

Family weekend has plenty of activities

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Students showed off the university to their parents during the annual Family Weekend from Friday to Sunday. The weekend is a joint project of the Student Union and the Alumni Activities Office, and is intended to provide parents with a set time to visit their children.

"There has been enough time for the students to adjust to college life, especially the freshmen, and it is always great for parents to come and see how well their kids have adjusted," said sophomore Ben Williams, the Student Union Family Weekend chairman.

"Family Weekend is a wonderful way to issue a warm invitation from the university to make parents feel welcome and a part of the college. It is an excellent example of the Wake Forest way of doing things — it is extremely well run," said Kay Lord, the assistant vice president and director of alumni activities.

The Parents' Council is involved in the weekend as well. The chairmen of the council, Jerry and Cassandra Baker, spoke at the Welcome Address, introducing other parents to the group. "Parents' Council members

wear buttons, man a table, and are available for other parents to ask questions. The council acts as a liaison between the university and parents," Lord said.

After Friday evening registration, Family Weekend officially kicked off with a welcome reception in the Benson University Center. "The whole event was so organized; it was perfect," said Bonnie Murphy, a California freshman's mother.

Visitors and students saw the volleyball team battle against N.C. State in Reynolds Gym, and later viewed *Dragonheart* in Pugh Auditorium.

Saturday, President Thomas K. Hearn Jr. and the Parents' Council officially welcomed parents and families to the campus.

Hearn spoke on a variety of topics, ranging from the university's grief over the recent car accident to the university's high ranking in *U.S. News and World Report's* collegiate survey.

Carol Phillips, a Georgia parent, said, "It was wonderful to hear about how well Wake is rated. We're so proud."

A Family Symposium was hosted in Benson, where, among other subject matters, parents were able to see the Class of 2000's new ThinkPads

actually being incorporated into education. "It was so interesting to see how well the computers are being used in the classroom," said George Murphy, a California parent.

Undoubtedly, the most popular activity was the Deacon football game against the University of Virginia at Groves Stadium.

"We are sad that Wake lost, but it did not really matter; we had a great time. It was all very entertaining," said Russell Willis, a Missouri parent.

Saturday evening, Deacon volleyball played the University of North Carolina in Reynolds Gym.

Jane Powell and Company gave a concert in Wait Chapel Saturday night. "The Jane Powell and Company concert was one of our biggest successes," Williams said. "It is very tough to find a concert that will have appeal for both parents and students, and this really did."

Sunday began with a brunch, with two available seating times. Worship service was offered as well.

Sunday afternoon, the men's soccer team lost to the University of Virginia 2-0 at the Spry Soccer Complex.

Most parents seemed to enjoy the opportunity to see their children more

than anything the university had planned. Most families agreed that while the choice of activities was excellent, they were rather unnecessary.

"Everything we wanted to do, we could have done another weekend. We did not really need the structured activities," said Pam Docter, a Missouri parent.

"It was great to get together with old friends who also have students here, to renew those friendships," George Murphy said.

Some found that improvements are necessary to Family Weekend. "In the future, we would like to see more involvement between the Student Union and the Parents' Council," Williams said.

"Additionally, depending on feedback from the survey we passed out, we may also want to add a Friday night on-campus activity, as there has been in the past. It is unclear now whether many families want that extra activity, or whether they liked it this way," he said.

"The only suggestion we would make is to run a shuttle from the airport to the campus, because that would make everything so much easier for families who are flying," said freshman Molly Murphy.

Wake Forest Review seeks to promote university debate

By MATTHEW COLEMAN
OLD GOLD AND BLACK REPORTER

The *Wake Forest Review*, an independently funded journal that seeks to promote debate about university and national issues, recently published its first issue of the year. The *Review*, now in its second year of publication, is seen by many as a successor to the *Wake Forest Critic*, a conservative journal formerly published on campus.

According to senior Jennifer Loughrey, the co-editor-in-chief, the *Review* is significantly different from the *Critic*. "For one thing we try to be positive," she said. "And we have all types of people writing. Because we tend to focus more on Wake issues, it's hard to be conservative or liberal."

According to Loughrey, the *Review* fills a role that is an essential part of a liberal arts education.

"A liberal arts education is about the exchange of ideas, and not just when you're sitting in a classroom," she said. An opinion that conflicts with what is generally accepted makes everyone think more about what they truly believe, she said.

The *Review*, unlike most other student organizations, is independently funded. It receives its funding from a grant given by a private group in Washington, D.C. Senior Geoffrey Michael, the co-editor in chief, believes that maintaining the *Review's* independence from university funding helps preserve the journal's integrity.

"With money comes obligations. This way we can stay independent and not waste students' money," Michael said. "It's like when the country was founded; anyone who had a printing press could publish their opinions, and that's basically what we do."

The recent edition of the *Review* included articles about the value of a liberal arts education, the Montreat Report, and the presidential election. But perhaps the most popular feature of the edition was the selection of 10 outstanding professors at the university.

