

Students start Japanese club

Group hopes to expand knowledge of Japanese culture among students

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Some folks wonder what raw fish rolled up with rice and avocado in seaweed would taste like.

Others want to know why some of the cartoons they watched as children had dubbing that did not match the movements of the characters.

The Japanese Culture Society at the university wants you to find out.

The stated purpose of the club is to heighten awareness of Japanese culture on campus.

So far, they have held a sushi party and a presentation on Japanese animation by Joanna Izbicki, an assistant professor of history.

Freshman William Hunt, a co-founder of the club, said, "We want to dissipate those little stereotypes (about Japan) that we get through the media and other sources."

Hunt and freshman Jourdan Bickham take elementary Japanese together, and they decided to create a Japanese culture day. Their professor David Phillips, a lecturer in East Asian language and literature, suggested that

they form a club.

They did, and according to Bickham, there are now about 25 members.

The club meets about once a week, but Bickham said that once the club gets established, they will begin meeting on a bi-weekly basis.

The club had a sushi party Oct. 24. Club members got together and prepared sushi from scratch. The party was also attended by Mari Noguchi, an assistant in the East Asian languages department, and Izbicki.

Among the tasty morsels prepared were California Roll, made with crab, avocado, cucumber and rice, various fish sushi and no fugu.

This feast was sampled by 22 people. Izbicki said, "It was fun watching people struggle to make (the sushi)."

The club also sponsored a talk by Izbicki on Japanese animated films. *Anime*, as it is known, is an entirely separate genre in Japan, and is very popular there.

"*Anime* is an international phenomenon," Izbicki said. *Anime* differs from American forms of animation in

that it is not aimed exclusively, or even primarily, at children.

Izbicki's presentation included various cinematic aspects of *Anime*, such as its intentional blurring of time and its occasional twisting of traditionally-accepted gender roles.

"There is a tendency to view things that are Japanese as confined to Japan," she said.

She also said that while much of *Anime* is set in Japan, it typically features an international cast, and the animated films are often produced multinationally. Bickham and Hunt said they are both intensely interested in it.

Hunt and Bickham both have big plans for the club. Bickham would like to put on an *Anime* film festival, and possibly a speaker on Zen Buddhism.

They may also visit a Japanese language school in Kernersville.

Hunt wants to sponsor a speaker on the U.S. atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki that ended the Second World War.

Hunt said, "We'd like to show the Japanese side of World War II."



anchors away

Students participate in the Kappa Delta Anchor Splash t-shirt and hat race in Reynolda Gym to benefit the Brian Piccolo Fund last Saturday.

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At Tuesday's meeting, sophomore Joy Vermillion, the student trustee, appeared before the legislature to report the results of the trustees' Oct. 5-6 meeting.

Vermillion said that despite the Plan for the Class of 2000 tuition increase, the number of applications to the university has not decreased thus far.

She also said that the board of trustees is concerned about the need for additional campus security to protect the nearly 1,000 computers which will be added to the campus each year. The trustees agreed that improvements in security must be made.

The Physical Planning Committee announced that it will be sponsoring an open forum regarding the gate proposal. The committee has set a tentative date for Nov. 16.

The Academic Committee announced that Dean Escott has proposed the addition of 100 classes for next year in order to decrease the high demand for certain classes.

According to the committee, 63 of the classes will be first-year seminar classes, half of which will be taught in the conference rooms in Collins Residence Hall.

Phones

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Freshman Noah Morris was surprised when he opened his first phone bill and discovered that he owed \$79. Morris spent the money calling his parents, who live in Egypt, at the rate of \$2 per minute. He also called his sister and his friends in New York and at the University of Virginia.

"I plan on cutting down on my calling from now on," he said.

Those yellow envelopes that students so dread are sent to every campus mailbox once a month courtesy of Wake Forest Telecom, a six-person operation located in Reynolda 20.

