

# OLD GOLD AND BLACK

## Smoke and power outages cause evacuation

### Fire alarms in Tribble did not sound after power outage

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Many students missed class Tuesday afternoon when power outages and smoke caused the evacuation of Tribble Hall around noon. Not everyone was informed of the evacuation, however, as the fire alarm in Tribble does not work without electrical power.

Power also went out in the Z. Smith Reynolds Library, Davis House, Taylor House, Reynolda Hall, the Benson University Center and the Scales Fine Arts Center. Power was restored to all buildings by 3 p.m. with the exception of the library, which did not regain power until 6 p.m.

Although many people in Tribble smelled smoke, there was no fire, according to Regina Lawson, the chief of Campus Police. The smoky smell was caused by an overloaded motor in the basement of Tribble.

People who were in Tribble at the time of the power outage were evacuated by the fire department, Campus Police or other university

officials. The fire alarm was never sounded. "I was having class and somebody came in and said evacuate the building and we did," said Sarah Watts, an associate professor of history. "It smelled like burning wires. There's no other smell like it. ... The fire alarm never went off."

The smoke detected in Tribble was caused by the change in electrical current after the power to Tribble was cut. Some motors in the mechanical room received a different current than usual and overloaded.

The Winston-Salem Fire Department was notified about the smoke in Tribble. They inspected the building and found no fire and no threat of fire, according to Lawson.

David Weinstein, a professor of politics, was working in his office when the power in Tribble went out and was never notified about the evacuation. "I must have been in the office for 20 or 25 minutes," he said.

Weinstein's wife, who is also a professor, realized he had never left the building and called up to his office to tell him to evacuate. "I went

into the hallway and noticed another professor and a student having a conference (in an office)," he said.

Weinstein left the building but returned a few minutes later with a colleague. Realizing that many people might not have heard about the evacuation, they pulled a fire alarm to get people out of the building. The fire alarm, however, did not work. Weinstein and his colleague walked around the building trying to find any remaining people and evacuate them, until they ran into fire department officials.

According to James Blackburn, the assistant director of Physical Facilities, the fire alarm in Tribble is part of an old electrical system. When the power is cut off, the fire alarm system no longer works. The residence halls are on a more modern system that backs up the fire alarm with battery power. Tribble is on the list of buildings to be upgraded with a battery pack at some point.

The power outage was caused by a



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Students stand outside Tribble after smoke caused the evacuation of the building.

## Hearn's salary ranked third

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President Thomas K. Hearn Jr. received the third-highest total compensation in 1994-95 among presi-

dents of doctoral universities, according to the *Chronicle of Higher Education*. There are four categories of universities ranked, including Research Universities, Doctoral, Master's Universities and Colleges

and Baccalaureate Colleges.

Hearn's total compensation in 1994-95 totaled \$374,868, which included his salary of \$175,000 and benefits valued at \$199,868.

Benefits received by Hearn included deferred compensation, or retirement funds; medical benefits; the use of the university-owned house where Hearn lives on Kearns Avenue; and use of an automobile, according to Kevin Cox, the director of the university News Bureau.

According to Cox, Hearn's compensation comes from budgets of the Reynolda Campus and the Hawthorne Campus, which includes the Bowman Gray School of Medicine. Hearn is president of both campuses.

Hearn's compensation was more than that of the presidents of several comparable universities.

Hearn received 19 percent more than the total payment received by Nan Keohane, the president of Duke University, who received \$315,821, and 36 percent more than the total compensation of William Chace, the president of Emory University, whose compensation was \$275,000.

Joe Wyatt, the chancellor of Vanderbilt University, earned 28 percent more than Hearn, with a total payment of \$478,489.

The next highest-paid president in the doctoral university category was James Freedman, the president of Dartmouth College, whose compensation of \$356,588 was five percent less than Hearn's.

"The trustees, of course, set the compensation for the president. I would assume they take

## Driver charged with first-degree

By KAREN HILLENBRAND  
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The man charged in the deaths of sophomores Julie Hansen and Maia Witzl will now be prosecuted on first-degree murder charges, according to the district attorney's office.

Thomas Richard Jones, 39, was originally charged with two counts of second-degree murder, but at a grand jury hearing Monday, prosecutor Vince Rabil got the grand jury to hand down indictments for first-degree murder. Rabil believes that this is the first time that anyone has been charged with first-degree murder in a fatal vehicular accident in North Carolina.

"We think this will be a significant deterrent to drunk drivers who have killed many people," said Rabil, the assistant district attorney.

The reason for this change to first-degree murder is the felony-murder rule, which says that if someone dies while a person is committing a felony, that person can be charged with first-degree murder. The prosecutor does not have to prove premeditation, deliberation, or malice.

"Where there are so many people hurt and killed we believe it comes under the murder-felony rule," Rabil said.

The felony Jones was indicted for was assault with a deadly weapon, inflicting serious injury. The deadly weapon in this case was the automobile Jones was driving. He was not indicted on felony drunk driving, but Rabil did not request this.

