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Rat invasion worries students, officials say it's not unusual

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Freshman Andy Geppert returned to his room in Kitchin House after a long night of studying. Along his route from the library back to Kitchin, Geppert encountered one of the university rulers of the night: a rat. As Geppert made his way toward the back stairs of Kitchin, a sizeable brown rat came scurrying out from behind a trash can and

proceeded to lunge at Geppert. "I was coming home when a rat jumped at me. So I just ran," Geppert said. He said he particularly feared that the rat would bite one of his Birkenstock-exposed toes. Geppert's experience is not unique. Over the past month, many students have noticed an increase in the amount of rats that inhabit campus. These rats are present throughout the campus but have been most noticeable outside of

the east entrance to Reynolda Hall, outside of the Benson University Center and in the bushes that surround Kitchin and Davis houses. Junior P.J. Charlton said he has noticed an increase in the amount of rats on campus since he came to the university two years ago. Charlton said he feels that if the rat population continues to grow that it will become a serious problem. "I've seen the rats, these rats are the size of small dogs. It's now a matter of capturing

them before they capture us," Charlton said. He said he is particularly concerned about the large number of rats that he has seen between Davis and Benson. The presence of rats on campus is not a new problem. "There have always been rats on campus," said Peter Weigl, a professor of biology. Weigl said he has noticed the presence of Norway, or brown rats, on campus every year that he has worked at the university. These rats typically grow to an average

length of eight inches, excluding the tail, and weigh approximately one pound. "The students may be noticing a population bulge but it is not an abnormal occurrence," Weigl said. A surge in reproduction rates, more access to food and shelter or movement to the campus from other areas may all be factors that explain why the rat population has grown. The number of rats on campus may have

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Ford talks on presidential disability

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The men with dark sunglasses patrolling the campus last weekend weren't trying out for the next James Bond movie; they were Secret Service agents preparing for the arrival of former President Gerald Ford. He spoke on the effectiveness of the 25th Amendment concerning presidential disability in a symposium held Friday and Saturday.

The Constitution calls for a change of power when a president dies, but what about when he is disabled? When Woodrow Wilson became disabled while in office, his wife effectively but unofficially became the acting president. Ronald Reagan retained his powers after being shot and seriously wounded by John Hinckley Jr. in 1981. Should Franklin D. Roosevelt, having fallen ill, have given power to Harry Truman?

The 25th Amendment is meant to address these situations by providing for a smooth transition of power when the president becomes im-

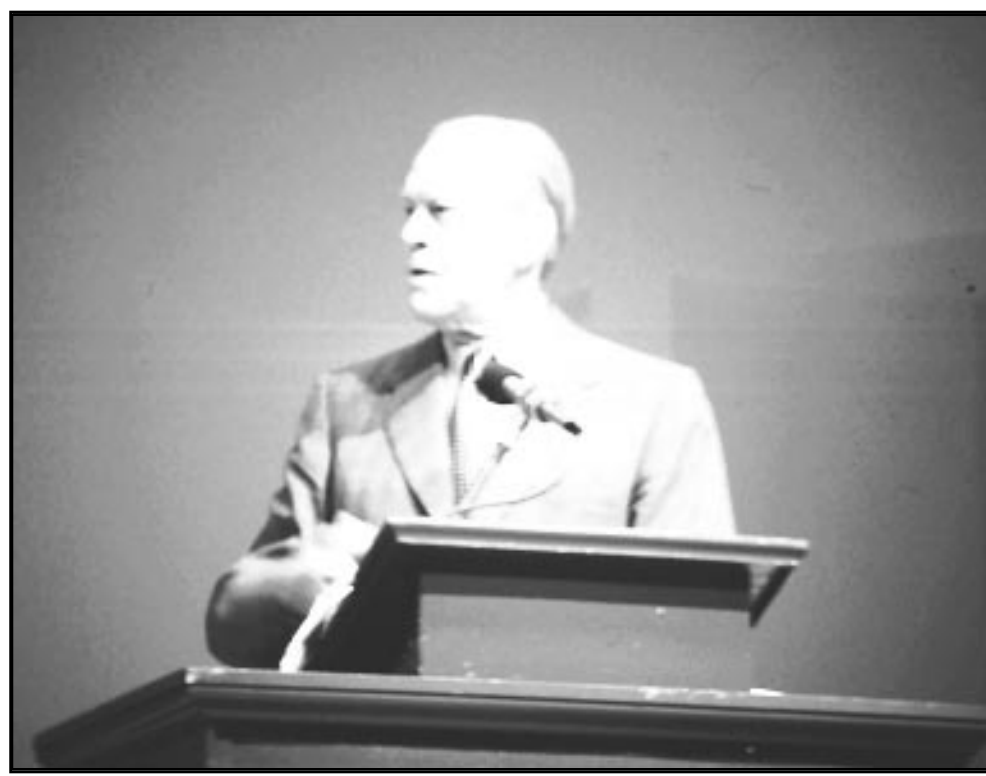
paired. However, its language is vague and it gives no hard and fast rules in the event of presidential disability.