AT&T, the long distance carrier for the university, works alongside the Telecom Office in keeping track of students' calls. AT&T logs all the calls billed to each student's personal seven-digit code. According to Baucom, "Wake Forest Telecom keeps records accurate here. We post payments, post credits, and keep that here. They (AT&T) take that information and combine it with the calls."

Telecom offers a variety of special services to students on campus. Last month every student received a \$5 voucher good for the first bill due to problems with the system during the first month of school. Telecom also provides 50 percent savings every weeknight starting at 10 p.m., an hour earlier than the normal AT&T deal. Beginning last year, students were offered yet another way to pay their phone bills, with the new Deacon Dollars debit accounts.

The Speakin' Deacon Savings Plan provides savings of 20 percent to students who make at least \$25 worth of calls a month.

Junior Lyle Oelrich said, "The Speakin' Deacon Plan gives me one extra phone call a month. I save five to seven dollars on each phone bill."

Some students are religious in taking advantage of savings, calling late at night or on the weekend. Oelrich has spent as much as \$45 a month calling his girlfriend in Lynchburg, Virginia. "I always call late, past eleven. We make two calls a week, talk for half an hour, and we split the cost down the middle," he said.

Others are more spontaneous about picking up the phone. "I just call whenever the mood strikes me," said junior Tyler Stone. And what causes the mood to strike?

There are specific sociological reasons behind the calling patterns of students and other singles, according to AT&T psychologist Tapas Sen.

"In a fragmented society, singles tend to be more isolated than many other groups. As a result, they feel a need to communicate more with others who share their circumstances, with other singles. They are more likely to turn to members of their own group for solace and understanding," Sen said.

During holidays and family gatherings, long-distance calling drops dramatically. According to AT&T findings, the Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend and the Fourth of July are two of the slowest days of the year for calling. But soon afterward, the phones begin to ring again in full force: the Monday after Thanksgiving is the busiest long-distance calling day of the year.

The telephone plays an ever-increasing role in helping people maintain long-distance ties. Over the past five years, telephone calling has increased by 65 percent, according to AT&T.

The importance of staying in touch continues to prompt Sedki to pay more than a dollar a minute talking to his friends and family 8,000 miles away. "I really miss all my friends. It's the only way I can be closer. If I had family here, I'd go where they are on the weekends, but that's not an option."

Campus Police trade in 1993 cars for specialized Crown Victorias

OLD GOLD AND BLACK STAFF REPORT

In a time when most people are trying to make their cars last as long as possible, Keith Davis has driven a new car two of the last four years.

His car is white with a fancy racing stripe down the side and a logo that says *Pro Humanitate*.

Davis is a police officer and the department has new patrol cars — again.

Campus Police traded in their 1993 Ford Tauruses for three new Ford Crown Victorias, said Regina Lawson, the chief of Campus Police.

Lawson said that though the new Crown Victorias cost more than the Tauruses, it will save money in the long run by minimizing repair costs.

"The whole principle is to keep our cars under warranty," Lawson said.

The new patrol cars have added features, such as more heavy duty suspension, wiring systems and an increased battery supply. These features are necessary because the patrol cars are running almost twenty-four hours a day, said Lawson.

"We average 30 miles per shift, and 100 to 150 miles a day," she said.

Although the new cars may look fancy on the outside, they do not have many luxuries inside.

"They aren't the same ones you'd go in and buy

off the lot. In some cases, they have less fancy cosmetic stuff ... They might have vinyl seats and no power locks or windows," Lawson said.

When the Tauruses were bought, Lawson said the cars cost about \$10 thousand each due to a discount to law enforcement agencies.

