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Women abducted from parking lot

By LISA MARTIN
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Two female residents of Luter Residence Hall were abducted early Monday morning and forced to drive to an off-campus automatic teller machine and withdraw \$300 for the kidnapers. The students were not harmed, and the suspects have not yet been apprehended.

According to Campus Police, the students were walking in the parking lot adjacent to Collins Residence Hall at 1:20 a.m. Monday when they were apprehended.

The suspects are two males, about 5 feet 6 inches tall, one who is white with a thin brown mustache who was wearing jeans, a blue hooded sweatshirt and a Charlotte Hornets baseball cap. The other is black with curly brown hair wearing a gold, black and white Wake Forest University windbreaker.

Regina Lawson, the chief of Campus Police, said she could not release any information because officers are still investigating.

"The case is still heavily under investigation; we're moving rapidly on it," Lawson said. "We're hopeful that something will come of it very soon."

The students, a senior and a sophomore, refused to speak to the *Old Gold and Black*, even on the condition of anonymity.

As a result of the incident, Lawson said a larger number of officers are patrolling the campus, notices were posted in campus buildings and distributed to all resident students and a campus alert was placed on the computers in all the computer labs.

An officer was also placed in Luter for the protection of the kidnapped students, Lawson said. She said she did

not believe the students were in any danger, though.

The residence hall has been locked down on a 24 hour basis.

Although Lawson said no definite changes in security on campus will be made to prevent such incidents from happening in the future. She said further analysis of the case will be done.

"We're always working to evaluate every case, and we have evaluated this one," she said. "We're always open to student input."

Lawson said students should avoid walking alone after dark. She also pointed out that emergency phones are located in all of the parking lots, and students can call for an escort, either from the student shuttle or from a police officer after the shuttle's operating hours have ended.

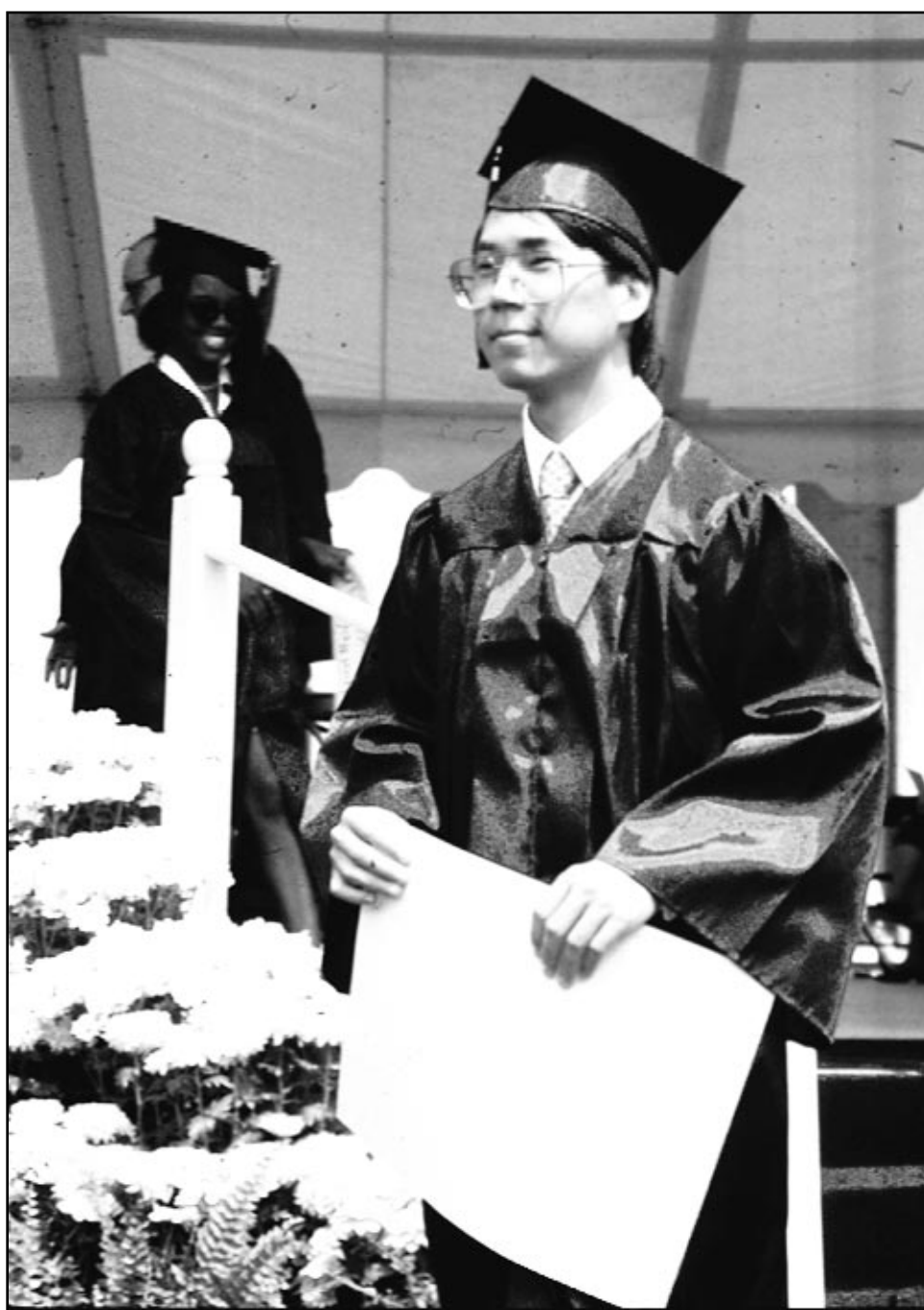
In response to the incident, many students changed their habits of getting around on campus. The flyer released by the police also contained the suggestion that students use the student shuttle at night, and Monday night use of the shuttle was considerably higher than usual, according to junior Allan Gray, the student shuttle service manager.

