

BRIEFLY

■ Benson Discovery Series starts

A new educational series hosted by the Benson University Center will explore a variety of unusual topics in an informal talk-show setting. Faculty, staff, students and local community experts are invited to attend from 11 a.m. to noon one Tuesday each month on the third floor rotunda.

The topic for this Tuesday will be "What Creates Happiness?" Guests will include Mark Leary, a professor of psychology; Sara Kelling, a professor of health and exercise science; Lee Overton, a visiting assistant professor of philosophy and Shawn Adams, the Catholic Campus Minister.

Participants are invited to bring lunch to the free events. For more information, call Joanna Iwata, the director of the Benson Center, at Ext. 5228.

■ Dijon meeting to take place

Students interested in the university's semester program in Dijon, France are invited to an informational meeting at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday in Tribble B216.

Anyone unable to attend should contact Stephen Murphy, an associate professor of Romance languages and the program director, in Tribble B210, at Ext. 5492 or by e-mail at murphy@wfu.edu.

■ Writing workshop planned

Ralph Wood, a professor of religion, will present a writing workshop titled "Letters and Journals" from 7 - 9 p.m. Wednesday in the Ring Theatre.

The free seminar is part of a series of writing workshops on regional influence in the literary arts. It is open to the community. The session will focus on the art of letter and journal writing. Participants are encouraged to bring examples of their own journal entries and letters to share.

The event is part of the university's Year of the Arts. For more information, call Ext. 6584.

■ Memorial service to be held

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Oct. 24 in Wait Chapel for sophomore Graham Gould. He died in May in an automobile accident in May.

■ Babcock lecture series to begin

Four business leaders will speak at the Babcock Graduate School of Management during the 1996-97 Babcock Leadership Series to discuss current issues affecting business.

Each lecture begins at 11:40 a.m. in Room 1312 of the Worrell Professional Center for Law and Management. The public is invited to attend the free lectures.

The next lecture will feature Katherine M. Hudson, the president and CEO of Milwaukee-based W.H. Brady Co., Nov. 1. Hudson is the first woman to hold the top position in a major public company in Wisconsin.

■ BSU fund raiser planned

The Baptist Student Union is sponsoring four Weekend Work Days, Nov. 1, 2, 7 and 8. Members will do yard work and rake leaves and in return ask for donations to North Carolina Student Summer Missions. They are raising money for a fund that gives BSU members from across the state the opportunity to participate in a variety of mission projects during the summer.

For information, call Carey King at Ext. 1503.

■ Museum presents storyteller

Cherokee storyteller and artist Freeman Owle will present a program on Cherokee culture and history at the Museum of Anthropology, Nov. 2 from 1-5 p.m.

Using Cherokee symbolism and storytelling techniques, Owle will narrate a traditional story of Cherokee origins. He will then create a stone carving reflecting the traditions embodied in the myth.

Participants will have the opportunity to carve using materials provided by the museum.

■ LEAD applications available

Leadership, Excellence, Application and Development is now taking applications from interested freshmen and sophomores. This learning program of leadership and personal development is offered on eight consecutive Wednesday or Thursday afternoons beginning in January, 1997.

Applications are available in the Student Life office, Benson 311, and the Student Union office, Benson 335. They are due Nov. 11.

■ Professor named to Davis chair

Umit Akinc, a professor of business and accountancy at the Calloway School of Business and Accountancy, was recently appointed to the Thomas H. Davis chair.

Akinc, who joined the university's faculty in 1982, is an expert on production management and management science. In addition to his teaching responsibilities, Akinc was active in the university's initiative to integrate computer and information technology in the curriculum.

Employees of Piedmont Airlines established the position to honor Thomas H. Davis, the company's founder. Davis, a Winston-Salem resident, is a life member of the university's board of trustees.

Students claim Fall Break not long enough

By MARK RABUANO
CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

While students have been eagerly awaiting the chance to catch up on sleep and studies during the extended weekend, many wonder why fall break is only an extended weekend.

"Fall Break represents a relaxation time for students after midterms and two months of hard work. Denying us more than three days for a meaningful vacation ... deprives an actual fall break experience," sophomore Dawn Shultz said. "This school makes a mockery of fall break."

This issue becomes especially annoying to many students when they consider that other universities have as much as a five-day break in the month of October.

