

# War and Peace Conference nixed

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Contributing Reporter

The National Student Conference on War and Peace, originally scheduled for last March, still has not been rescheduled.

The conference was tentatively proposed for last March 21-25. However, due to miscommunications and difficulties in establishing contact with dignitaries of the conference, according to event coordinators, the event never happened.

Senior Eric Williams, one of the coordinators of the conference last year, said, "Everyone worked so hard on this project. We all put a lot of time and effort into getting it together."

Williams also said no plans have yet been made to reorganize and reschedule the conference. Junior Tyler Stone, the Student Government speaker of the house, however, said the conference is still a goal for the future.

The purpose of the conference was to increase awareness concerning the

diplomatic problems that the 1990s generation will have to face.

The conference was to be divided into four sessions on war, peace, diplomacy and negotiation, and the new world order. Educational sessions would be offered to students during the day and a keynote speaker would discuss the subject of the following day's session at night.

Commitments to the conference last year included such figures as Maya Angelou, former President Gerald Ford and Governor James Hunt.

# Archaeologist unlocks Cuba's past by exploring rebel settlement ruins

Old Gold and Black Staff Report

One of Cuba's most prominent archaeologists, Jorge Febles of the Center for Anthropology of the Cuban Ministry of Science, Technology, and Environment (formerly the Cuban Academy of Sciences), will speak on "Spanish Colonial and Maroon Archaeology of Cuba" today at 7 p.m. in the Museum of Anthropology.

In his slide presentation, Febles will examine the archaeological and ethnohistoric evidence for Taino (Amer-Indian) and Maroon (black runaway slaves) resistance and transculturation, a process by which characteristics of two or more alien cultures are transferred and integrated into existing cultural repertoires.

Although Columbus reached the northeastern shore of Cuba in 1492, Cuban historians and archaeologists consider the Spanish Colonial Period to begin formally with the conquest of Cuba by Diego Velasquez in 1512.

Velasquez was commissioned by the Spanish Crown to colonize Cuba, construct settlements and plantations, search for precious metal, and establish mines. When Velasquez and his legion of 300 men (including Hernando Cortes) landed in Cuba, they encountered armed resistance from the native Taino Indians led by Hatuey, a chief who had escaped the Spanish on Hispaniola.

The Taino and Spanish fought for three months until Hatuey was finally captured and burned at the stake. As Velasquez and his army proceeded westward, they slaughtered the Indians in their path. Those Taino not captured, enslaved or killed in the Spanish movement died of starvation, disease and exhaustion. Many Taino committed suicide. Others escaped to the mountains, using them as bases for raids on the emerging Spanish settlements.

These Taino *cimarrones*, a name which later evolved into "Maroons" and came to be associated with runaway African slaves, fought the Spanish in eastern Cuba for 11 years, from 1522 to 1533.

With the Taino work force in decline, the Spanish

began importing African slaves; the first large-scale slave shipment reached Cuba in 1524, when 300 Africans were brought to work in the Jagua gold mine.

Like the Taino, the Africans were treated heinously and many escaped to the mountains where they established small settlements and mounted raids on the Spanish.

Febles will talk about recent Cuban efforts to find and excavate the palisaded settlements where these Maroons lived in secrecy and carried out their attacks. He will discuss their organization, known from ranger's notebooks (*diarios de racheadores*), the logistics by which they carried out both active and passive resistance, and their means of making a living under stressful conditions.

Having conducted archaeological investigations in Cuba, Poland, and Russia, where he received his doctorate, Febles is one of Cuba's most widely known archaeologists. He has published extensively on a wide variety of subjects and is responsible for introducing the study of stone tool technology, the microscopic study of use-wear, and the computerization of archaeological data on Cuban archaeology.

His book on chipped stone typology, *Manual Para El Estudio de la Piedra Tallada de los Aborigenes de Cuba*, is the standard reference for Cuban archaeologists.

He has served as an archaeological consultant on projects in the Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico.

Before assuming the position of senior researcher, he was the director of the archaeology section of the Cuban Academy of Sciences. Currently, he is directing the compilation of data for the *Atlas of Cuban Archaeology*, which will be released on CD ROM format. Febles has received many awards and honors, including a Smithsonian scholar-in-residence award in 1994.

Febles' visit is sponsored by the department of anthropology and the Office of International Studies.

The Museum of Anthropology is behind the tennis courts adjacent to the track stadium. The lecture is free and open to the public. For more information, call Ext. 5282.

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that it is planning an open forum in early November. Escott will be invited to answer students' questions at that time.

Following the grade inflation discussion sophomore Joy Vermillion, the student trustee, addressed questions regarding the changes that will occur with the implementation of the IBM Thinkpad program for the class of 2000.

Vermillion reassured legislators that students' financial needs will continue to be met after the program is instated. She said that three separate research analysts have concluded that \$5 million dollars in aid should be allocated to the class of 2000.

Vermillion also said that the board has arranged for 17 new members to join the computer support center next year, to deal with possible computer breakdowns.

The Judiciary Committee announced that this semester it will investigate the issue of binge drinking.

