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Money talks, UNCW listens | Break-ins occur on UNCW campus

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On Monday Nov. 8, a financial program called "Money Talks" was held in the University Union for all UNCW students. The event was hosted by the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, along with guest speaker Dr. Ed Graham, professor of finance.

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The program warned students about monetary concerns after graduation, including the accumulation of debt from student loans and credit cards.

The information provided at "Money Talks" is invaluable for students who have to balance finances and pay tuition. College students are at a very high risk of accumulating debt and tarnishing their credit through loans and credit cards.

Dick Verrone, finance professor at UNCW, warns students, "Credit cards get students in trouble more than any other single aspect of personal finance. Most do not understand the terms and ways a card company can increase the interest

"Students should have one credit card to use in true emergencies.

Many students will find it difficult to pay off loan the Financial Aid debts after graduation. The average debt for a col- Office at 962-3177. lege student has risen 66% from 1997 to \$18,900.

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Multiple credit cards are not a good

idea unless the student is really dis-

ciplined. Use a debit card instead,"

of the largest student loan programs

in the United States, reported in

their 2002-2003 National Student

Loan Survey that undergraduate

student loan debts have risen 66 per-

cent since 1997, and are averaged at

Because federal loan amounts

have remained primarily consistent

for the past decade, students are

depending on outside sources of

money to pay their tuition and living

2003, 25 percent of students said

they relied on credit cards to help

pay their way through college. The

College Board also accounts that

student loans have once again prov-

en popular among college students,

aside an amount to save each month,

10-15 percent of your income, and let this be your first monthly 'bill'

you pay. If you don't save this each

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which need not be repaid.

The College Board Foundation reported that in the years 2002-

about \$18,900 per student.

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Verrone said.

expenses.

On the morning of Oct. 31, several areas of the Warwick Center were broken into, according to the University Police.

A UNCW employee discovered the break-ins at 1:23 p.m. the same day. The Warwick Center Game Room. Dittos and the Seahawk Grille were all broken into and were found to have items missing.

"One of the building managers came in and found that the safe was gone," Lt. Mitchell Cook of the University Police said.

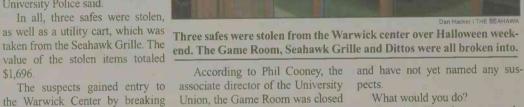
In all, three safes were stolen, taken from the Seahawk Grille. The value of the stolen items totaled \$1,696.

The suspects gained entry to the Warwick Center by breaking windows and prying open doors. Broken windows and doors were found at Dittos, as well as at the other locations.

associate director of the University Union, the Game Room was closed for two days in order to clean up after the break-ins and reopened on Nov. 3. Currently, the UNCW

Warwick Center may leave many

wondering what to do if they



Break-ins like the one at the

police are still investigating the case see BREAK-INS page 2



A little different: Non-trads increase year. "It's great. I really enjoy talk-**BARBARA J. TWIGG**

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The week of Nov. 8-12 is Non-Traditional Student Week at UNCW. Non-trads make up about 22 percent of the UNCW student body, up from 12 percent in 1978.

Non-trads are an extremely diverse group according to the Office of the Dean of Students. The non-trad could be a student who enters college a year or more after high school graduation or one who works to support themselves or their families. Non-trads may be married or divorced. They may presently serve in the armed forces. They may be veterans.

Anyone who feels they do not fit the traditional college student profile is a non-trad.

"It's not a label," said Dana K. McKoy, commuter and non-traditional student services coordinator. "It covers a wide range of our population." Most non-trads are commuters.

trad has a place of his or her own called the Seahawk Perch, located in the Student Union, Room 101. It has an information and help desk and a Service has been in existence for Non-Trad Room with a television, free coffee.

The information desk is staffed by students and is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday.

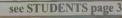
Jennifer Reingle, a junior, is working the help desk for a second

ing with the students," she said.

Reingle also runs the Commuter Coffee Break held there every Wednesday morning. The Coffee Break is hosted by different departments, such as Campus Ministry, Student Recreation, or Health Promotions. Free coffee, tea, donuts and bagels are available.

The Non-Traditional Student some years, but it was not until 1999 two computers, a microwave and that it actually had a physical space of its own, the Perch.

'This service originally came into existence because of a need." said assistant dean of students Kate E. Temoney, whose office oversees





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On the UNCW campus, the non-