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Minorities experience problems

By DAN CHILDS
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According to an assessment of the intellectual climate at the university, majority and minority students at the university have very different experiences in school.

George Kuh, a professor of higher education at Indiana University based his results from his findings mainly from responses to the College Student Experiences Questionnaire. The CSEQ was administered last spring to a random sample of 527 students. Among his conclusions was one which stated minority students

and majority students tend to have "somewhat different experiences" at the university.

Kuh also reported minority students, on the whole, have a more negative view of their experiences at the university than their majority counterparts. "Because they bring less cultural capital to college, many minority students often

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Intellectual Climate



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Baby got first place

Winners of the Student Union Karaoke Contest, seniors Jamie Rorrer and Pete Zambito, perform 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Benson Food Court.

Woman assaulted in residence hall

By DANIELLE DEEVER
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A female student was sexually assaulted in her Quad residence hall room at approximately 3:30 a.m. Saturday, according to Campus Police. The assailant has not been apprehended.

"People need to definitely understand that we do not have this person. ... There is a threat to our community at large," said Regina Lawson, Chief of Campus Police.

Campus Police have several leads, which they cannot release at this point in the investigation. The Winston-Salem Police Department is assisting in the investigation as well.

Lawson is urging all students who were in the vicinity of the Quad between midnight Friday and Saturday morning to contact Campus Police. "They may not realize it, but they may have a significant contribution," she said.

The student was attacked after returning to her room alone. The assailant was apparently waiting in her room when she entered, according to Campus Police. "At this point, we're uncertain of how the individual entered the room. ... There is no evidence that the door was propped," Lawson said.

The attacker did not use a weapon. A stereo was playing in the room at the time of the attack, which may have served to disguise any cries for help. Most of her suitemates were not at home at the time.

According to Lawson, Campus Police do not know if the assailant is a student or

someone from outside of the university. The woman did not know the assailant and had no strange encounters with anyone during the course of the evening, according to Lawson.

Keycard records of the suite were not much assistance in the investigation, according to Lawson.

Records obtained by security guards at the gatehouses Friday night and Saturday morning have proven useful, however. The information has given Campus Police a record of visitors that were on campus at the time of the incident, Lawson said.

Ken Zick, the vice president for student life and instructional resources, has been staying in close contact with the victim and her family. He said that she is doing as well as can be expected. "She's a resilient woman," he said.

Zick is also urging students to assist Campus Police with the investigation. "If any student has any information or observations, no matter how remote it may be about that night, please call University Police," he said. "Students can be very helpful in terms of supporting one another and if they have any knowledge or observed anything that could be useful."

In the aftermath of the assault, the university has started or augmented several security programs. A Rape Aggression Defense class will be held next week. Zick has waived the \$12 fee, so the class is now free.

According to Zick, students living in suites in any north campus residence hall can apply to have their keycard access changed to 24-hour suite-member only access by contacting Residence Life

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Trustees include discussion of student concerns

By PATRICK McDONOUGH
OLD GOLD AND BLACK REPORTER

Last Friday when the board of trustees convened for one of their quarterly meetings, students had a unique opportunity to tell the board what they think about life at the university. A student life committee and the student trustee, junior Joy Vermillion, both shared their views of the university with the board.

"The fall meeting of the trustees is a time to orient the new trustees and to discuss plans for the upcoming year," Vermillion said. "Voting on major issues takes place almost exclusively in the spring," she said.

Vermillion had three minutes to address the entire

board. She then spent the majority of the afternoon with the trustee committee on student life discussing student concerns. Topics covered included the Kuh report on intellectual climate, recruitment of minority students and faculty, how to improve communication between the student body and the trustees and the predominance of Greek events in campus social life.

To facilitate discussion of these issues, Vermillion assembled a panel of eight students, the student life committee. The students represented a variety of campus perspectives and organizations, including the Resident Student Association, the *Old Gold and Black*, Asian Student Interest Association, Baptist Student Union, the Year of the Arts Committee, the Euzelian Society, Black

Student Alliance and Student Union. Both independent and Greek students were selected.

"These students were present to provide an informational base about the state of the university so that the trustees could have informed discussion about a variety of topics," Vermillion said.

The members of the student panel told the trustees that the majority of student activity outside of the classroom is not linked to what goes on inside the classroom, and the panel supported Kuh's conclusion that a "work hard, play hard" mentality prevails on campus.