"We should have off Thursday and Friday because it gives students who live farther away a greater chance of going home," sophomore John Moore said. He also wonders why the school does not take off for federal holidays. "First off, we should have Columbus Day off. If the post office workers don't have to come in, why should we? I believe we should have all federal holidays off," Moore said.

Toby Hale, an associate dean of the college, said that fall break has not always been just one day, but that one day is most common. Between 12 and 15 years ago, fall break was created as a time of "refreshment."

Three years ago, fall break was replaced by a week-long Thanksgiving break, Hale said. This decision was made to prevent the mass exodus of students leaving the campus at the same time the day before Thanksgiving.

But, Hale said, "With these two changes, we went back to the acceptable one-day fall break that has been the norm the last six to seven years."

The Committee of Academic Affairs subcommittee creates the academic calendar two years in advance. It has already established that the 1997 fall break will be one day long as well.

If students want to submit a consideration for lengthening fall break, however, they could send their proposal to the dean's office, in an envelope marked "Recommendation for Calendar Committee."

"If students would like to put a proposal forth regarding fall break, that is fine and dandy," Hale said.

Students do not have off on certain federal holidays because of the need to have 42 class days on Monday-Wednesday-Friday classes, and 27 class days for Tuesday-Thursday classes, Hale said.

"Columbus Day and Labor Day have not been entertained as there is not enough room to have 42 and 27 class days and still have the opening of school and finals when we still would want," Hale said. Perhaps because of the brevity of the break, no students signed up for the Student Union planned trip to Natural Bridge in Virginia, one of the seven natural wonders of the world located in the heart of the Shenandoah Valley.

Junior Michelle Wood, the travel chairwoman of SU, said that the trip had to be canceled so the organization would not lose money. "I worked all summer on this project, and this is kind of disappointing," Wood said.

"The apathy that pervades the atmosphere of the school plays a large role in the lack of student interest," sophomore John Derby said.

He said that the choice of the trip may contribute to the lack of turnout. "Nature trips don't appeal to a large enough cross-section of the students staying behind."



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Party Time!

Students enjoy a party in one of the campus lounges. Many students delayed their parties until today when they were released from midterms and sprung for Fall Break.

Parents still receive letters if students violate alcohol policy

By ZACH EVERSON
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Despite President Thomas K. Hearn Jr.'s statement that "we're not Big Brother" at the state of the university address, held Sept. 30, parents are still being notified if their son or daughter has been found guilty of alcohol abuse.

The policy is as it was last year when we announced it and it's been incorporated into the handbook now," said Ken Zick, the vice president for student life and instructional resources.

According to the student handbook, the sanctions for intoxication are a \$75 fine, 20 hours of community service, an alcohol assessment at the student's expense, a letter of notification, and a call to parents or guardians.

Parents are only informed of alcohol abuse, not of any other alcohol violations, according to Clay Hipp, the judicial advisor. If the line between buying it and abuse is crossed, parents are notified, Hipp said.

That is different then the original policy, which informed parents of all alcohol offenses. The parents are first notified by a letter, according to Hipp. They are then called by either Hipp or Harold Holmes, an associate vice president and the dean of student services. Usually the call occurs one week after the letter is sent, Hipp said.

The letter cites several statistics from a 1994 Columbia University national study regarding alcohol that pertain to the abuse and consequences of alcohol abuse on college campuses. It also states that "our goals regarding alcohol use are to assure compliance with university and state regulations, reduce alcohol use by modeling and offering other healthy social alternatives, and to refer students to treatment or educational programs as needed."

According to Zick, parents seem to be pleased with the policy. "Most of the response that we've heard has been

very positive," Zick said. Parents are only apprised of the situation if the student is financially dependent on them, Zick said. He estimates, however, that less than one percent of the undergraduate population to be self-supporting and exempt from parent notification.

"Last year we had approximately 30 adjudicated abuse cases that went through the hearing," Hipp said. So far this year there have been approximately 10 alcohol abuse cases in which parents or guardians have been notified.

According to Hipp, the change in policy last year occurred as result of Hearn. "He doesn't want to tolerate abuse," Hipp said.

Hipp believes that curtailing alcohol abuse is a major concern of the university. "I feel, as one who implements his policies, that President Hearn would like to see Wake Forest at the forefront," Hipp said.

According to Hipp, the definition of abuse was determined by Student Health Services, student counseling, and the student affairs group that is headed by Holmes.

It is a fairly broad definition which includes either single incidents of intoxication which are putting the student at risk or other rules violations that seem to stem from alcohol," Hipp said.

