

# WORLDWIDE

## Thousands hear Farrakhan

NEW YORK — Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan addressed thousands of followers Wednesday in New York during a rally he billed as the "World's Day of Atonement." His supporters gathered in a plaza near the United Nations headquarters on the first anniversary of the Million Man March on Washington. Farrakhan said the spirit of last year's march of black men is responsible for a seven percent drop in the murder rate. Farrakhan delivered a long speech from within a booth made of bullet-proof glass. He addressed a number of subjects, including abortion.

## Clinton up by 13 points

WASHINGTON — The latest Reuters daily tracking poll puts President Bill Clinton's lead over Republican rival Bob Dole at 13 percentage points. Clinton has 45.8 percent support to Dole's 33.0 percent. The poll, conducted by John Zogby Group International, gives Reform Party candidate Ross Perot 5.1 percent, with 2.9 percent picking "other" and 13.1 percent undecided. The Reuters poll tracks about 900 likely voters over a three-day period. The latest result, with a 3.3 percentage point margin of error, is a rolling average of polling from Sunday through Tuesday.

## New U.S. bid to end Kurd fight

WASHINGTON — The United States announced Wednesday a new bid to end Kurdish fighting in northern Iraq, saying a senior State Department official would visit the Middle East next week to meet leaders of the warring factions. Assistant Secretary of State Robert Pelletreau will meet separately with Kurdistan Democratic Party leader Massoud Barzani and Jalal Talabani, leader of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan. PUK forces have been recovering territory lost during an assault by the KDP backed by Iraqi troops last month.

## NASA schedules flight to Mars

WASHINGTON — NASA says it will launch a probe to Mars Dec. 2 that will release a six-wheeled robot the size of a large toy truck on the surface of the red planet. The mission was scheduled before NASA's August announcement of evidence indicating the existence of microbial life on Mars billions of years ago.

The robot, dubbed Sojourner, is scheduled to arrive on Mars July 4, 1997. NASA says it is meant to function as a mechanical geologist, looking at the terrain and sending back pictures as part of an ambitious 10-mission program. NASA Chief Dan Goldin says the earliest a manned mission can be sent to Mars is the second decade of the 21st century.

# Workshops allow students to experience Scales building



Kelly Sokol

Freshman Richie Ritter and senior Mary Leigh Cherrymake plaster hand casts during a sculpture session at Scales Day, a student-sponsored day of workshops on art, music, dance and theater held last Saturday at the Scales Fine Arts Center.

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In order to provide students with a chance to participate in artistic endeavors, the Scales Fine Arts Center hosted the first Scales Day last Saturday.

Scales Day was sponsored by the student steering committee for the Year of the Arts. It was attended by 55 students, with workshops from the art, theatre, music, and dance departments.

"The day was an opportunity to give students who would not normally have the chance to be in Scales the chance to be there," said senior Craig Joseph, a member of the student steering committee for the Year of the Arts. We need to give them the experience of the Scales building, to celebrate the fact that we have this wonderful facility. Many people do not have the chance to take artistic classes, and this provides them with that," he said.

Events were offered from each of the four departments in Scales.

Letters were sent to leaders of student organizations in an effort to publicize the event. "We got a tremendous response from Kappa Delta and Delta Delta Delta sororities, the Wesley Foundation, a few resident advisors with their halls, and Intervarsity Christian Fellowship. These groups are not normally in Scales, so it was great to have this response," Joseph said.

Social dance and sculpture had the largest amount of student response. The first social dance session attendees were taught the swing, and the second, the tango. "It was really cool. I've always wanted to learn the tango," junior Andrea Barreto said.

The dance classes were taught by Robert Simpson, the owner of Biltmore Dance Studio, in High Point. "The best

part about teaching these classes is the feeling of accomplishment I get when I see students understanding, and capable of doing something that they could not do before," Simpson said.

