

WAB offers vacation alternatives

Wake Alternative Break lets students spend their spring break doing volunteer work

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Students looking for something unusual to do over spring break that will broaden their cultural horizons have an option other than watching PBS.

According to senior Lyell Jones, Wake Alternative Break is the key. Jones is the head of WAB, which held its first organizational meeting Nov. 8.

People interested in WAB have a choice of nine sites this year which deal with four different areas of volunteer work, including ecological restoration, working for Habitat for Humanity, volunteering in an urban environment and serving Indian reservations.

In the ecological restoration area, the three sites planned are in Charleston, S.C., northern Florida, and southern Florida. The work done in these areas primarily consists of cleaning

up hurricane damage and doing maintenance jobs on the wildlife preserves.

The two Indian reservation sites are in Dupree, S.D., a Sioux reservation, and Palequah, Okla., a Cherokee reservation. Service on these sites will include repairing houses and volunteering in the community center.

An inner-city site is planned in New Orleans, where volunteers will be working with the elderly as well as with the elementary schools in the area in battling urban poverty and racism.

The other urban area targeted is Boston, where members of WAB will team up with members of City Youth, a program that is similar to a national peace corp but that is for the nation's youth.

The two areas targeted for Habitat for Humanity are in eastern Tennessee and Sherman, Texas.

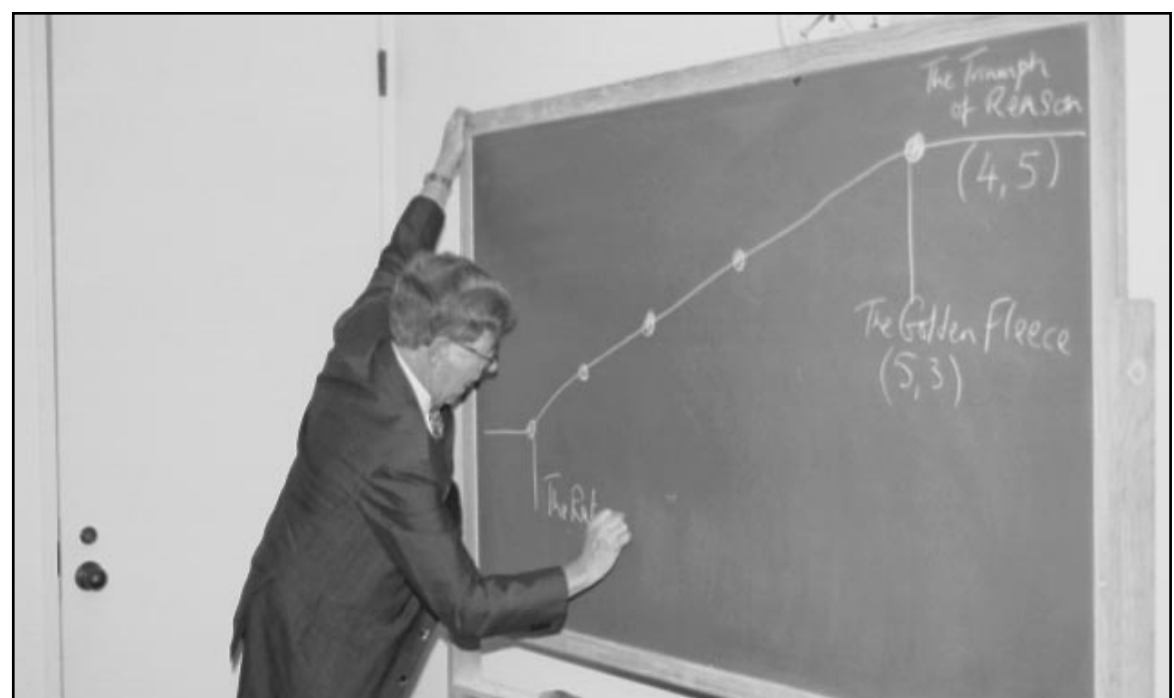
According to Jones, 10 to 12 people are needed on each site, and about 90

to 100 people are expected to participate. These numbers are evidence of the growth of WAB, which was started five years ago, and has added three sites since last year.

The approximate cost of participating in WAB is \$100 to \$150. This cost will include food and lodging. Jones said he considers this a meager price compared to the rewards of the trip.

"The irony behind the whole concept of WAB is that you spend an entire week working for other people but you return feeling refreshed and rejuvenated," Jones said. "In addition to being a volunteer-oriented trip, it is equally important in getting to know other students and allowing an opportunity for cultural exchange."

The trips will take place March 8-17. If you are interested in participating in WAB, pick up an application at the Volunteer Service Corps office in the Benson University Center. The applications are due by Nov. 21.



