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Entries may be gated

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Driving onto campus could soon resemble driving onto a military base. As issues of crime and security become increasingly problematic, campus residents and others are investigating the possibility of installing security gates at university entrances.

The Gate Committee, composed of members of the faculty, administration and student body, has been meeting on a regular basis this semester. Mary Gerardy, the assistant vice president for student life and the chairwoman of the committee, said the committee's purpose is to achieve a balance between reasonable security and access to the campus.

Gerardy said the committee is still in the early stages of its discussions. "You have to take into account all three entrances to campus if you are going to put in gates." She said it will be hard to speculate

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Jordan Wong

Flower child

Freshman Cameron Currey dresses up to play volleyball during an Inter-Varsity retreat last weekend.

University's financial view includes large endowment

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Your parents' increasingly larger tuition checks are not the university's only financial resource.

The university's financial outlook includes an endowment that could be worth \$1 billion in ten years and a goal of a 10.6 percent yearly return on investments, Treasurer Louis Morrell and Vice President for Finance and Planning John Anderson told faculty Monday.

Budget predictions for the next six years indicate student financial aid will increase at a smaller yearly rate than it has in the past after a "step" increase in financial aid next year off-sets the jump in tuition for the freshman class, Anderson said.

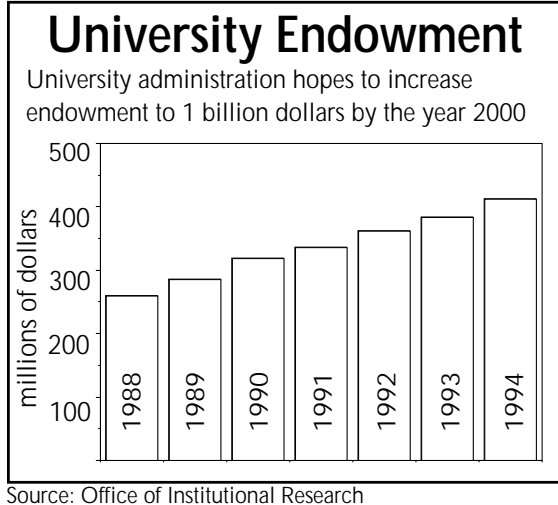
The projected 10.6 percent in investment returns includes 5.3 percent to support the operating budget, which is an increase over the average of the last five years, or 4.85 percent.

The goal in investment returns is based on asset mixes that balance risk with yield and takes into account the university's real estate holdings, which are not likely to be sold, Morrell and Anderson said.

Perry Patterson, an associate professor of economics, said the goal is not unrealistic. "It's fairly aggressive, but

not out-of-line with what fund managers have been able to achieve through stock market investments on average, over the long haul," he said.

The long-term predictions for the budget are not commitments, but are based on a set of assumptions future costs, which could change, Anderson said during a joint meeting of the university chapter of the American Association of University Professors and the administration.



Source: Office of Institutional Research

The predictions for the operating budget over the next six years are based on the introduction of no new programs other than the Plan for the Class of 2000, he said.

It includes, though, 40 new faculty positions, new computer support staff, the additional student financial aid and the cost of the Plan's mandated technology. Anderson said the budget projections also include the "hopeful" maintenance of faculty salary increases.

Anderson said the recent increases were a result of a plan to increase the faculty salaries to the top quintile of AAUP, but the university trustees are used to working in companies where employee salaries increase two to three percent a year, while the university faculty salaries have increased at twice that rate in recent years.

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Task force to be created to examine, redefine honor code

By JENNY HOBBS
CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

Most students at the university recognize the fact that there is an honor code, but few know exactly what it entails.

According to the student handbook, the honor code "means that you and every other student have agreed not to deceive (lie to) any member of the community, not to steal from one another, not to cheat on academic work, not to plagiarize academic work, and not to engage in any other forms of academic misconduct.... that we can trust each other, and that we willingly accept responsibility for our

own conduct and activities."

Student government officials aren't so sure that students know this definition, and, as a result, they want the honor code to be redefined. Junior Tyler Stone, the SG speaker of the house, said, "If you walked up to someone and said, 'State the honor code,' it would be difficult."

"I don't think there's a specific wording (for the honor code). I think that's part of the reason for confusion on the part of the students," he said.

Stone and senior Graham Goodrich, the SG treasurer, with support from several members of the administration, have proposed the for-

mation of a task force to work on redefining the honor code. They want it to be a more concise statement that is easy for students to remember and understand.

The idea was presented to campus leaders at the President's Leadership Conference in September.