The symposium last weekend featured lawyers, doctors, journalists, historians and politicians meeting together to examine just how effectively it works.

The Working Group on Presidential Disability, which was originally formed last January at the Carter Center in Atlanta, reconvened on Friday and Saturday to present reports reviewing several aspects of this complicated issue. Topics included disclosure of information concerning the president's health, the role of the president's physician and the criteria for determining presidential disability.

The working group was formed by Dr. James F. Toole of Bowman Gray Medical Center and Arthur S. Link, a medical historian and a biographer of Woodrow Wilson. They felt a need to clear up confusion about presidential impairment and the transfer of power.

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Former president Gerald Ford addresses the audience in the keynote speech Friday in Brendle Recital Hall. The symposium on presidential disability lasted all weekend.

Paper deems Worrell idea unsuccessful

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The Worrell Professional Center for Law and Management is a failure, according to an article in the Nov. 8 issue of *The Wall Street Journal*.

But officials here on the Reynolda Campus are not too surprised with the article.

"His facts were correct, but we just draw a different conclusion," said James Taylor Jr., the associate dean of external affairs at the law school.

Both Taylor and Patricia Divine, the director of external relations and publications at the Babcock Graduate School of Management, agreed the budding relationship between the law and management schools is young and is expected to take years to develop.

Ken Geppert, the author of the article in *The Wall Street Journal*, said business and law are not mixing at the university and neither are the faculty or students. He cited low numbers of students that have taken classes outside their own school since 1993 and an empty joint-faculty lounge.

What Geppert fails to realize is that the Worrell Center is two schools and some students come to this campus to receive just one of those educations, officials for both schools said.

According to school officials, the professional center is an experiment only three years old: "There is more cooperation and collaboration (between the two schools) than what the article says, but it is a slow and evolutionary process, not a revolutionary one," Taylor said.

Students, particularly members of the Babcock school, are encouraged to take courses at the other school in their second year when they have time for electives, according to Divine.

Geppert pointed to the low number of JDA candidates, those seeking a combined law and management degree, as an indicator of low interaction, but the schools are indeed separate entities offering distinctly different educations and degrees.

"The two institutions have their own constituencies that aren't based on cooperation. We don't want to be known as the business-law school. We are the law school," Taylor said.

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SG passes Honor Council bill, SBAC budget

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Student Government passed several significant bills at its legislature meeting Tuesday night, including a measure that will allow two faculty members to sit in on Honor Council deliberations and the Student Budget Advisory Committee budget for next year.

The legislature passed the Honor Council Deliberations Bill, which was proposed by the Judiciary Committee. This bill responded to the complaint in the discussion paper, "The State of the Honor System at

Wake Forest" that "the difficulties in group process/deliberations are aggravated by the lack of faculty adviser input."

The new bill will allow two faculty members to be present at Honor Council hearings. The advisers will not be permitted to vote, however. Representatives from the Honor Council said that the bill will go into effect immediately, but there will be an honor code orientation to acquaint faculty with the system.

Members from the Honor Council also said that the new policy should help to alleviate some of the tension between the faculty and the Honor Council and to re-

store faculty faith in the system.

In addition, the legislature passed the SBAC Recommendation Bill.

SBAC made the recommendation that \$333,801.50 be allocated to the 37 chartered organizations that requested funding. The SBAC was able to trim the requests of organizations by nearly \$40,000.

Senior Graham Goodrich, the chairman of SBAC, said that his committee had completed a very thorough and efficient deliberation of the recommended funds.

