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■ Islam group to hold gathering

The Islam Awareness Organization is having their first informal gathering and welcoming at 8:30 p.m. Nov. 16 in Luter lounge. The Muslims of IAO will introduce themselves and talk about why they choose to be Muslim. Refreshments will be served.

■ Babcock faculty wins awards

Patricia B. Divine, the director of external relations, and Teri L. Capshaw, an assistant director of external relations at the Babcock Graduate School of Management, received five awards for publications in the 1995 Complete Communicator Competition. The contest is sponsored by the North Carolina Piedmont Chapter of the International Association of Business Communicators.

The Wake Forest MBA magazine received the award of excellence, the competition's highest award in the categories of four-color magazines and design. A portfolio cover for the new Charlotte MBA program received an award of excellence for design. Two brochures received awards of merit, the second highest award.

■ Japan information is available

Information session for the Japan program will be held Nov. 20 at 3:30 p.m. in Benson 301. Interested students can also come by the Office of International Studies at Carswell 27. If you have any questions call Ext. 5938.

■ Results of hearings are released

The Judicial Board held hearings Friday and Saturday. Students charged with public display of alcohol and underage possession and/or consumption of alcohol were found not guilty.

The Honor Council held hearings Nov. 7 and 8. A student was found guilty of plagiarism, but not guilty of chaeting and stealing. A second student was found not guilty of stealing.

■ Winston-Salem judge to speak

Judge Ron Spivey of the North Carolina District Court in Winston-Salem will speak at the Pre-Law society meeting at 5 p.m. Dec. 6, Spivey will speak on "The Anatomy of a Murder Case." All students are welcome and encouraged to come.

■ Positions open in student health

Any student interested in serving on the Student Health Advisory Committee is asked to contact health services at Ext. 5218 for further information. The purpose of this committee is to provide student input concerning the operation and services of the Student Health Services. Undergraduates as well as graduates and professional students are encouraged to become involved.

■ Dierks to speak at conference

The Association of Women Faculty of America, the Women's Issues Network and the Women's Network will present Bea Dierks, the assistant to the coordinator of Women's Studies, speaking on "The United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women: Beijing China," at 11:30 a.m. Nov. 30 in Benson 401. Dierks will present an overview of the Platform for Action document and slides of the forum site in Huai Rou, China. Her presentation will consist of a two-part lecture. Students, staff and administrators are invited to attend for all or part of the presentation.

■ Applications to study in London

Applications to study in London for the fall semester of 1996 are now available. Interested students should see Dillon Johnston, a professor of English in Tribble C107. Applications are also available in the English office. The deadline to sign up for an interview and turn in applications is Nov. 17.

■ Bad weather news is available

For news about campus plans in the event of bad weather, students will have a number of places to turn for details. The university will provide radio stations 88.5 FM WFDD and 600 AM WSJS with timely updates on any campus closings, cancellations and delays due to inclement weather. No other radio or television stations will be announcing the information.

Undergraduate students subscribing to voice mail may call Ext. 4242 for broadcast messages. Students can also get information by calling Ext. 5255. Students enrolled in the MBA program will have three numbers they may call. Full time students should call Ext. 5038. Evening and executive students should call Ext. 4584 or 1-800-428-6012.

Students are encouraged not to call Campus Police for weather information.

■ Berlin Applications available

Applications are now available for the Berlin exchange program and the W.D. Sanders scholarships for study in Germany or Austria. One full tuition scholarship will be offered for a year's study at the Free University of Berlin. The scholarship is open to rising juniors who have completed at least Intermediate German.

The W.D. Sanders scholarships are open to rising sophomores, juniors, or seniors who have completed at least Intermediate. They are designated, in order of priority, for summer language study, supplemental aid for semester or year programs with IES or supplemental aid for junior year abroad programs with other institutions. The application forms are due in the German department office by Nov. 27 and the selection will be made by mid-December. Inquiries should be directed to Professor Timothy F. Sellner in the department of German and Russian.

Students, faculty voice concerns at Gate Forum



Lee Ann Hodges

Junior Bill Kennedy and Mary Gerardy, Assistant Vice President for student life, discuss the use of gates on campus, Wednesday night in Benson 401.

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Three members of the Gate Committee held an open hearing Wednesday night in Benson 401 to address the problem of campus safety.

Mary Gerardy, the assistant vice president for student life and the chairwoman of the committee, led the discussion.

She said that the name "gate committee" was a misnomer, because the committee was to investigate multiple security options, although President Thomas K. Hearn Jr. seemed partial to the idea of gates when he created the committee.

Campus security has been a topic of discussion prior to this year, but interest has been much greater in the months since the abduction of two female students last spring from a parking lot near Collins Residence Hall, Gerardy said.

There is also renewed concern about security because of the abundance of IBM Thinkpad computers that will be on campus next year as part of the Plan for the Class of 2000, she said.

Gerardy and others said they believe that outsiders to the univer-

sity community who would commit on-campus crimes may see the university as a "fat, rich plum ready for the picking."

