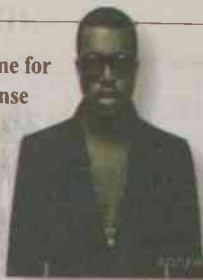


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## Cases of common cold, common on campus

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The empty chairs in class, the trashcans overflowing with tissues, the constant sneezing from the student behind you. If you haven't come down with it yet, you have most likely noticed the abundance of people around you who have. So what is this mystery illness making its rounds through Wilmington?

Terry Ismert, adult nurse practitioner at the Student Health Center, said the most common illness affecting UNCW students is simply the common cold.

"There have been a few cases of the flu this year, but many times a student will come into the health center and think they have the flu when, in fact, it is a cold," Ismert said.

According to Ismert, the symptoms of the common cold often start as a sore throat, progressing to nasal congestion, a runny nose, mild fever and sometimes a cough. Sinus pressure and pain may also be present in the beginning stages of a cold, especially if you are not taking a good decongestant. While it is usual to see discolored yellow or yellow-green mucus during the onset of a cold, it should return to a normal color after five to seven days. Variations of these symptoms and different combinations of symptoms frequently constitute the common cold. Some symptoms of a cold can also be present with illnesses like sinus infections, bronchitis and strep throat, but usually such symptoms are more severe.

"It is always a good idea to consult your health care provider if you have questions about your symptoms or progressions of symptoms,

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## Pornography viewing becomes a problem in Randall Library

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The Randall Library staff and clientele have found that a number of people have been viewing pornographic material on the library's open area computers. Recently there has been an increased number of complaints, with one witness claiming to have seen someone viewing child pornography.

No one, thus far, has been willing to speak with the police about these claims.

"Child pornography and obscenity are a violation of the law and will not be tolerated," said UNCW General Counsel Eileen Goldgeier.

Viewing child pornography is considered a Class B felony or a Class A felony if there are previous counts against the accused. If

prosecuted and found guilty, one can receive a sentence of six to 50 years in prison and up to \$10,000 in fines.

Although no one has filed a formal complaint referencing child pornography, there have been many complaints about the viewing and printing of pornographic material in the library.

"We have a few regulars," said Sue Cody, an associate university librarian.

The patrons that view pornography have become so constant that librarians recognize them upon entry.

"For some of these people, it's part of the thrill that they are out in public," Cody said. Cody believes that some of these viewers print out the material and leave it for someone else to see. **see PORNOGRAPHY page 3**

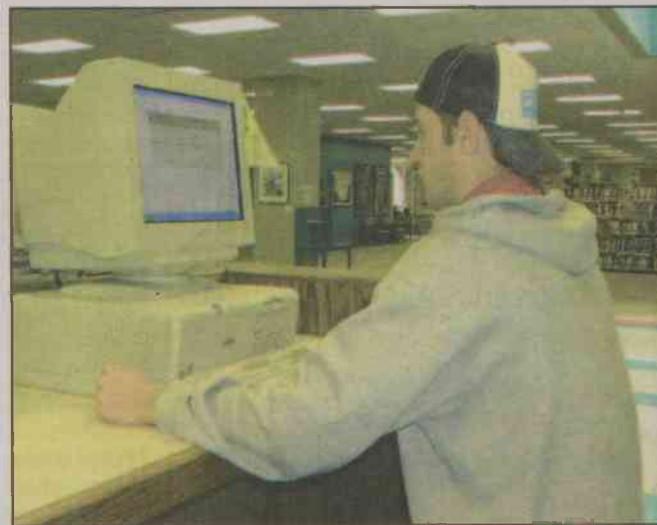


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While most students (like the one pictured here) use the computers in Randall Library for educational purposes, there have been reports of individuals viewing pornography on the computers.

## Diversity a major topic as Chancellor DePaolo speaks at open forum

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Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo held an open forum Thursday, March 23, to discuss issues facing the university.

Ten progress measures were presented, including increasing diversity, increasing student retention and graduation rates and increasing salaries. DePaolo also presented a new list of peer institutions for UNCW to be compared with, including James Madison University and the College of Charleston.

DePaolo wants to decrease the student-faculty ratio from 18.2:1 in the 2004-05 school year to 17.2:1 by 2007.

DePaolo emphasized a need to increase enrollment among "historically underrepresented groups." To accomplish this, she emphasized the need for more money for scholarships, and expressed confidence that doing so would not "lower the average freshman SAT score."

While DePaolo wants to increase the 6-year graduation rate from 61



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Rosemary DePaolo

percent to 80 percent by 2015, she said that the graduation rate among student athletes was already at 80 percent. This makes the student athlete graduation rate at UNCW the third highest in the UNC system and the highest among UNCW's peer institutions.

Salaries were another area of focus. DePaolo emphasized wanting to increase faculty salaries until UNCW is in the eightieth percentile among its peer group. When a question was raised about staff, as opposed to faculty, salaries she said UNCW has "very little control over faculty salaries. We have even less control over staff salaries." She also pointed out that staff members get health care benefits and that they are being offered options in

that area.

Another area of concern was increasing alumni donations. DePaolo said that the fundraising phone-athon had been outsourced to University of Georgia students, but that when it was changed to include UNCW students, there was a big increase in donations. She emphasized that freshmen retention rates, the number of students living on campus, and the average SAT score of freshmen were related and would all help increase alumni giving over time.

One audience member asked DePaolo about making it mandatory for freshmen to live on campus. DePaolo replied that 85 percent of freshmen live on campus voluntarily, and that "the other 15 percent are often local minorities, who with the additional expense couldn't afford to go to UNCW."

The issue of freshmen cars on campus was also discussed. While one audience member thought that fact should be marketed more, another thought freshmen should not be allowed to have cars. He

suggested busing freshmen to local shelters in the event of a hurricane. DePaolo emphasized that freshmen having cars on campus was not going to change, but that the cars might be stored in lots off campus. She said the number of freshmen would overwhelm shelters, which often don't open until just before storms and would not withstand a category five hurricane. She also said many freshmen need cars for transportation to and from work.

## BREAKING SPORTS NEWS

UNCW Head Coach Brad Brownell had interviewed for the head coaching position at Ball State and Wright State. He has not received a job offer from either school yet. Expect a full story in Sports next week.