopt-a-Family Project in which different church groups, clubs and businesses participate. The Spanish Club usually adopts a family at Christmas and Easter. The members donate money for gift certificates for toys or candy for example," Vasquez said.

To raise money, Amigos Internacional will hold its sixth annual Festival Latino Nov. 6 at Hugh MacRae Park on College Road.

"I love what I do," Vasquez said. "I'm so blessed. I get paid for making people happy."

Are you registered to vote? Why or why not?



Nicole Dougherty
Freshman

Yes, because I can.



Sarah Helms
Senior
Biology

Yes. By voting I am allowed to have a say in our country's leaders and the decisions they make.



Kelly Nassis
Junior
Elementary Education

I am not registered but planning to, because I think every vote is important in choosing the leader of our country.



Eric Schonholz
Sophomore
Undecided

Yes, it is an important part of being a citizen.