As of August 1995, the university defines alcohol abuse in four ways, according to the office of the dean of student services.

The following all constitute alcohol abuse: "use of alcohol which leads to medical consequences," "use of alcohol in association with inappropriate behavior," "recurring episodes of intoxication," or "a single episode of intoxication in which the dean of student services or his designee believes that the level of intoxication posed a risk to the student's health or well being."

Leadership conference stresses community

By CHARLES STARKS
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Administrators, faculty members and leaders from campus organizations of all stripes gathered at Bernard's Landing Resort and Conference Center in Moneta, Va., last weekend for the 11th annual Presidents' Leadership Conference. The conference was co-sponsored by President Thomas K. Hearn Jr. and senior Tina Schippers, the president of Student Government.

The conference, organized by SG officers, had a theme this year of "Strengthening Our Community."

"I selected the theme because it was general," Schippers said. "It just happened to be perfect for this year because of what's gone on," she said, referring to the deaths of four students over the past several months and the recent assault on another student.

Schippers said that while specific policy proposals are usually tossed around at the

conference, its main function is to get student leaders talking about their concerns. "The purpose of the conference was to get a dynamic group together to open discussion," she said. Each SG executive officer ran a session on a major campus issue. The four issues discussed were academics, multiculturalism, communication and Shorty's.

The session on multiculturalism was run by junior David Slade, the SG secretary. "I proposed to the group, 'What does multiculturalism mean to you?'" he said. Students then compared their personal experiences with relations between different cultures and races on campus.

"Some students mentioned that they thought the campus had an atmosphere of actual racism," said senior Will Ashworth, the SG speaker of the house. "We found that minority students were generally dissatisfied with their experience."

A report on race relations released Friday by SG was also discussed.

Concern about race relations spilled over into academic areas as well, according to Ashworth. "A lot of people raised concerns about the curriculum being ethnocentric," he said. According to Slade, Paul Escott, the dean of the college, made a verbal commitment to hire more minority faculty members. "(Participants) were interested in the lack of non-African American (minority) students and faculty," Slade said.

Specific proposals were discussed in the other SG officers' presentations as well.

Ashworth's presentation dealt with academics. "We were dealing with the problem of the Class of 2000, and how there's been less importance (placed) on the other three classes," he said.

Both SG and the dean's office proposed loaning laptop computers to upperclassman who need them in classes next year, Ashworth said. Beginning in August, half of the undergraduates will own computers, so more technology-oriented classes will be offered.

A dean's office initiative to encourage students to attend more out-of-class events was also proposed, he said, by "having students be able to drop a quiz or get extra credit if they went to convocation or Year of the Arts events outside the classroom." Credit would be received only for classes that related to the event the student attended.

In light of the recent assault, the participants discussed security issues as well. Participants stressed the need for students to protect themselves, Schippers said.

Schippers also said a volunteer escort program was also discussed. "If you want(ed), you (could) have a student escort you from the library to your room," she said. The escorts would most likely be men, she said.

Such services are common at other universities, and they have been proposed here at various times over the past decade, Schippers said.



LeeAnn Hodges

Bike Safety

A student secures his bike to prevent its theft. Bike thefts have been a problem this year.

CORRECTION

In the *Old Gold and Black* Oct. 10 story "Group reviews judicial system," the name of one of the members of the council appointed to review the university judicial system was misspelled. David Zins is the correct name.

IBM CEO invited to give commencement address

OLD GOLD AND BLACK STAFF REPORT

The university announced this week that Louis V. Gerstner Jr., the chairman and CEO of International Business Machines Corporation, will be the speaker at the university's commencement ceremony May 19.

Prior to joining IBM in 1993, Gerstner served as chairman and CEO of RJR Nabisco Inc. for four years and 11 years before that for the American Express Company.

He holds a master's degree in business administration from Harvard Business School and a bachelor's degree in engineering from Dartmouth College.

One of Gerstner's lifetime achievements has been his work for quality education, for which he has received numerous awards. He

co-authored *Reinventing Education: Entrepreneurship in America's Public Schools*, published in 1994.

While CEO of IBM he has established a program which supports school reform by instituting partnerships with 10 states and school districts. These partnerships seek to use technology to eliminate barriers to school reform and to try to improve student performance.

His achievements also include community involvement. He has served on the boards of the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts and the Smithsonian Institute.

He also serves on the National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee and the Advisory Committee for Trade Policy and Negotiations.

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