She said that the committee has not yet reached any conclusions and that it will be some time before it gives recommendations to the administration.

The Gate Committee has visited other schools, including Duke University, the University of Virginia, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a few other smaller schools, Gerardy said.

These schools have been unable to implement gates due to traffic flow through their campus. However, other schools like Rice University have installed gates on campus.

If gates were to be installed at the university, they would probably be placed at the Reynolda and Polo Road entrances, as well as the entrance from University Parkway. Of these, the Polo Road entrance has the most nighttime use, Gerardy said.

The addition of security gates to campus would raise additional issues, such as the hours they would be manned by guards and the form of the gates used — guard posts or

welcome gates, Gerardy said.

The committee is considering options other than gates. Alternatives include more roaming officers, personal alarms like beepers that can alert Campus Police to the location of the person wearing it, a more central location for campus police and more lighting, Gerardy said.

Bill Kennedy, a junior and one of two student representatives on the committee, said that some students fear these gates may be turned into sobriety checkpoints, and that many students do not see the need for gates.

He said most students view them as an unnecessary hassle.

Harold Titus, an associate professor of art and a faculty representative of the committee, offered one reason for the administration's safety concerns.

"President Hearn and other administrators are so concerned because they are the ones who have to call parents if something goes wrong," Titus said.

Gates are not the faculty's preferred solution to the security problems, since the gates are more symbolic of security than effective, Titus said.

Residence halls plagued by faulty water pipes

By KATIE BROWN
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Sophomores Mark Lindley and Rob Wiegard woke at 6 a.m. Nov. 6 to the sound of water dripping. But it wasn't a typical rainy Monday. They got up to find hot water coming from the ceiling in front of the closet in their room in Davis House.

"I knew immediately something was wrong," Wiegard said.

The newly renovated residence halls on the Quad have been flooded three times this month by leaking hot water pipes, the result of an error by the installation company in programming the new computerized heating and cooling system.

Before students arrived in August, the system was tested to ensure the safety of the building. By mistake the temperature was set too high, allowing the water to overheat, expanding the pipes and causing leaks. The source of the problem was not discovered until the third accident.

The first leak started at 3 p.m. Nov. 1 in Davis 305E, an electrical and computer closet, and poured through the ceilings of both rooms directly below. Only the electrical system was affected, so only the electrical contractor came to assess the situation — and paid no attention to the leaky pipes.

At 10:20 p.m. Nov. 5, a pipe leaked in the attic of the annex connecting Efir Residence Hall and Taylor House. The leak soaked the belongings of 18 students and knocked

out the buildings' computer and cable lines. The Computer Center staff worked for one week to restore communication.

Tim Burton, an assistant director of Residence Life and Housing, said that after this leak, he knew something had to be done and planned to call the installation company early the next day.

But that would be too late, as Lindley and Wiegard discovered at 6 a.m.

While the students' wet clothes and linens were taken to the drycleaners by the university, any other ruined belongings will have to be submitted on an insurance claim, independent of the university's consideration.

Most students had never considered buying renter's insurance for the small dorm rooms, until they heard about the recent floods in Davis and Taylor houses.

According to the university's "Guide to Community Living," the university is not responsible for anything "unforeseen" and suggests that students buy renter's insurance or check their parents' homeowner's insurance.

Though most students and their belongings are covered under their parents' homeowner's insurance as dependents, some may not be. By purchasing renter's insurance, students would be covered as if their room was a rented apartment.

By signing a housing contract each year, every student agrees to the university's policy without much thought, until the "unforeseen" event happens to them.

Sophomore Jared Cornelia of Davis 210A discovered

all of this the hard way after the water from 310 poured through his ceiling, ruining his books, notes and \$100 scientific calculator that had been left on the floor after a late night of studying for a test.

"They drycleaned my clothes," Jared said, "but they told me I have to file an insurance claim on my calculator and books. I think they should have paid for everything."

That morning the water gushed through suite 109 and down to the lounge of Kappa Alpha fraternity, leaving the carpet wet in several rooms of surrounding suites. Physical Facilities responded quickly to aid the students, and the housekeeping staff worked overtime to vacuum the standing water and exchange ruined furniture.

The installation company has agreed to repair the damage free of charge, according to Connie Carson, the director of Residence Life and Housing. The company has done many of the renovations on the campus and will continue to be used by the university.

"We're real sorry this has happened," Carson said.

"This is something that wasn't foreseen" Although the fault in the system has been corrected, the students affected by the floods continue to feel the inconveniences of such an event, waiting for clean clothes and borrowing books to study. Lindley and Wiegard are still discovering wrinkled computer paper, sealed blank envelopes, and bubbled paint on the walls.

Burton and the Office of Residence Life and Housing have sent a letter of apology to the students affected by the floods, explaining the fault of the contractors.

Student Union Survey studies entertainment

By JENNY HOBBS
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In much of the current debate about the intellectual and social atmosphere at the university, some students have complained that they haven't been consulted. The results of a Student Union survey hope to change that.