Before trial, a superior court judge will decide whether or not Jones will be tried for first-degree murder, and if he is, whether he can get the death penalty if convicted. If not, Jones would receive life in prison if convicted of the first-degree charge.

Rabil said that he cannot predict what the judge will rule, but if he does not rule for first-degree murder, Rabil said the prosecution may petition the state supreme court to rule in the case.

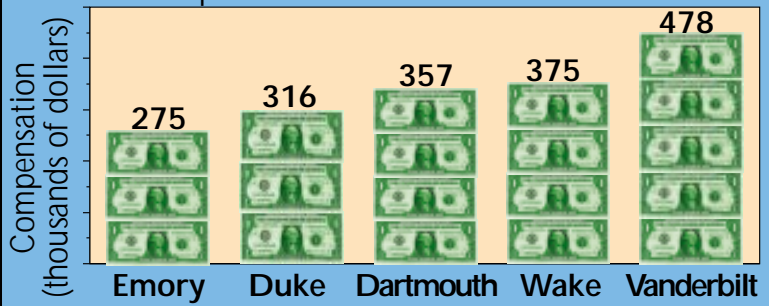
Don Castleman, a professor at the school of law and an expert on criminal law, said that there is a chance that Jones will go to trial on first-degree murder charges. Rabil may have problems proving to the judge first of all that the car can be classified as a deadly weapon, and second of all, lenity.

Lenity, Castleman said, involves the stretching of criminal statutes beyond their intended coverage. He said that Rabil may be stretching the felony-murder rule too far. However, Castleman said, "If I was in Rabil's

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### In the money

Third highest among doctoral universities, President Thomas K. Hearn's annual compensation is comparable to that of the presidents of research universities.



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## SG debates meal card expansion

By KATE COSGROVE  
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Imagine ordering a pizza from Papa John's and not being concerned that there is no money in your wallet to pay for it. This is what the Student Government Relations committee conceptualized at their Tuesday meeting, when they discussed tentative plans which would enable students to use their Deacon Dining cards at area restaurants.

According to junior Lilly Bekele, the chairwoman of the committee, committee members will be contacting John Anderson, the vice president of finance and administration, Scott Ownby, the director of food services, and the individual restaurants to see if such a plan would be possible.

The committee also discussed the idea of having a longer fall break, or adding a day to the Thanksgiving break. They are currently looking at the schedules of other ACC schools to

compare the breaks that these schools give their students during the fall semester. Tentative plans are also being made for a new faculty-student mixer, in which SG representatives or a random sampling of the student body would be invited to meet new faculty members. According to Bekele, such a mixer would be a small-scale version of the faculty-student mixer, and it would help to integrate new faculty into the university community.

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## University should guide students

### Expectations of students outside of class needs to be well defined

By DAN CHILDS  
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While this university has high expectations for the performance expected within the classroom, according to a report compiled by George Kuh, an Indiana University professor of higher education, the university's expectations of student conduct beyond the classroom are not well defined.

"One characteristic of good colleges is that they establish and communicate high expectations and hold people responsible for performing at high levels," Kuh said. "Wake must send clear, unequivocal messages to students about the behaviors that are appropriate and acceptable in this academic community."

Ken Zick, the vice president for student life and instructional resources, said it is important that the expectations the university has for students be defined. "When a student becomes a member of this community, they are also saying they are identifiable with the university," Zick said.

"There are certain expectations that this univer-

sity has that are higher than those of civil society."

Zick also emphasized that students need to be allowed the freedom to develop their own mode of interaction with society.

"The main question is, are we making it clear enough to our students in this generation so that there is creative interplay between social values and expression of these values?" Zick said.

"Great universities ought to be able to embrace their central values and with that some values of freedom which allow creative expression."

Provost David Brown said he believes it is important that the university facilitates the development of values and ethical codes of the students. He added that in his opinion, students are

magnificent representatives of the university.

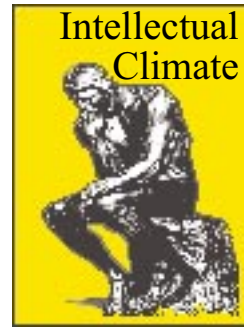
Senior Brent Martin said he feels it is important that the university make expectations of students clear, but added enforcement of the value systems set by the university should be considered.

"The university should tell students what it expects of them, because the students probably have certain expectations of the university, too," Martin said.

He said in most cases, however, differences with the value system should be the student's business until the behavior steps on the toes of the community.

Kuh, an assessor of universities hired by the administration to evaluate the intellectual climate of the university, based his findings in the report on the College Student Experiences Questionnaire.

He also drew his conclusions from individual interviews, focus groups, and on the Montreat Retreat held in late January, where about 30 faculty, students and staff participated in discussion about the university's intellectual climate.



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### Honor your Scholar

Sophomores Laura Parsons and Elizabeth Laney sign Christopher Fahrney up for Chi Omega's Honor Your Scholar program.



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