Sculpture classes were facilitated by senior Mary Leigh Cherry, the chairwoman of the student steering committee for the Year of the Arts. "What was really neat to see was that in the first sculpture session, there were no art students. This means that students who do not normally get to take these classes were here, and that it is important to have things like Scales Day to expose these students to the arts," Cherry said. The sculpture workshop used poly-skin wax to create molds of their hands, and then casted their hands with plaster. "We wanted to show the use of plaster in sculpture," Cherry said.

The workshops from the music department were "Opera Where You Least Expected It," a semi-interactive video presentation to show the influence of popular culture on music, and vice versa, and "What the Heck is That?" an introduction to music history with an opportunity for hands-on experience with antique instruments and music. These workshops were taught by Stewart Carter, an associate professor of music, and by several music students.

The dance department hosted "Social Dance Without the Wait List," which included the demonstration and instruction of social dances, and was facilitated by Nina Lucas and members of the Wake Forest Dance Company.

"Watercolors With Wells," instructed by senior Tammy Wells, was a workshop including a demonstration of watercolor techniques, with an opportunity to create a still-life.

The theatre department offered "Starring (your name here)," where students were paired with a student director to begin blocking and rehearsing a scene. The workshop was led by Joseph and theater major directing students.

# POLICE BEAT

## Concrete trash can damaged

A concrete trash can holder on the Quad was broken between 1:30 a.m. Saturday and 3 a.m. Sunday.

**THEFT** — A student's necklace worth \$200 was taken from a Johnson Residence Hall room between 3 p.m. Oct. 5 and 6 p.m. Oct. 6.

**DAMAGE** — An antenna was broken off a student's car parked in Lot J, behind Collins Residence Hall, between 12:05 a.m. and 9 a.m. Oct. 5.

A rock was thrown through a Luter Residence Hall window between 12:01 a.m. and 1 a.m. Saturday.

An antenna was broken off a student's car and stuck through the car's convertible top between 9:30 p.m. Friday and 5:38 p.m. Saturday. The car was parked in Lot R across from Student Apartments.

An antenna on another student's car, which was also parked in Lot R, was bent between 6 p.m. Friday and 5:38 p.m. Saturday.

**MISCELLANEOUS** — Trespass warnings were given to four teenagers who were skateboarding on campus at approximately 6 p.m. Oct. 10.

Trespass warnings were given to three people from off-campus who were on the Quad at 9:38 p.m. Saturday.

A student living in Collins Residence Hall received three threatening messages between 9:25 p.m. Saturday and 2:30 a.m. Sunday.

Campus Police handled 46 calls from Oct. 7 to Oct. 13, including 10 incidents and investigations and 36 calls for service.

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# 'HALL' service line troubleshoots students' facility problems

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If your tub is clogged with hairballs or your room is infested with ants, never fear — a quick call to Ext. 3333, the "HALL" should take care of your problem.

Students and administrators have a source to turn to when facilities go awry, and the price is included in the cost of room and board.

"We get between 40 and 60 service requests a day off of the 'Hall' line," said Joel Rogers, the manager of fi-

nancial and data services and facilities management. With so many calls, it takes a sizable staff to keep the campus in shape.

There are four quick-service men, Rogers said, who complete on-the-spot emergencies within an hour and a half of when the problems are called in.

They handle problems like toilet overflows, leaking pipes, broken fire alarms and other problems with immediacy.

"I called when my oven door came off and they were there in 10 minutes

to fix it," said senior Tammy Wells.

A bustling staff of slightly less than 200 covers everything else. "We try to answer all service requests within two days of when they are called in," Rogers said.

Working in facilities management and taking calls off the "HALL" line has been at times entertaining, according to Mary Bunch, the assistant manager of facilities management.

"We got a call one time because there was a raccoon in one of the buildings," Bunch said. And it is not uncommon to get calls about chip-

munks and mice in the walls, especially in the winter, she said.

