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## UNCW's lack of diversity in question

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A forum to discuss campus diversity and campus culture was held last Wednesday at the Seahawk Grille.

The forum was held to get students thinking about the diversity issues on campus as well as to present the university's new Diversity Initiative Plan to students.

The event was organized by a panel of UNCW students and was headed up by SGA's vice president of multicultural affairs, Ann Branigin.

"It's important to hold this forum, and other events like it, because those who come from diverse backgrounds or come to this school looking for a diverse experience are often times disappointed, and they don't have to be," Branigin said.

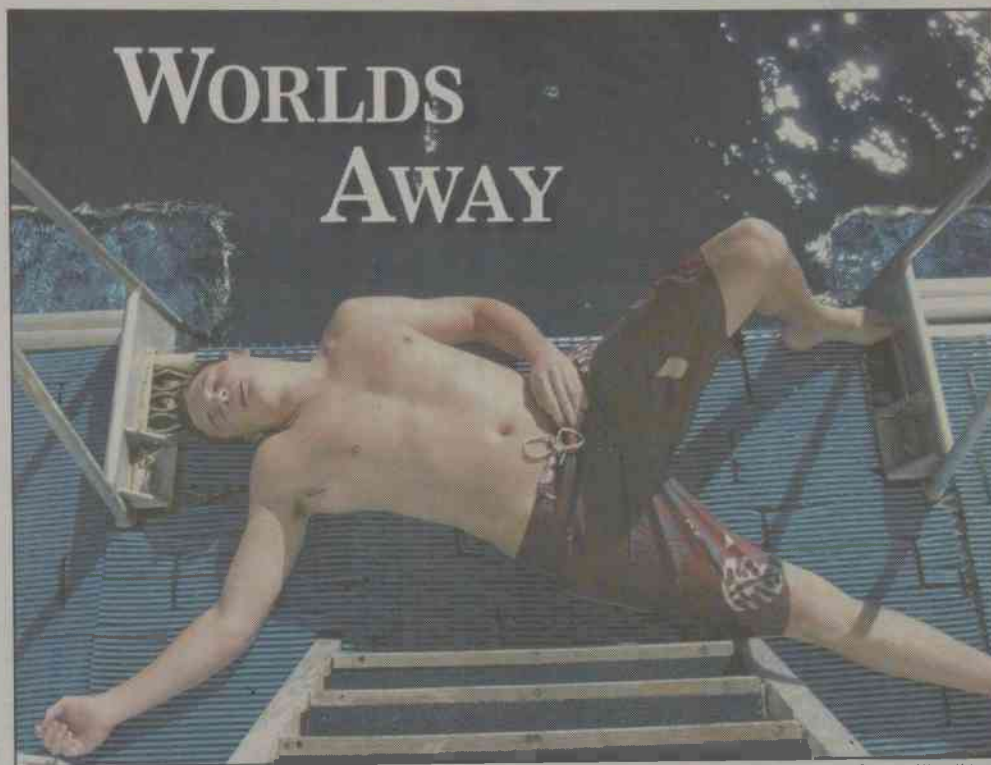
Dr. Bob Johnson led the forum and encouraged students to share their ideas about diversity on campus, step outside of their diversity stereotypes and think outside the box.

Students who attended the forum came up with many ideas about how to promote diversity on campus, including encouraging different student organizations to work together and offering a diversity course as a basic studies requirement.

Johnson said the problem is "just the tip of the tip of the iceberg" when it comes to making UNCW more diverse.

"I feel the whole forum went very well, it really showed me what this university is capable of," Branigin said.

A follow-up meeting is planned for Jan. 19.



Courtesy of Kevin Kolmos

Senior Kevin Kolmos collapses from exhaustion on the dive slip of a liv-a-board ship after a day of swimming the Great Barrier Reef. He took advantage of these and many other aquatic opportunities when he studied abroad at James Cook University on the coast of Queensland, Australia this spring.

## Culture shock serves as an eye-opener; globe-trotting students learn in new lands

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Just like spring fever, the Study Abroad Program at UNCW has swept students up into a traveling frenzy.

"It was the time of my life," said UNCW senior, Mike Dullaghan, who returned from Manchester, England in July.

Dullaghan, like many other students, had made up his mind as a freshman that he was going to take advantage of the abroad program.

"I started out wanting Spain for a

semester, but because of my schedule, I didn't have the time. So, I went to Manchester for four and a half weeks this past summer and had the best time of my life."

Students who go abroad have a variety of countries to choose from including France, Spain, England, Ecuador, Australia and even Barbados.

Students can enter the program as early as their sophomore year.

Senior Malia Collins went to Australia the second semester of her sophomore year and had the best semester of her college career.

Many students may feel discouraged because they are not comfortable enough with the idea of being in a country where English is not spoken.

"I was in Germany this past summer with the program and went without understanding any German. I had never taken German in my life," said UNCW senior Lisa Vockel. "But I had the best time ever."

For more information, contact the Office of International Programs in the University Union at 962-3685, or e-mail them at [studyabroad@uncw.edu](mailto:studyabroad@uncw.edu).

## Mascot caught with marijuana and Valium

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UNCW suffered another loss in its athletic department last week, but this time it was not an athlete or an athletic director. Thomas Moorefield, one of two students who served as a Seahawk mascot for UNCW, was arrested on Nov. 5. He was relieved of his mascot duties last Monday afternoon.

According to the warrant for his arrest, Moorefield was charged with possession of marijuana and Valium with intent to sell and deliver. He was also charged with maintaining a dwelling for the manufacturing of marijuana and possessing drug paraphernalia.

Detectives received a tip from Moorefield's neighbor, a Wilmington police officer, about alleged drug activity.

"It's just a real shame, and represents extremely poor choices by this young person," said Mimi Cunningham, assistant to the chancellor for university relations.

Some students believe Moorefield has been treated unfairly. "It's shocking. Tom is in my Women's Studies class with me. He seems like a good kid. I think things got blown out of proportion, and I'm sure when all the facts come out, it will be a different story," said UNCW senior Chris Williams.

Moorefield has a university administrative hearing on Nov. 17 and a court appearance on Nov. 18. No decision has yet been made if Moorefield will remain a student at UNCW.



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