Other students responded by trying to limit their time outside after dark altogether. Junior Annemarie Wasilauskas, a resident of Luter, said that she plans on changing her habits.

"(The kidnapping) is particularly scary to me because that's the lot I park my car in," she said. "I'm not going out unless I absolutely have to."

Wasilauskas also said she feels locking down the residence hall 24 hours a day is a good idea.

"Anyone who really wants to get in can, but I think it's a deterrent, and I don't think it's an unreasonable measure to take," she said.



We're outta here

Senior Ed Chung gets his diploma at the commencement ceremony May 15 on the Quad.

SLC to vote to end Rush in first year

By JENNIFER FOWLER
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The Student Life Committee will vote tomorrow on a proposal that would prohibit students from rushing Greek organizations until fall of the sophomore year. If passed, the proposal would take effect in the fall of 1996.

According to John Wilkerson, an associate professor of business and accountancy and the chairman of the committee, the proposal was part of a report on campus Greek life commissioned four years ago. Though the committee decided last spring to allow freshman Rush this year, the proposal is being considered now partly because of the recent adoption of the Program Planning Committee's "Plan for the Class of 2000," which creates a mandatory freshman seminar course.

"Some see Rush and pledging to be in conflict with some of the goals of the freshman seminar," Wilkerson said. Issues involved in the Rush deferral proposal are the cohesiveness of the freshman class, academics and allowing students another semester to mature before deciding to join a Greek organization, he said.

Marcellus Waddill, a professor of math and computer science and a member of the subcommittee that reviewed Greek life and submitted its report in September 1993, said they were concerned with the affects of Rush and pledging on academics.

"Students need a full year to get their academic lives and academic records in order, and to get used to being a part of the Wake Forest community rather than a comparatively small group," he said.

Junior Emily Graham, the president of the Panhellenic Council, said she does not believe freshman Rush and the freshman seminar are mutually incompatible. "There is a great chance for the Greek system to enhance the success of the seminar by promoting it within their freshman membership," she said.

See Rush, Page 4.

Year in review: PPC, Pit incident head list of year's top stories

By BRIAN DIMMICK
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As one of the most eventful years at the university in recent memory draws to a close, there are a few stories which stand out as the most important and controversial of the year. Following is a list of the 10 top stories of 1994-95, as ranked by the *Old Gold and Black* staff.

1. **PPC plan passed despite student protest** — The board of trustees last week passed a proposal that could drastically alter the educational climate of the university. The proposal, outlined in the Program Planning Committee's "Plan for the Class of 2000,"

calls for the implementation of a number of new programs. The most controversial of these has been the one calling for all students to be provided with laptop computers by the university beginning in the fall of 1996. Other aspects of the proposal include implementation of a freshman seminar program, hiring of new faculty members and raising faculty salaries. The plan will raise tuition by more than \$3,000 for incoming students in 1996 and beyond, making tuition for the incoming class of 1996 \$18,500. Student Government, the faculty and the trustees passed the measure despite overwhelming student opposition; students surveyed by the *Old Gold and Black* opposed the plan by a 3 to 1 margin. A group of students organized a

protest, which about 150 students attended, in front of Wait Chapel before a university convocation April 18. Student opposition centered around the tremendous cost of the proposals and the effects they will have on the socioeconomic makeup of the university and its commitment to the liberal arts.