The Academic Committee is trying to place course syllabuses on file in the library. The Budget Committee is investigating campus parking fines.

The Campus Life Committee has contacted ARAMARK Manager Scott Ownby about making nutritional information available in the Pit. The Physical Planning Committee is researching proper night lighting. They are investigating the possibility of adding more security phones to the campus.

Most questions about the viability of gates stem from the suspicion that they may hinder campus community members' ability to come and go as freely and privately as desired. Some doubt the effectiveness of any system based on sticker identification.

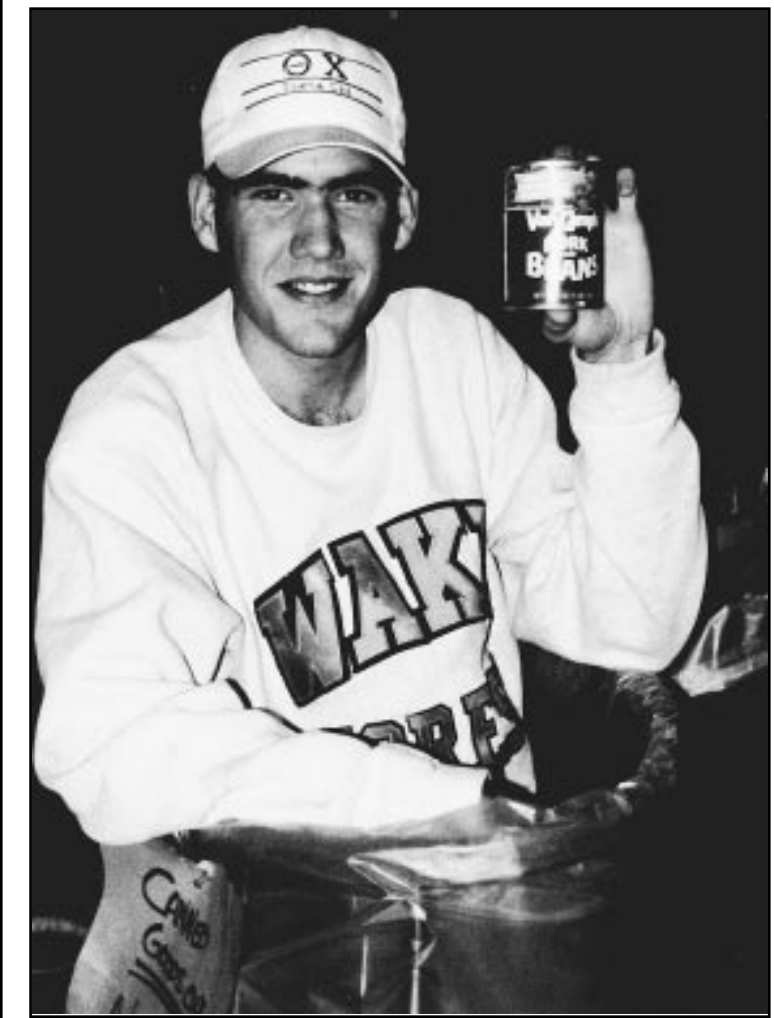
In reference to the students abducted from campus last spring, senior Madeline Cashdollar, a member of the Student Life Committee and the Gate Committee, said, "Those guys came onto campus by foot and took off in the students' car. We want an effective system that allows us to function as a community, (but) not in a bubble"

Gerardy refuses to see the committee as limited to the idea of security gates. "We're looking at all alternatives ... gates with guards, guard stations without guards, etc." Cashdollar agrees that security gates are not the only options for increased security.

"The object is to make security more visible as a deterrent. There are other ways of doing that without necessarily installing gates. That was the idea behind moving campus police into Davis," she said.

The committee has no finite timetable, although it expects to submit some recommendation, or the beginning of a series of recommendations, to President Thomas K. Hearn Jr. before the completion of the fall term.

Gerardy said she encourages any ideas on the gate matter, particularly from interested students. Any comments can be sent by campus mail to P.O. Box 7374 or by e-mail to beil@wfu.edu.



Bryan Herring

## Not another pork barrel project

Junior Arthur Ralston shows off the canned food which earned him entrance to the Theta Chi party featuring Doug Clark and the Hot Nuts Saturday. The canned food was donated to Crisis Control Ministry of Winston-Salem.

## Gates

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on what the committee may recommend until more traffic studies are conducted as to which entrances are busiest.

The gate question was first considered by the Security Enhancement Committee Report of 1993, which included several ideas which might improve campus safety. Among its suggestions that were adopted are the card access system, the fences and environmental alterations along University Parkway and the trail to Reynolda Village.

In addition to the concerns expressed in the 1993 report, new problems continue to arise. Loss from theft remains significant, while the abduction last spring of two students from campus heightened concern of violent crime, according to Gerardy.

The Worrell Professional Center and other recent additions to campus also promise to be particularly prone to crime. Some worry that the mandated ThinkPad computers for incoming students will make theft more attractive.

The criminal element targeted by the committee resides outside the university community. Studies such as the one conducted in 1993 show that this type of criminal is responsible for the majority of violent acts on campus.

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