Students advocate literacy on Dr. Seuss' birthday

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Contributing Writer

In honor of what would have been Dr. Seuss’ 107th birthday, UNCP invited Onto- endine Elementary School classes to a morning of literacy service March 2. Students and teachers from Oncenine Elementary flooded the UC Annex as student, faculty and staff volunteers led groups in ac- tivities promoting an active learning environment. This is the second semester this service program has been offered on campus.

Elementary students were broken into groups that read books, did arts and crafts projects and watched videos related to books by

Dr. Seuss. Later, kinder- garten and first grade stu- dents participated in writing workshops where they cre- ated a book of their own about their favorite parts of the day. Each group in the classroom we have been reading Dr. Seuss books, making arts and crafts like the red and white striped hats from The Cat in the Hat and viewing videos about the books we read. The children love Dr. Seuss; he is one of their fa- vorite authors because of his stories and silly rhymes.

We even asked students to dress up wacky like a Dr. Seuss character for today’s activities at UNCP. They re- ally enjoy this,” said kindergarten teacher Shannon Bird who has worked at Oncenine Elementary for five years.

Once a month, the Of- fice for Community and Civic Engagement along with volunteers visit local schools for reading parties to promote literacy in Robeson County. Once a semester they bring groups to campus for extended pro- grams.

Director of Service Learning Christine Potter en- courages students of all ma- jors to volunteer by visiting the website at www.uncp.edu/ccw where student volunteers can keep track of their service hours online and can even ask for a printed transcript of serv- ice involvement.

Students encouraged to visit advisers

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With pre-registration only weeks away, it is time for students to think about attending their department majors’ meeting and talking with their advisers.

These meetings are very important in that they provide the students with up-to-date information on courses and requirements,” said Dr. Kay McClanahan, Chair Advising Task Force.

The Task Force was es- tablished in October 2009 as a recommendation of the Student Success Steering Committee which was ap- pointed by former Chancel- lor Charles Jenkins. It was included under the commit- tee’s recommendations for improving student success.

The purpose is to “de- velop and publicize a mis- sion statement and goals for advising at UNCP, to de- velop and implement the Advising Week concept and to develop a reward system for faculty advisers,” Dr. McClanahan said.

Those currently serving on committees are Dr. Danny Davis, Dr. James Frederick, Beth Froeba, Dr. Beverly King, Dr. Jonathan Massonpietre, Dr. Shilpa Pai and Preston Devine.

One way the task force will try to reach out to stu- dents is by hosting a “Kick- off to Advising” day March 16 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. on the UC lawn.

“Representatives from academic departments and other campus units will be on hand to answer student ques- tions to take advantage of the majors’ meetings and to meet with their advisers prior to the beginning of registration,” Dr. McClana- han said.

Dr. McClanahan and the rest of the Advising Task Force hopes that their work and effort will have a posi- tive effect on retention rates.

Those currently serving on aca- demic courses and pro- grams, they believe, will try to reach out to stu- dents to “meet with your adviser before registration begins so that you can decide together what you should take in the summer and fall.”

She also stresses that “if you do it early, you’ll have a much better chance of get- ting into the course sections you want than if you put it off until the last minute.”

For more information on volunteer opportunities visit the volunteer opportunities link on the CCE website.

Blood Drive

April 7 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. in the UC Lounge

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