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Students discuss views on N.C. lottery

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North Carolina will soon have a lottery. Most UNCW students asked in an informal poll are in favor of a lottery and will buy the dollar tickets. Although, a few opposed it and some of the 20 students polled hadn't heard about the recently approved N.C. lottery.

"Oh yeah, I'll bet on the lottery," senior Blake Goodwin said. "You never know for a dollar, you could just win." Goodwin, a marketing and management major from Raleigh said he thinks the lottery is a good thing. "It'll raise money for education and in North Carolina the schools can use the help."

Senior Lindsey Lewis hadn't heard of the N.C. lottery. "Guess I don't know much about it, but I do know people who drive to South Carolina for it," she said.

"I'm neutral on it," said senior Jamie Anderson. "I'm not for it or against it. I'd probably buy a ticket now and then," the environmental science major said. "Actually, I won eight dollars in the Virginia lottery once."

Junior Jarod Leggett was one of the few students against the lottery. "I don't like it," the accounting major said. "I feel that way for religious reasons. My church leaders are against it and I agree with them."

Freshman Anthony Zefiretto said he thinks it's a good way to raise money for education. "People are always gambling on something. I think buying stocks is gambling and just as risky," the business major said. "This way, even if you lose, the money goes for education."

"I just don't care about the lottery," said Tamara Paul, a junior creative writing major. "So, I guess it's just fine."



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Cape Cottages apartment complex, where the body of UNCW sophomore, Amanda Honeycutt, was found. Honeycutt, a pre-business major, was from Autryville, NC.

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UNCW sophomore Amanda Honeycutt, 20, was found dead in the bathtub of her apartment in the early morning hours of Sept. 29. When her roommates found her, she was already dead and the police were called.

Investigator Mike Overton with the Wilmington Police said she drowned in the bathtub and that the cause of death was accidental. Overton said that it was definitely not a suicide and there was "nothing suspicious, just a sad accident." The final police report is waiting on the results of a toxicology test, and while Investigator Overton was hesitant to

UNCW student found dead in her apartment

make a statement until the official report was released, he emphasized that it was accidental. A funeral service was held on Sunday, Oct. 2 at Baptist Chapel Church in Sampson County.

Honeycutt was a sophomore at UNCW and a pre-business major. She lived off-campus in the Cape Cottages apartment complex. She was from Autryville, NC, and graduated from Midway High School in Sampson County in 2003.

While the Wilmington Police handled the case, David Donaldson, University Chief of Police, did comment. "The thoughts and prayers of myself, my family, and the staff

of the police department are with Amanda's family and it's a great tragedy that will affect their lives forever," he said. "This is just another reminder that every life is somebody and it's somebody with hopes and dreams that won't be fulfilled and a family that's left behind with a lot of unanswered questions and a long journey of loss. Though the majority of the UNCW community lives beyond the jurisdiction of the University's police department these jurisdictional boundaries limit authority for law enforcement functions, but they do not define boundaries for care, concern, and most certainly thoughts and prayers for Amanda's family and friends."

UNCW organizations sponsor 'Dance-A-Thon' for Katrina

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The Campus Activities and Involvement Center and the Center for Leadership and Education and Service are sponsoring an event that will allow students to have fun while raising money to benefit the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Both organizations are banning together to sponsor a Dance-A-Thon which will be held on Saturday, Oct. 22 in the Warwick Center Ballroom as a part of National Make a Difference Day.

The Dance-A-Thon's slogan is "Rock 'til you Drop" and will last from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. In order to raise money, students will pledge money for each hour that they participate. Sophomore Jess Macdonald, who is heading up the

dance, recommends that students pledge \$5 or \$10 per hour. Students are not required to dance for the full 12 hours of the event, but as Macdonald explained, dancing longer will raise more money.

According to Macdonald the dance is going to carry a Mardi Gras theme. "We think throwing a Mardi Gras themed dance would be a great way to honor the Gulf Coast's traditions," she said.

A variety of different genres of music will be played at the event. The Schoolboys, a cover-band composed of UNCW faculty members will also be playing at the event. According to Ellen Parish, who is in charge of music for the dance, local bands are welcome to play as well. "I am looking for more bands with high energy and have experience

performing for lots of people," she said.

To participate in the event, students can register through a student organization or can contact their RA to sign up. Students who are not involved in a student organization can be admitted to the dance for a \$3 donation.

Macdonald hopes to have close to 300 people attend the Dance-A-Thon. Because of the large turnout expected, students will be needed not only to dance, but to volunteer at the event as well. "We are going to need a lot of volunteers the day of the event to do everything from set up, check-in, running the event and clean up," Macdonald said. Students interested in volunteering for the event are encouraged to email Macdonald at jlml453@uncw.edu.