The 1993 purchase was the first time the depart-

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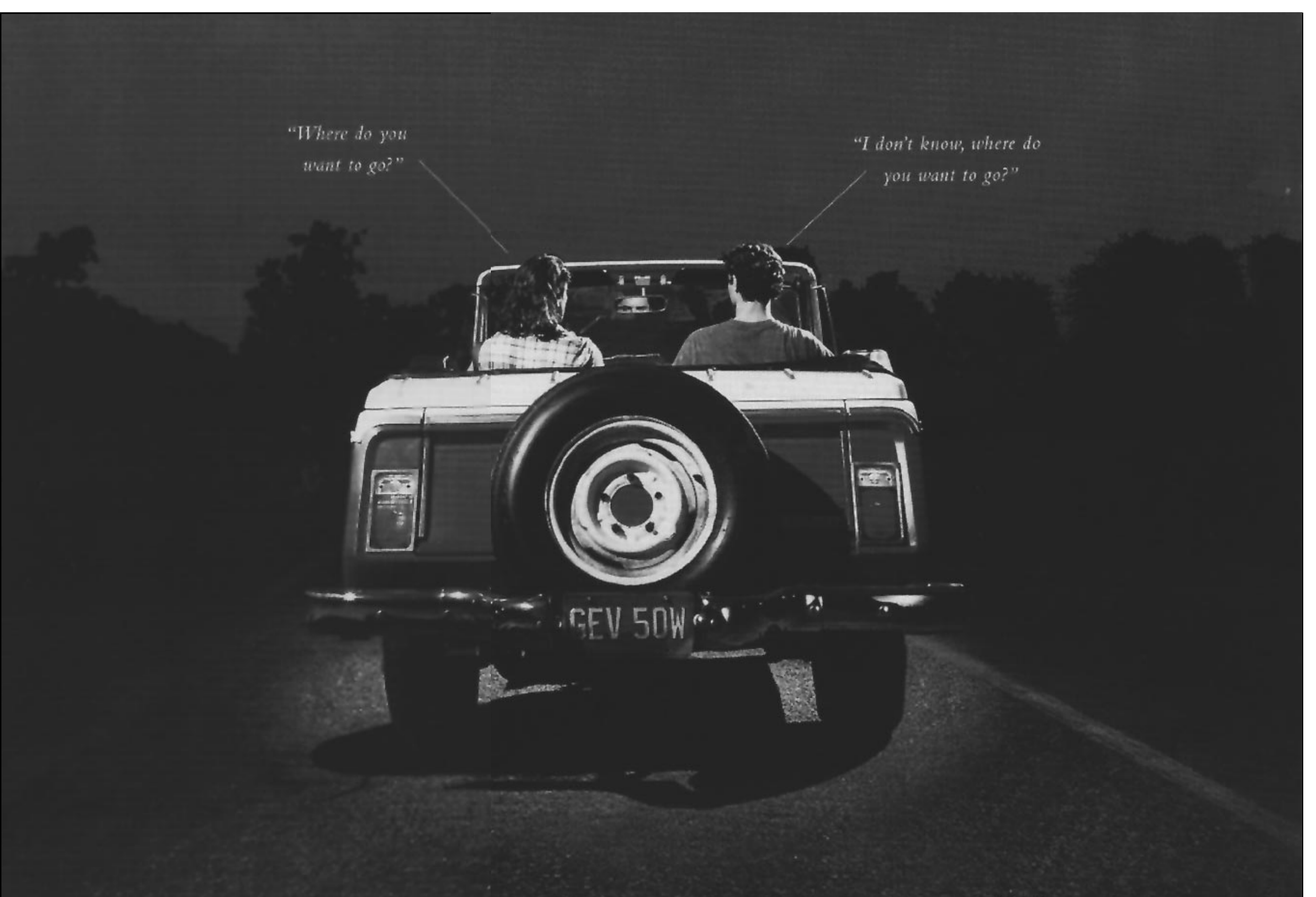
Regina Lawson
Campus Police Chief

ment bought new cars in five years. They had purchased several used cars in the interim, though.

The cars were made more visible over the summer in 1994 when the State Attorney General Mike Easley required all university police forces with state powers of arrest to change their names to campus police.

At that point the cars were stenciled with the words Campus Police.

The new cars add the university logo and the university motto "*Pro Humanitate*" on each car.



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