He also said that the general reaction of the chartered organizations to the recommendations has been positive, as only 10

organizations made appeals.

In other business, legislators argued about a bill proposed by the Appropriations and Budget Committee that would appropriate \$2,000 in funds to the Mortar Board organization.

Mortar Board came before the Appropriations and Budget Committee this year to request financial assistance so that it could pay to ship approximately 600 pounds in used books to a needy university in Pakistan. Due to a lack of consensus, the legislature was forced to table the bill, or delay the passage or veto of the

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SBAC final budget appropriations released

By DANIELLE DEEVER
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The Student Budget Advisory Committee gave away an additional \$6,404.50 Friday, awarding at least part of the funds requested to nine of the ten organizations that appealed for them.

BACCHUS, the organization previously known as BARTenders, lost the money they had been awarded in the initial recommendations because their status as a chartered organization was called into question. Senior Graham Goodrich, the chairman of SBAC and the Student Government treasurer, said, "BACCHUS is gone, and for the simple reason that, unbeknownst to us, they had changed affiliations."

Because they had changed affiliations, BACCHUS's charter as their former organization, BARTenders, was void. Therefore, they were considered an unchartered organization and had their funding revoked. "I think their goals are the same ... until that is confirmed, I wouldn't want to fund them," Goodrich said.

The money awarded to BACCHUS, which totalled \$1,648, was returned to the SBAC fund to help in the appeal process. Out of the ten organizations that appealed for more money, only

WAKE TV did not receive any more money.

"Their presentation didn't convince us that the money they needed was essential," Goodrich said.

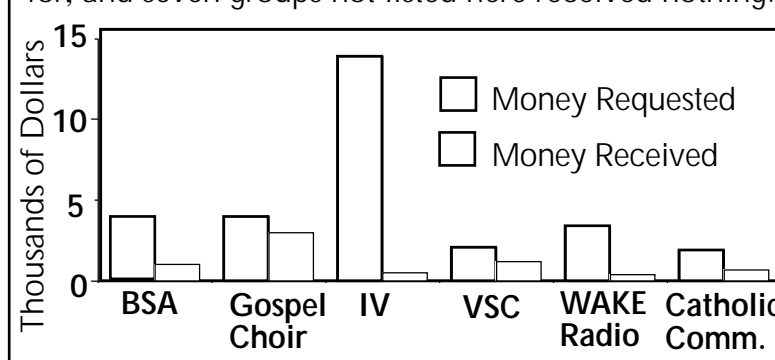
Karen Hillenbrand, the station manager of WAKE TV, said, "I was disappointed that we didn't get any money in the appeal. I feel that ev-

should. Eventually, I think WAKE TV's financial needs will not be able to be met by the limited funds that SBAC has available to give us."

SBAC awarded six decision packages to organizations, totalling \$6,840. No decision packages had been awarded during the preliminary rounds of funding.

SBAC Decision Package Allocations

All groups that received decision packages from the SBAC appeals process got less money than they asked for, and seven groups not listed here received nothing.



everything we asked for in our budget is needed to make WAKE TV a quality station. I don't feel that the SBAC allocation has allowed us to progress at the rate I feel WAKE TV

"We really tried to prioritize and look at which organizations really needed their decision package," Goodrich said.

SBAC also injected additional

money into the allocations of four other organizations including Amnesty International, the *Old Gold and Black*, Student Government and WAKE Radio, which received a decision package as well. The additions to the three organizations totalled \$1,612.

Goodrich said, "I think the best part (of the allocation process) is the appeal process. ... It's trying to assess the essential needs of the organization."

The final budget allocated \$333,801.50. That is \$169.50 less than the \$333,971 that SBAC had to give away.

According to Goodrich, the difference went into the contingency fund. It did not go to an organization because it was not enough money to fulfill any of the specific needs of an organization.

Goodrich will meet with John Anderson, the vice president for finance and administration, next semester to discuss a contract that will determine the amount of money SBAC will have available to give to student organizations next year.

"It is my hope that we can attain that 10 percent increase every year. ... I think we're very lucky to have what we have, but my angle to John Anderson will be, 'Look what we're doing with it,'" Goodrich said.



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Playing around

Sophomores Liz File and Courtney Farley have fun decorating their room with Christmas lights.



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