Wendy Coulson

To trust or not to trust...

Martin Hollis, the visiting A.C. Reid lecturer in philosophy, delivered the last of four lectures on the problem of trust in the light of reason Tuesday evening.

Rats

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increased because there is a rat population surge in the Winston-Salem community. An article published in the *Winston-Salem Journal* ("Rats plague neighborhoods," July 2, 1995) reported that the city's cutback in funding for rat extermination has led to an increase in the sightings of rats throughout Winston-Salem.

Residents from the impoverished Watkins Street neighborhood to the affluent Buena Vista neighborhood have all noticed increases in the amount of rats that they see emerging from the sewers and lush kudzu in Winston-Salem, according to the article.

Due to the fact that rats move long distances until they find a steady and plentiful supply of food, the countless tons of trash that are produced each week at the university make an inviting home for the rats of Winston-Salem. Many students said their main concerns with the rat population on campus are that they will spread disease, contaminate food and attack members of the campus community.

Weigl discounted these fears. He said he feels that the danger of being attacked by a rat is negligible at this point in time due to the fact

that rats will not be aggressive unless they are starving or extremely crowded.

He said that he does not feel that the current population of rats on campus is large enough to produce starvation or overcrowding. In addition, the notion that the rats are a serious threat for spreading disease is not viable, Weigl said.

Unless the rats begin to infest dorm rooms and share common areas with students, the chances of the rats spreading any of their commonly carried diseases — typhus, bubonic plague and rabies — are minimal.

Dennis Lloyd, the administrative services manager who is responsible for monitoring the rat population on campus, said that Physical Facilities is aware of the problem and that they have hired the Terminex company to exterminate the rats. Exterminators from Terminex come to the campus each Wednesday to control any pest problems that the students and faculty encounter, Lloyd said.

Lloyd said that he has never had any reports of a rat problem inside either the Benson Center or the Pit.

He said Scott Ownby, the director of ARAMARK, requested that Terminex exterminate the rats outside Benson.

An exterminator who has worked at the university said that he had seen 10 or 12 rats in the bushes outside of the food court entrance. Based on that observation, he estimated that there was a medium sized popula-

tion living in the area. A medium sized population ranges from fifty to one hundred rats.

The rats are being exterminated through the use of bait stations. The bait stations work by feeding the rats anti-coagulant. The poison causes the rats to bleed to death internally within two or three days of ingestion. If the bait is effective, there should be a noticeable decrease in rats outside the Benson Center in about two weeks.

The report by Ownby is the only complaint that he has received lately, Lloyd said.

Because of the nocturnal nature of the rats, it is difficult for Physical Facilities to find the problem spots on campus, Lloyd said. He urges students and faculty to call Ext. 4255 if they frequently notice rats in particular areas.

Weigl said that it will be extremely difficult to completely get rid of the rats on campus because they tend to move until they find steady sources of food.

He said that students can help reduce the rat population by keeping their trash in waste baskets and by performing their own exterminations.

Another suggestion, Weigl said in jest, is for students to find non-traditional uses for rats. Though Weigl has not tried rat meat, he said that rat is a common staple in some cultures and that if substituted into the recipe for Squirrel stew, it might make a tasty treat.

"If students develop a taste for rats, their problems will be solved," Weigl said.

Ford

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Ford spoke at the opening session on Friday and later participated in two panel discussions.

Commenting on the two attempts on his life while he was in office, Ford said, "My own interest (in presidential disability) is slightly more than academic."

On the subject of changes to the 25th Amendment, Ford spoke in favor of making any necessary changes to the amendment through legislation rather than through a change in the Constitution.

Whereas a Constitutional amendment requires a two-thirds vote in both houses of Congress and ratification by three-fourths of the states, legislation requires a simple majority vote from Congress and approval by the president. However, Ford said he sees little need for change in the 25th Amendment as it now stands.

"My conclusion is that the 25th Amend-

ment is sound and usable, an excellent blueprint to provide an orderly transfer of presidential power," he said.

Exactly how much information should the public have access to in the event of presidential impairment?

According to Dr. Herbert Abrams, a professor at Stanford University, Reagan's condition after being shot was much worse than the public realized.

Some participants in the symposium called for the creation of a panel of doctors who would advise the White House physician.

According to Ford, some problems that would arise with this type of arrangement are deciding which medical disciplines would be represented on the panel and the accuracy of diagnosis by committee.

"I have serious reservations that a panel of doctors should be assembled to determine a president's disability," he said.

Former Indiana Senator Birch Bayh also argued against naming a panel.

"There are certain things you take for granted. If someone is sick, doctors are going to be involved. The Constitution doesn't need to say that," he said.

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