According to Clay Hipp, the judicial adviser, the idea of a task force was announced after a two-hour discussion at the conference.

"I have talked to those in Student Government who are concerned that maybe it needs to be reworded, and I'm certainly behind them in their effort to look at the problem," Hipp said.

"From a personal perspective, reading what is in the student handbook, I might be hard-pressed, if I were a student entering Wake Forest, to remember exactly what (the honor code) was," he said.

The former judicial adviser Paul Orser, who is now the dean of freshmen and an associate dean of the college, said he hopes that the new honor code definition will answer two questions: "How do we make the honor code more a part of everyday life at Wake Forest?" and "How do we make it manifest in our daily lives?"

He said he believes that the new definition should be a clarification, a clear, concise

statement and something that is visible.

Goodrich agreed. He said that he hopes there is some way to give the task force the responsibility of redefining the honor code and making it more tangible or easier to memorize.

"I envision a plaque with the honor code on it on the door of every academic room on campus," he said.

Senior Kathy Hennessy, the co-chairwoman of the Honor Council, said she believes the new honor code definition should be so familiar around campus that eventually students will still be able to recite it two or three years

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Academic computing staff say upgrades to decrease crashes

By MEREDITH BOREL
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If you've had trouble with the lab computers or accessing the Internet lately don't worry — technology isn't out to get you. There have been many problems with the academic computer system in the past few weeks which affect the entire campus.

On Sept. 23, ac crashed due to a mechanical failure. The computer center called in staff from the manufacturer of one of the ac's hard drives as well as another company that specializes in recovering files from crashed disk drives to solve the problem quickly.

The computer center is taking several steps to protect against the loss of files should more crashes occur in the future. One step is to increase the number of individual computers that handle the load of ac. Currently ac is composed of two machines, a Hewlett-Packard G60 and an HP 852.

Other steps include the installation of a new backup power supply, and a new system of redundant disks.

"Our goal is to come as close as we possibly can to having a 100 percent reliable system," said Jay Dominick, the associate director of computer systems.

The new backup power system that was being installed when the system crashed is called an Uninterruptable Power Supply. It will serve the computer systems as well as the controller's office, and will guarantee that these sites retain power regardless of blackouts which may affect the rest of the campus.

The recent disk crash also prompted the installation of a system commonly known as redundant array of independent disks. RAID works by making multiple copies of each file on separate disks as the file is created. If one disk crashes, the other disks in the array can use memory to rebuild the files from the crashed disk up to the last minute before the disk failure.

"As long as only one drive fails at a time, you don't lose anything," said Noel Hunter, the academic computer systems manager.

The new disks are much more reliable than the older system because it keeps a running backup of the entire file system at all times.

"Our goal is to come as close as we possibly can to having a 100 percent reliable system."

Jay Dominick
Associate director of computer systems



Thomas Young

Bright lights, little city

Freshman Jason Howell, sophomore Kristen Eppley and freshman Shane Kelly wait in line for a ride at the Dixie Classic Fair, which continues through Saturday.

SG fills committee vacancies, discusses grading policies changes

By KATE COSGROVE
SG BEAT REPORTER

Much of Student Government's task at Tuesday's general assembly was not formulating new policy, but rather filling the 29 vacancies that existed in the legislature.

Through the passage of seven new bills, SG appointed nearly thirty new members to the legislature, the Student Counselor Program,

the Student Budget Advisory Committee, the Honor Council, the Judicial Board and the Group Advisory Panel.

SG also passed a bill granting a charter to the Anthropology Club. The mission of the club will be to provide a social structure through which extracurricular learning opportunities, professional preparation and academic preparation can take place. The club will enhance cultural awareness as well as

promote diversity and ethnic understanding.

A legislative member questioned whether the club would attract sufficient student interest. The president of the Anthropology Club said the current membership exceeded 40 members, and hence the bill was passed.

The issue discussion at the first meeting included deliberation over Dean Paul Escott's memo regarding grading. SG President senior Evan Peverly announced to the legisla-

ture that the policy was not a written policy but rather a warning to faculty members discouraging grade inflation.

According to Peverly, Escott issued the memorandum because nearly two-thirds of last year's class graduated with honors.

Legislature members argued that a tougher grading system is unfair, and that the grade point average needed to attain such honors should be elevated in preference to decreas-

ing the number of As and Bs received by students.

Legislators also argued that the average SAT scores of accepted applicants have increased dramatically over the past decade, thus providing for a larger number of students graduating with honors.

To foster further discussion on the policy, the Student Relations Committee announced

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