According to Loughrey, science and math professors were excluded from consideration because the journal prefers to focus on the liberal arts. Also, the title of the article, "Ten Top Professors at Wake Forest," indicated that this was merely a sampling of some of the best teachers rather than a ranking system. "We have no claim on knowing the 10 best," Loughrey said, "but what we do look for is a commitment to education, to students, and to learning."

Student reaction has been mixed, Loughrey said. "I've heard a lot of good comments, but I've also gotten some criticism. That's what you have to expect when you write something, especially in an opinion journal," she said.

According to Loughrey, the next issue of the *Review* will focus on the presidential election. The journal is politically independent and will have opinions from both sides, she said.

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co-editor in chief

Students explore options at study abroad fair

By PATRICK KELLEY
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Students wishing to study abroad had an opportunity to check out the various programs available to them at the International Study Abroad Fair Friday.

The program, which was sponsored by the Office of International Studies, is designed to give students a chance to look at the variety of programs available for studying in a foreign country.

Representatives from all of the different programs sponsored by the university were on hand with information and to answer students' questions.

In addition to the programs sponsored by the university, representatives from 35 other programs attended, including many from other universities, to give students a greater variety of programs to look at.

According to Judy Shannon, an assistant to the director of International Studies who was responsible for organizing the event, the fair gives students a chance to and see what is available in terms of studying abroad.

"We in the Office of International Studies try to

give students the best opportunity to participate in the program of their choice as far as studying abroad goes," Shannon said.

"If a student wants to study in a particular country we do our best to make information available to them about the available opportunities. That was the purpose behind the fair, to let students come and look at a variety of different programs and see what's out there. It also lets students who may not have been interested in studying abroad come and see if it is something they might be interested in," Shannon said.

"Students should also feel free to stop by the office anytime if they have any questions or would like to get some more information about available programs," Shannon said.

According to Shannon, the Office of International Studies has a wide variety of information available on traveling

internationally both for study purposes and for leisure.

Students can get information about passports, points of interest and other subjects that may be useful for students.



Senior Ashley Martin talks to representative Robert Phillips about study in France. The university holds meetings throughout the year for study abroad programs.

Convocation

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a representative group of alumni who graduated at least 10 years ago.

Donald Frey, a professor of economics, was presented with the Donald O. Schoonmaker Faculty Award for Community Service.

Grace Elizabeth Hancock, a first-grade teacher in Raleigh, and Rebecca Malenkos, a high school English teacher in Carmel, Ind., were honored by being named the 1996 recipients of the Marcellus Waddill Excellence in Teaching awards. The Waddill awards recognize outstanding university alumni in the teaching profession with a \$20,000 gift.

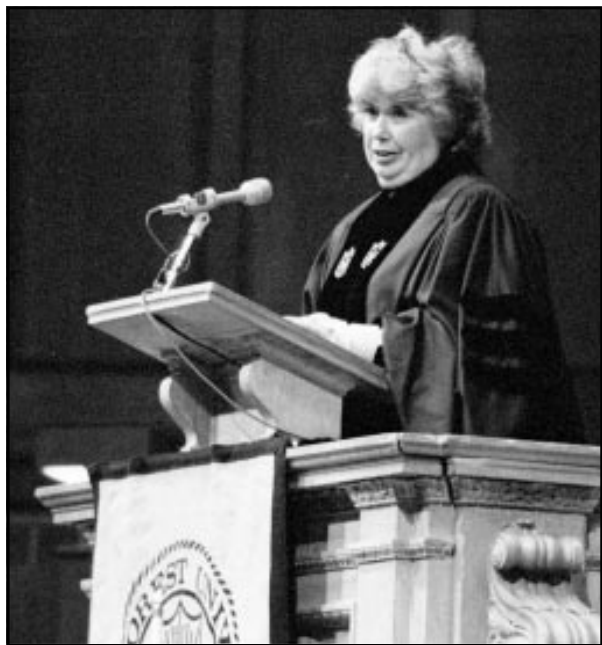
The convocation concluded with a special presentation of the Alma Mater. Both the Concert Choir and the Choral Union were featured, accompanied by brass instruments, percussion and an organ.

"I enjoyed convocation," freshman Julie Gibbons said. "It made me feel like I was really a part of the Wake Forest community."

Stewart Carter, a professor of music, said he regrets that more students did not attend the convocation. "As to the student turnout, certainly it could have been better," Carter said. "I suspect most students really did not know who she was. They missed a fine address."

Locklair also said he wished more students had attended and taken advantage of the opportunity to hear Sills speak.

"Though certainly a very good crowd, I was hopeful



Keynote speaker Beverly Sills enthralls the audience at Convocation in Wait Chapel.

that Wait Chapel would be filled to capacity. How many times in this life do we have an opportunity to hear, in person, a legend speak with the only admission being a short walk across campus?

"All who were there were both challenged and inspired, as well as entertained, by this famous diva as she helped launch our Year of the Arts in grand fashion," Locklair said.

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