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## Donations used to raise flag, create sidewalks by Benson

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The lawn in the grassy circle in front of the Benson University Center will no longer be trampled by feet in too much of a hurry to follow the sidewalk. A flag plaza including criss-crossing concrete sidewalks and bricks will be completed by Christmas.

The plaza is to be named Perritt Plaza in honor of a family which has contributed much to the university over the past decade.

In 1987, H. Franklin Perritt III enrolled at the university. He died the following summer. However, his memory has been kept alive at the university thanks to his parents, H. Franklin Perritt Jr. and Suzanne Perritt of Jacksonville, Fla.

Since Franklin's death, the Perritt family has helped fund the *Old Gold and Black* and has sponsored an ROTC scholarship.

While at the university, Franklin was involved with both ROTC and the *Old Gold and Black*. The Perritts' latest contribution to the university is the building of the

Perritt flag plaza between Benson and Davis House.

The concept of the plaza arose from three separate groups. According to Bob Mills, the assistant vice president alumni relations, the idea of having a flag on campus and placing it in front of Benson came from the Perritt family, Facilities Management and several members of the Leadership, Excellence, Application, and Development group.

The Perritt family first noticed the lack of an American flag on campus during a visit several years ago, Suzanne Perritt said. Since Franklin had been a patriotic person,

they felt that it would be both appropriate and beneficial to fund the construction of a flag plaza on campus.

"It is (Franklin's) interest in Wake Forest that we'd like to keep alive," said Suzanne Perritt. By building the flag plaza, the Perritts said they feel that they will affect the university in a positive manner that Franklin would have enjoyed.

The members of LEAD who also had the idea for flying the American flag at the university said they felt it was an important symbol that the campus was lacking.

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## Grads commend school in survey

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The results of the third annual senior survey were recently released, indicating that last year's graduating students were more satisfied with most aspects of their university than students from comparison universities.

The results of the senior survey, administered by the Higher Education Data Sharing Consortium, also showed that a larger percentage of the Wake Forest students who responded earned an A as an overall grade point average than students at the other universities.

Results were reported from students in the category peer group, which includes students from Cornell, Emory, Tulane and Wesleyan universities and Davidson College. These schools were chosen because they were the most comparable to Wake Forest, according to Ross Griffith, the director of institutional research.

Surveys were distributed to the 750 graduating seniors last year. Of these, 291 surveys were returned, which is a 39 percent participation rate. The percent of participation in the peer group was 44 percent.

Compared to the peer group, Wake Forest students had a significantly higher mean score when asked whether overall they were satisfied with their undergraduate education. This response has been a trend over the past three years.

When asked whether they would choose the same institution again, 42 percent said they definitely would, which was also a significantly higher percentage than the peer group. Again, this response has been a trend over the past three years.

Griffith said it is good to look at the trends. "As overall satisfaction, it speaks well for Wake Forest," he said.

Another question had students rate their satisfaction with specific services and aspects of their college. Wake Forest had 19 areas in which it had a significantly higher mean score than the peer group, six areas in which it had a significantly lower mean and three in which there was no significant difference.

Some of the categories in which Wake Forest students' satisfaction had a significantly higher mean included: campus student center and union, recreation and athletics, computer services, campus study space, library resources, classroom facilities and laboratory facilities.

The following were also rated significantly higher for Wake Forest than for the peer group: financial aid services, academic advising, personal counseling, faculty availability, faculty attitude, humanities and arts, science and math, social sciences, business, student government and business office.

Wake Forest students had a significantly lower mean score of satisfaction in the areas of campus social life, climate for minorities, food services, student health services, career planning services and student voice in college policies.

Griffith said, overall these results are very positive for Wake Forest. He said observing the trends helps to determine where improvements might be made.

According to the survey, 43 percent of Wake Forest students responded that they received an A or A- as their average grade overall during their college career, 43 percent said B+ or B and 13 percent said a B- or C+.

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### Circling Up

Freshmen Jaime Dorsett, Meredith Borel, Margaret Gantt, Zach Miller, Andy Fitzgerald, and Karen Trammell and senior Jeff Hammock, practice their geometric shapes during one of the last pleasant days of fall.