"Several students feel that while many professors are interested in the academic pursuits of students beyond the classroom, the majority of professors are not interested in

the non-academic components of student life," Vermillion said. She also said that the number of professors who advise multiple student organizations is a symptom of the lack of professor interest in student life. Many times one professor must advise several organizations because not enough faculty members are interested in advising.

The panel noted that quality student-faculty relationships are more often the exception rather than the rule, and said that in most cases, more student initiative is necessary.

They said that the established office hours system is often underutilized, for instance. In addition to increasing contact with professors, the panel recognized the need for

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Student Government establishes faculty link

By KATE COSGROVE
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The Student Government Academic Committee discussed a new initiative at its meeting Tuesday which would provide a stronger communication link between students and faculty.

Junior Scott Plumridge, the chairman of the committee, said that the committee has already received overwhelming response to an initiative which would pair each SG Academic Committee member with two university academic figures to further student-faculty relations.

During the semester, student committee members would meet with their assigned professors or administrators to discuss concerns voiced by students. According to Plumridge, the program would give students direct contacts with academic figures so that problems could be quickly attended to when they arose.

The system would address concerns such as the need for fewer divisional requirements, or the need for more diverse classes. "With the new plan, we will be more familiar with the key academic figures who can help to accommodate student needs," Plumridge said.

Also, at the Tuesday committee meetings, the Judiciary Committee

discussed changes that they will be making this semester. William Hamilton, an associate dean of the college, the chairman of the Judicial Council, spoke to members about the recent formation of a judicial subcommittee which will spend the year investigating areas of reform in the honor system.

According to senior Matt Coleman, the chairman of the Judicial Committee and a member of the special subcommittee, the subcommittee is composed of administrators, faculty and students, who will examine the Harriger Report and the Judicial Task Force Report to determine which suggestions will be used in the reformation of the Honor System.

The Harriger Report, written by Katy Harriger, a professor of politics, released in 1995, cited problems in the honor system such as a lack of faculty confidence in the system and the need for a written honor code. In response to the report, the SG-sanctioned Judicial Task Force was formed to review the findings of the group. The subcommittee will examine the findings of the two groups to determine which changes will be made.

According to Coleman, the subcommittee will examine three methods of change which were suggested in the Harriger Report. The changes

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University owns top primate lab

By MEREDITH BOREL
OLD GOLD AND BLACK REPORTER

It sits inconspicuously among the hills on the outskirts of Winston-Salem, and if you blink, you'll probably miss it. It is the Friedberg Campus of the university, well-known in the world of medical research, but almost unheard of here among the undergraduates.

Since 1971, the Comparative Medicine Clinical Research Center of the Bowman Gray School of Medicine has conducted research studies on animals, mostly non-human primates, to dis-

cover more about symptoms and treatments of human disease.

According to the director, veterinarian Thomas B. Clarkson, the center serves as a place where monkey patients can serve as surrogates for human patients in research aimed to better understand human health. The center, situated on the 200-acre Friedberg campus, consists of about 50 buildings and has a population of approximately 1,000 animals.

The main focus of research currently conducted is the health problems of aging women, especially the effects of estrogen deficiency

following the onset of menopause.

"Increasingly, we're focusing more and more specifically on the health problems of aging females," Clarkson said. "We started with our main efforts in coronary heart disease in women."

Clarkson pointed out that though it is not widely realized, coronary heart disease is the leading cause of death in women.

One way of lowering significantly the risk of cardiovascular disease in post-menopausal women is hormone-replacement therapy.

Because of the negative side effects of

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Student views gatehouse from inside

By ZACH EVERSON
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In an effort to answer student questions about the gates that now preside at the entrances to the university, I was given the opportunity to spend a couple of hours in one of the gatehouses Saturday night.

When I arrived at the University Parkway entrance at 9:50, a guard was setting up yellow signs that directed the drivers through the different lanes.

The interior of the gatehouse is quite plain. It is equipped with such basic police equipment as a walkie-talkie, a telephone and a fire extinguisher, and the essentials for a guard working an eight hour grave yard shift such as a bathroom, microwave and refrigerator. At the entrance to the guardhouse are three switches that control the gates.

The gates came down precisely at 10 p.m. At the onset there was a substantial back-up, with nine cars waiting to enter only one minute after the gates closed.

Although each entrance is usually manned by only one guard,

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Because he has the student decal, sophomore Bret Cunningham drives through the registered car lane at the gatehouse without being stopped.



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