But they are not a cleaning service, Bunch adds. "One student in one of the houses on Polo Road called us up to ask us to clean up their yard because they had mice in it. We talked to our ground supervisor who said that there's not much we can do about that," Bunch said.

Bunch is quick to add that there are several other things that are out of their realm. "We have had requests for additions to rooms, adding a towel bar, adding an electrical outlet and

even requests for a new bed," she said.

What do they handle? According to Bunch, if you have a hole in your wall, a problem with your heating or air conditioning, a burnt-out light, a stopped up sink, shower or toilet or a broken lock, they are the ones to call.

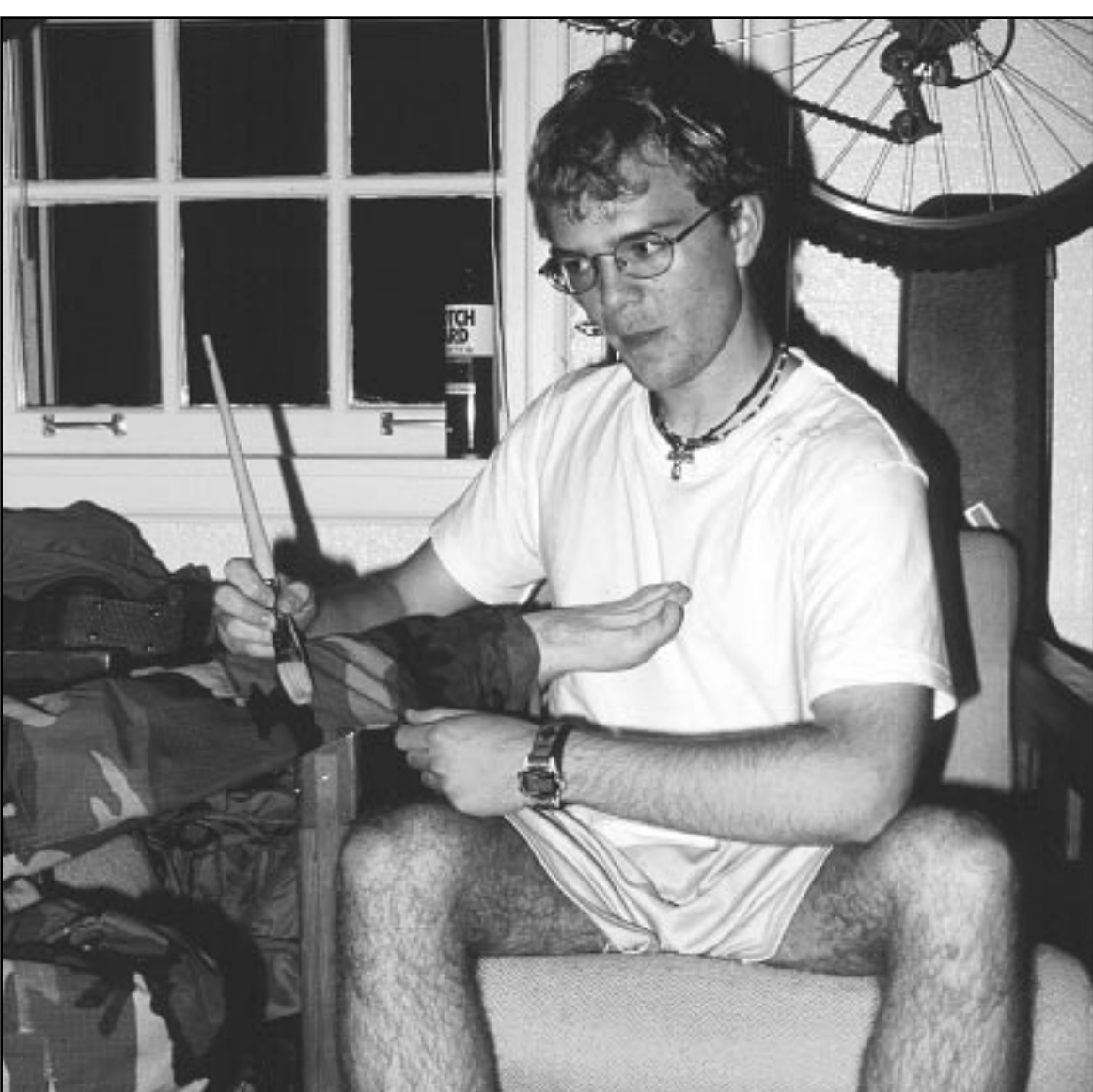
"The very next day after the assault last week, we had seven to eight calls from students wanting to get the locks on their windows fixed," Bunch said. "Although this is a very rare request, we had an unusually high number of calls in one day because students were