2. **Students angered by use of pepper spray** — Police used pepper spray to control an overcrowded Pit Jam early this semester in an event which has ignited new racial tensions on campus. Students and police reported different versions of what happened at the party sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta sorority in the early hours of Jan. 22. Forsyth County deputies, who were responsible for crowd control at the event, called in for help from

Campus Police at about 12 a.m. on the night in question. At about 1:15 a.m., as the party was ending, several shoving matches and fights broke out, and police sprayed pepper spray on the crowd. Police said an officer had been assaulted by a guest trying to seize his radio and gun, but student witnesses could not confirm this report. Students felt that officers did not understand the situation and did not handle it properly, and many felt the pepper spraying, the first incident of its kind on campus, was racially motivated. A subsequent administrative hearing found the sorority innocent of any wrongdoing but approved the use of pepper spray. Pit Jams were suspended for several months, but resumed earlier this month in the lower gym.

3. **Deacons end long ACC drought** — Following a late-season run that included an electrifying win in Chapel Hill and vaulted them into a four-way tie for the regular-season championship, Randolph Childress carried the men's basketball team through a spectacular weekend and to its first ACC championship since 1962. Childress singlehandedly brought the Deacons back from an 18-point first-half deficit against last-place Duke University in the first round, and continued his excellent play throughout the semifinals and finals, where the Deacons defeated the University of North Carolina in an emotional overtime contest. The win earned the Deacs a top seeding in the NCAA East Regionals. See Top Ten, Page 4.



Shooting the breeze

The recent warm spell to hit campus provided a great opportunity to get in some outdoor activity or just sit and talk.

SG treasurer aims at Shorty's fix-up

By LISA MARTIN
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Student Government's newly elected treasurer, junior Graham Goodrich, cited the renovation of Shorty's as his primary goal for the upcoming year, along with revising some aspects of the judicial process, creating a written honor code and improving communication between SG and the student body.

Goodrich said the renovation of Shorty's is the first priority for all the newly-elected SG executives. He cited the social benefits of a new coffeehouse or pub as a reason for the emphasis on completing the project, and he also said the officers would like to see it completed because so much effort has already gone into working on the proposal.

"It's been evident to everybody that Shorty's is the No. 1 goal," he said. "We'd hate to see it fall by the wayside."

Since he plans to work in Greensboro over the summer, Goodrich said he will work on finding a donor for funds for the Shorty's project during the coming months.

Another of Goodrich's primary aims for the next year is a revision of several aspects

of the judicial process. Goodrich said he feels change is forthcoming, and he would rather the changes come from students rather than another source. He said he believes SG should take the initiative.

"The change should come from SG rather than having it imposed on us," he said.

In particular, Goodrich said he would like to see a revision of the selection process of Honor Council and Judicial Board members that would reduce the effects of popularity in the selections. He said he would like to see the institution of an interview screening process for candidates so there would be assurance that the candidates are appropriately qualified. As the process stands now, many of the members are chosen through campus-wide elections.

"I want to make sure the members are people who can best perform their duties, which are to uphold the judicial system in the best interests of the university and of students," he said.

Goodrich pointed out that further discussion is necessary before any such reforms are made. He said his interest in this matter stems from his experience as a Judicial Board member and the subsequent frustra-

tion he has experienced working in that body.

He also pointed out that the university is in a class of only two percent of the colleges in the country that incorporate such a high level of student involvement in the judicial system. However, he said that 70-80 percent of the judicial cases are handled by Paul Orser, an associate dean of the college and the dean of freshman, so he does not want to see students lose the amount of participation they currently have.

One of Goodrich's other goals is to create a written form of the honor code for publication in the student handbook. He said he plans to achieve this aim this summer, working with sophomore Tyler Stone, the new SG speaker of the house.

Like many of his fellow officers, Goodrich said he wants to see the lines of communication between SG and the student body improved by taking advantage of WAKE TV and other campus media, as well as investigating the possibilities of using the World Wide Web.

In regard to his duties as the head of the Student Advisory Budget Committee, See Goodrich, Page 4.



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