## Computer panel adds undergrad

By MATTHEW COLEMAN  
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Various questions arise and numerous opinions are offered anytime the computer component of the Plan for the Class of 2000 is mentioned.

The Committee on Information Technology was organized to address these issues by providing advice and direction for academic computing on campus. The committee consists of faculty members, administrators, and most recently, a student junior, Rahman Harrison.

Harrison was recommended to serve on the committee following a series of interviews conducted by senior Evan Peverly, the Student Government president. His selection was then sent to the dean's office and was ultimately approved by President Thomas K. Hearn Jr.

Harrison said he applied to serve on the committee because of his desire that the university not lose its identity during this time of change.

"I have a strong interest in making sure that the computer part of the Plan for the Class of 2000 is implemented without sacrificing any of the good qualities that our academic environment has now," he said.

Harrison said he sees numerous advantages that next year's incoming freshmen will have. He views the accessibility of more information and the ability to do research more efficiently as the greatest benefits of the plan, he said.

Furthermore, these students will be more prepared to work with computers upon entering the work force.

"Technology is going to play a big part in the world, and a student's level of comfort using computers is going to be essential in the workplace of tomorrow," Harrison said.

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## SG committees contemplate race relations, distribution of tickets

By KATE COSGROVE  
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Are race relations at the university as ideal as they could be? Has there been significant improvement in these relations since civil rights legislature was passed thirty years ago?

These are just a few of the questions that the newly convened Student Government Commission on Race

Relations will be working on.

According to sophomore David Slade, the chairman of the commission, the committee has been a standing executive commission for several years, but this is the first year that it has actively functioned. The purpose of the committee is to serve as a forum for discussion of race relations while working to improve these relations.

Currently the committee is planning a Martin Luther King Jr. celebration, to which it will invite various per-

forming groups to help students celebrate the contributions of the civil rights leader. They hope that by inviting diverse performing groups, the celebration will bring all areas of culture together, Slade said.

The committee is also working on a survey that will be distributed to students at the beginning of the second semester to examine the underlying racial tensions that exist at the university.

The committee will incorporate the results of the survey

into a report on race relations that will be distributed to administration, faculty and students at the end of the spring semester.

Slade said he feels that the executive commission will help students recognize and therefore combat the racism that exists on campus.

"Racism is here, people see it in a subtle way, and they need to deal with it," Slade said.

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## Greek groups name new officers

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During the month of November, the Panhellenic and Intrafraternity Council members were elected by delegates from each of the campus sororities and fraternities.

The new Panhellenic officers include junior Sarah Moore as the president, junior Karen Baker as the vice-president, sophomore Leigh Mildren as secretary and junior Jenny Lee MacNeill as treasurer.

Sophomore Laura Acton is the public relations chairwoman; sophomore Carrie Benefield is the social chairwoman. Junior Ashley Bunnell is the programming chairwoman, junior Caroline Butler is the Inter-Greek relations chairwoman, sophomore Jessica Thompson is the service chairwoman. Junior Kristie Heins is the

publications chairwoman, and sophomore Emily Parrish is the scholarship chairwoman.

"This year the Panhellenic Council

**"We need to take a proactive stance to counteract the negative climate towards Greeks currently on campus."**

Junior Matt Clark  
IFC President

created new positions so the different jobs could be understood better and then carried out more efficiently," said Moore, a member of the Delta Delta Delta soror-

ity.

The council has plans for a variety of activities, including an eating disorders program for all the Greek students.

"I would like to continue the good things that the council has already started," Moore said.

The IFC voted Monday on its new officers. Elected were junior Pat Clark as the president, junior Brandon Dunlop as the vice-president, junior Art Ralston as the secretary and junior Jay Yarbrough as the treasurer.

Also elected were junior Kevin Eckhardt as the special events chairman and junior Jonathan Wyche as the publications chairman.

Clark, a member of the Kappa Sigma fraternity, is also a member of the Judicial Council.

"I am able to bring my experience working with the administration and faculty on

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### Off to work

Freshman Michael Daul walks across the Mag Quad in the sunshine to his next class.



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### Sensitive Martial Artists

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