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ited to issues surrounding tuition, though. According to Wynne, it's crucial to have members of each major, athletic team, and student organization in attendance for equal representation.

"If there was a proposal for more money for the nursing program, it'd be really good if a nursing student went," he said. "That leaves a good taste in their mouths and lets them know about it [first-hand]."

Transportation to the event will be provided and is scheduled to depart at 8:30 a.m. from the Warwick Center. Interested students are asked to arrive by 8 a.m. A catered lunch will be served. Any questions regarding Student's Day or reservations for the trip may be directed to Wynne via e-mail at zaw1989@uncw.edu.

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reporting, but it is possible to check one's own bias. Realize "what is true, important, and real to you, then challenge yourself to recognize that no one has a monopoly on the truth," said Beinart.

For the public, "the only way to filter bias is to read as much as possible," said Goldberg.

Beinhart identified the two stereotypes that he believed were the source of much of the bias in the press. The idea that "Republicans are mean but tough while Democrats are nice but soft... and that Republicans are dumb but honest whereas Democrats are smart but dishonest," have constantly been reiterated by both sides of the press, said Beinart.

Goldberg was of the opinion that these stereotypes, more often than not, tended to favor the liberal point of view, especially in areas regarding the environment, abortion, gay rights and affirmative action. Most recently, an obvious example of the "liberal media bias" was the amount of attention that was given to Bush's military record as opposed to that of Kerry's.

Beinhart agreed that liberals did have the advantage in most areas of politics. However, currently two pressing political issues, national security and the economy, clearly placed the conservative agenda in a more favorable light.

Dr. Weber then asked the two panelists if there was such a thing as objective media, and how much bias is acceptable? The two panelists agreed that essentially there is no such thing as objective reporting. Nonetheless, the ideal of objectivity should not be ignored because it reminds journalists to be aware of their own biases. Additionally, as long as a journalist is upfront about their beliefs and opinions there is nothing inherently wrong with some bias in the media.

The final segment of the Leadership Lecture Series, "There is no such thing as free speech, and it's a good thing too," will be on March 14.

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Brad Reid, the Director of Housing and Residence Life, believes that incoming freshmen have more of a need to live on-campus than upper classmen.

"The younger the student, the higher the need to live on campus. A student coming straight from high school to the university needs the experience more," Reid said.

As in past years, sophomores will receive housing priority over freshmen and will receive first pick of the housing on campus.

The new housing policy is not expected to be a permanent change. For the 2006-2007 school year, a new apartment-style complex is being built to house 536 more beds. The new space should allow more space for upperclassmen to live on campus.

Many students are not satisfied with the new housing plan. Senior Marquita Lewis, who has lived on campus for four years, does not agree with the new policy.

"I have friends who are in jeopardy of finding new housing or going to community colleges closer to home because of the loss of housing. If I am going to give my money to live on campus, I should be able to," Lewis said.

The Office of Housing and Residence Life is willing to work with any juniors or seniors who have unique circumstances for which they need to live on campus. Reid encourages these students to contact him about their housing situation, which he will review on a case-by-case basis.

Other juniors and seniors who had hoped to live on campus are encouraged to contact Commuter and Non-Traditional Student Services for help finding off-campus housing.

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