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## Honors Program receives accolades

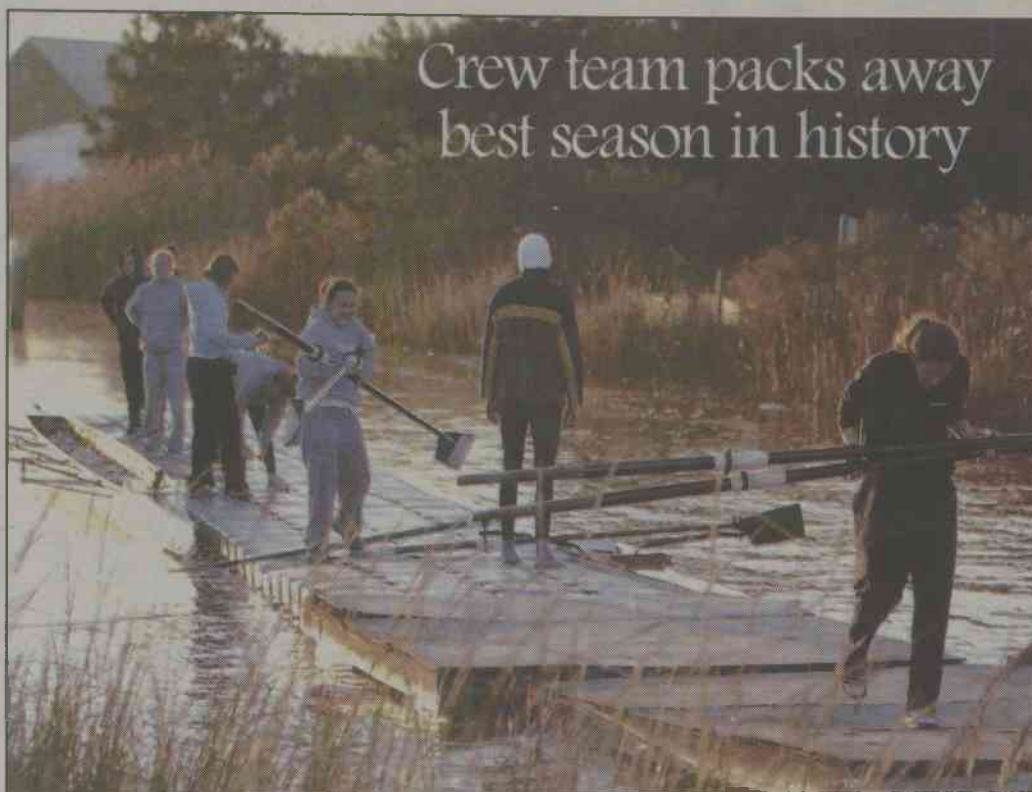
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The UNCW Honors Program was recognized at the annual meeting of The National Collegiate Honors Council Nov. 11-14.

Close to 1,800 people attended the conference that was held in New Orleans this year. The conference allowed students to learn about honors programs at other universities as well as present programs that UNCW has developed.

Students Jess Renaghan and Rachel Hamm presented on the honors buddy program, which helps freshman honors students get acquainted with life at UNCW. Several students, including Carol Dwan and Matt Collogan, presented on honors classes that allow students to travel abroad for spring break.

The presentations were well received and helped honors students showcase UNCW's innovative programs to other honors programs around the country.



## Crew team packs away best season in history

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The crew team packs their gear away for the winter. The crew team had its most successful season since it was established in 1986. Turn to page 14 of Seahawk Sports for a full story on the team and its season.

## Attention Graduates!

**Who:** Graduating Seniors

**What:** Help preparing graduates for the career world and finding a job.

**When:** Whenever you need career related help

**Where:** UNCW Career Services Department;  
Phone #: 962-3174, web address: [www.uncw.edu/stuaff/career/](http://www.uncw.edu/stuaff/career/)

**Why:** So you can get help preparing for that great job!

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## Tearing apart to rebuild: Construction doesn't come cheap



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Fences, new sidewalks, changed routes almost daily. This is the construction scene on campus.

Nearly half of the construction plans being funded are from the 2000 North Carolina \$3.1 billion Higher Education Facilities Bond that was for the 16 UNC-system universities and community colleges. From this bond, \$109 million went to UNCW according to Kay Ward, senior associate vice chancellor of Business Affairs.

"The state of North

Carolina has issued bonds in the amount of \$3.1 billion over the span of seven years. They sell them as they need the funds, so they usually sell a portion of the bonds every year," Ward said. UNCW has a budget on how much can be spent per project.

The \$109 million covers the Watson School of Education, Creative Arts building, CIS (Computer Information Systems) building, King Hall, Westside Hall, Kenan Hall, Friday Hall, Kenan Auditorium renovations, the Marine Science Operations facilities, and the addition to Hoggard Hall for the computer center and infrastructure expansion.

The other half of the university's projects is included under the non-bond category funding. These projects include the Westside Hall addition, the University Union expansion, the Kenan House renovation, the Sports Medicine building, and Warwick Center renovation.

In addition, The Burney Student Support Center will also be changed into a ballroom. The Friday Annex where Student Health and Services is now housed, will be a swing building used to house different faculty, staff, and students during construction. All of these projects are explained in detail on the UNCW website.

"We had \$109 million coming

from the bond program; all the other projects with the exception of the Nursing School and public/private development, are funded from university receipts, that's student fees, parking fees, and room and board fees," said Ed Davis, associate vice chancellor for facilities. "Those are types of things that students, faculty, and staff paid for, those fees paid for the construction and renovation of specific facilities."

When asked about the tremendous growth with the campus facilities Davis said, "We've grown as a campus...the majority of the construction being done today is

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