Most students who bought books from the campus bookstore Aug. 28 and 29 were asked by members of Student Union to complete a student activities survey as they waited in line. The results of the survey are in.

Senior Eric Williams, the public relations chair for Student Union, said that the idea for the survey has been in the works for two years. "I thought of this sophomore year, when I first joined Student Union," he said.

Williams said that he was working with four different SU committees at that time, which meant that he attended most of the SU activities that took place on campus. He said that he noticed that turnout at events varied.

So, he started asking his friends why they hadn't been interested in attending events. "I was curious about what students were interested in," Williams said.

"One of my friends said that students just want to be entertained at the end of a day. They don't want to have to think," he said.

Student Union put together a survey to find out what students wanted. The rationale for conducting it in the bookstore was that, since students would wait in line to pay for their books anyway, they might as well answer a few questions as they waited.

The survey, referred to by Williams as the "Will E. Report," received 1,571 responses, including 626 freshmen, 389 sophomores, 264 juniors, 251 seniors and 41 graduate students.

Williams said that the freshmen survey results tended to be indicative of how the other undergraduates responded.

"It looks like we're recruiting typical Wake Foresters from day one," he said.

For example, 69 percent of freshmen surveyed indicated that watching a movie would be their most likely extracurricular activity for a weekday night, while 73 percent of the other undergraduate students responded the same way.

Also, when asked what activities

could prevent freshmen from attending an extracurricular event, 79 percent said that studying might get in the way; 83 percent of the other undergraduate students surveyed said that studying came before extracurricular activities.

Of freshmen surveyed, 40 percent said that 8 p.m. was the most likely time for them to participate, while 44 percent of other undergraduates agreed.

Undergraduate students share the same taste in music and movies, according to the survey.

For each class, alternative music is the most appealing.

Of students surveyed, it is the favorite of 64 percent of freshmen, 65 percent of sophomores, 68 percent of juniors, and 76 percent of seniors. Soft rock and pop was the next most popular category for each class, while metal was the least favorite type of music for everyone surveyed.

Comedies and action and adventure movies are the most popular movie choices of all undergraduate students surveyed, with comedies in the lead. Documentaries are the least popular among all four classes.

Williams pointed out that the similar responses of students to these surveys may indicate that the student body is not very diverse.

The most popular type of extracurricular activity on campus, according to the survey, is anything which is entertainment-related, as opposed to activities dealing with current events; novelty acts; or political, historical, educational, student or "artsy" issues.

Williams offered an explanation for these results.

"After mornings and afternoons full of lectures, studying, homework and writing papers, the last thing students want to do is attend a lecture," he said.

Williams suggested that professors who hold extracurricular activities in academic buildings should change the location because students don't want to spend free time in a place associated with schoolwork.

Other results from the survey indicate that the best way to publicize events on campus is to distribute flyers and mailings, and to hang posters, especially in the Pit.

Results of the survey will be presented to the Student Organizations and Activities Task Force today and to the Board of Visitors on Friday.



Kristin Thompson

Three Trumpeteers

Members of the jazz ensemble played Tuesday at Brendle Recital Hall.

Survey conducted to learn opinions about computers

By MARY BETH FOSTER
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Ethnicity, gender, household income and social security numbers are part of the information being requested in a survey recently administered to students to help the university evaluate its computerization process.

"The overall study is designed to find out what changes occur at Wake Forest as a result of the computerization of the campus. This includes such things as student and faculty abilities to use computers, their attitudes toward computers, changes in communication patterns on campus and changes in the character and community of Wake Forest," said Michael Hazen, a professor of communication and the chairman of the department.

"We hope that the university will use the results to know what is working about the computerization and what is having a positive impact on the university community while at the same time finding out what is not working ...," Hazen said.

Both Hazen and Provost David Brown, whose name appears on the cover letter for the survey, said that the social security numbers would be held in strict confidence and would not be used to determine the identities of individual students.

"I know that we are being very careful to use the answers only for the purpose of evaluating the impact of the plan, and not for

the purpose of any individual counseling. No one in the administration will ever see an individual response," Brown said.

The researchers in the department of communication do not even have access to the information that would allow them to identify individual students from their social security numbers, Hazen said.

"It may be that there are differences in effectiveness of the plan that will be dissimilar by gender ... and by the other demographic factors listed," Brown said.

Hazen gave an example of the type of demographic links that would be of interest in the study.

"For example, are only students from wealthy backgrounds buying Thinkpads and benefiting from the computerization?" Hazen said.

Results of the questionnaire and the broader computerization study could lead to changes.

"The responses should and undoubtedly will ... result in a modification of the specific ways in which the plan is implemented," Brown said.

Brown indicated that the ability to change the plan as a result of student or faculty response may be limited by some decisions already made by the university, such as the commitment to use IBM Thinkpads.

"Our capacity to change things is less constrained by any contract we might have (with IBM) than by the sunk investment," Brown said.