suddenly concerned with their safety."

When facilities management answers a service request, they send the bill to Residence Life and Housing, Rogers said.

If they find a problem that looks like vandalism, they report it to RLH before completing repairs because the student may be charged for the service, he said.

Bunch said that students who call in requests should be prepared to give a brief, clear description of the problem and to state their name, phone number and location first.



Tripp Harrington

## Getting a leg up

Sophomore Marcellus Wilson paints junior Robert Hamilton's pants in a lounge in Poteat House.

# Additional lights in parking lot provide better security means

By FRANK BYRNS  
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Parking lot Q behind the Scales Fine Arts Center is finally moving out of the dark ages.

Campus Police and Physical Facilities undertook a project this summer to increase the number of lights in what was formerly one of the darkest spots on campus. "We needed to add some lights to make people feel safer," said Regina Lawson, the chief of Campus Police.

The additions bring the total number of lights in the approximately six-acre parking lot to 48, mounted on 10 poles.

The project has been going on for some time. "We got this started in about August, but the planning has been an on-going process for some time," Lawson said. "Deciding where to place the new lights was a tedious process, and we got input from Student Government and various committees."

One goal of the new lights is to curb the theft that plagued the Scales parking lot last year. "We hope the new lights will severely decrease the number of cars broken into," said Bill Sides, the director of physical facilities. There are approximately 950 parking spaces in the lot.

"We hope it will reduce the crime," Lawson said. "We feel that lights serve as a deterrent, and reduce fear among the community."

Keeping the scenic beauty of the campus was an issue. "We needed to make it lighter and to make people feel safer," Lawson said. "Our goal is to make the lighting consistent. This becomes difficult on an old, beautiful campus like ours."

Many students are in favor of the new lights. "It gets pretty dark out there," junior Josh Bryant said. "I think new lights would help a lot."

Other students feel this is not enough. "I don't think they can add enough lights out there," junior Melinda McElveen said. "That parking lot is pretty scary at night."

# Pit hours extended on weekdays

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During the month of October, dinner hours in the Pit have been extended to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday at the request of Student Government.

Turnout has been mixed, according to Scott Ownby, the director of Food Services.

"Some nights ... it is very busy. Some nights it is zero," he said.

On Monday and Tuesday nights the Pit was extremely crowded during the new hours.

Deborah Tyson, the chairwoman of the SG Campus Life Committee, said she hopes such turnout will make the new hours permanent.

"Some students have meetings ... and can't get there until late," she said.

She said students want to eat in the Pit because "there's not as much variety" in Benson.

Many students echoed Tyson's sentiments. "I think everyone likes to come a little later," freshman Frank Johnson said.

"There is more healthy food available," freshman Clare Douglass said.

The turnout in the Pit suggests that students are aware of the new hours.

Ownby approved of the SG advertising campaign, which includes a large banner in the Pit and flyers around campus.

"I think they've done a pretty darn good job," he said.

The issue of extending Pit hours came up last year when students complained that they could not get dinner during Pit hours because of activities.

No decision has been made on whether or not the extended hours in the Pit will be permanent.

The decision will be based upon the change in Pit profits, according to Tyson.