

BRIEFLY

■ Fashion show held tonight

An International Fashion show will be held tonight at 8 p.m. in Brendle Recital Hall. Admission is \$1.

■ Reception to honor professors

A reception will be held from 4 – 6:30 p.m. Friday in the lobby of the Scales Fine Arts Center to honor Mary Deshazer, a professor of English and Susan Borwick, a professor of music.

Deshazer will be stepping down as director of the women's studies program, and Borwick will be taking over as director. Everyone is invited to attend.

■ Committee seeks student input

Students are invited to participate in the Student Health Advisory Committee.

The committee meets with the director of Student Health Services to discuss student health issues and concerns.

Students who are interested should contact Sylvia Bell, the associate director of Student Health Service, at Student Health Services at Ext. 5218.

The committee will hold its first meeting at 6:30 p.m. Sunday in Benson 310.

■ Judicial discussion to be held

The department of Romance languages is sponsoring a discussion entitled "Judicial Virtue and Masculinity: Power and Image of the Judge, 1600-1700" at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday in Tribble B216.

Orest Ranum, a professor of French history at Johns Hopkins University, will speak.

For information, call Milorad Margitic, a professor of Romance languages, at Ext. 5548.

All are welcome to attend.

■ Supreme Court clerk to speak

William K. Suter, a clerk of the U.S. Supreme Court, will lecture at noon Wednesday at the School of Law.

The lecture, which is free and open to the public, will take place in the Worrell Professional Center auditorium.

Suter, the liaison between the Supreme Court and the public, will offer insight into the operation of the Court and explain court procedures.

■ Exchange scholarship available

Applications for the Burgos and Colombia Exchange Scholarship are being accepted until Oct. 31.

The scholarship recipient will enroll in regular yearlong courses at the University of Burgos, Spain, and for a semester at Los Andes, Bogota, Colombia.

University credit will be granted for successfully completed work.

The scholarship covers all academic fees, including room and board.

Application forms and information are available in the department of Romance languages, Tribble B201. For information, call Ext. 5487.

■ Scholarship money offered

Any college senior or graduate of the last five years who has not yet begun graduate study and plans to complete a Ph.D. in a humanistic field may apply for the Mellon Fellowship.

The fellowship's purpose is to attract exceptionally promising students to prepare for teaching careers and scholarship in humanistic studies and to contribute to the continuity of teaching and research in American colleges and universities.

Interested persons may make an appointment with Susan Faust, the assistant to Provost Emeritus Ed Wilson, at Ext. 5891 by Nov. 1.

■ 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 in the third floor rotunda of Benson.

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.

■ 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 1312 Worrell.

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 highest position in a major public company in Wisconsin.

■ BSU fundraiser 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.

Submissions for the briefly column must be turned in Tuesday by 5 p.m.

Report reveals tension in race relations

By ERIN FOLEY
CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

Student Government has released the results of its report on the status of race relations at the university. The report reveals that many students, faculty and staff members feel that race relations are a problem at the university.

A nine member Executive Commission on Race Relations met during the 1995-96 school year to gather information from members of the university community.

A survey was distributed to 631 randomly-selected students and 42 faculty members.

The results of this survey were released in a report titled "The Task Before Us: The Student Government Executive Committee on Race Relations 1995-1996 Year-End Report."

"We hope to spark awareness of multiculturalism, and hopefully provoke action. This report barely scratches the surface of the problem," said junior David Slade, the 1995-96 chairman of the com-

mission and the SG secretary.

The student survey showed that 74 percent of upperclassmen felt that racial tensions exist on campus.

Fifty-seven percent of freshmen shared the opinion.

In addition, 88 percent of upperclassmen and 79 percent of freshmen considered the social atmosphere at the university to be racially divided.

According to the report, these results are alarming because they illustrate that the more time students spend on the university campus, the more evident racial problems become.

"This is very alarming because it shows a definite increase as university students continue in their four years here, in the feelings that the campus is divided. The numbers are increasing, and this does not bode well for new students. We need to foster unity within the first year," Slade said.

Student survey results also indicated that 30 percent of occurrences of racism that were directed at students were from other students.

Seven percent were from faculty and staff.

The report attributed the results of the survey to several factors. The university is racially homogeneous, as 89 percent of the 1995-96 undergraduate students are white.

In addition, there is a limited opportunity to take multicultural classes, and a lack of multicultural clubs and events on campus.

"The committee made several recommendations in the report as to plans of action. It is up to the campus to follow through with these ideas," Slade said.

"One recommendation that we are adamant about is the addition of an ethnic studies course as a choice for a divisional requirement. We feel it is essential to learn from other cultures. With enough student backing, we will be able to follow through," Slade said.

Other committee recommendations included increased recruitment of minority students, as well as a greater drive to improve multiculturalism by popular campus organizations, such as the Student Union, Panhellenic and Intrafraternity

councils and the offices of Student Life and Public Affairs.

"It is very typical for the university to blame social problems on Greek life. We should foster interrelations between traditionally black organizations and traditionally white organizations. But, the committee did not find the Greek system to be at fault in promoting racial divisions. There is a lack of interactions, and we should work towards greater numbers," Slade said.

Finally, the survey results indicated that there is a perception that Campus Police is racist.

The perception is apparently the result of the 1995 Pit Jam incident, where pepper spray was used by Campus Police on 300 black students as a crowd control response.

The committee did not find fault with the actions of the police, though.

The sensitivity training undergone by all officers was considered sufficient, and the commission recommended that current training measures be continued.

A forum with the student body to create a more comfortable environment with Campus Police was recommended.

Controller's office ensures financial order

By TIM MACPHAIL
CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

Although disliked by dollar-conscious students and parents, the controller's office plays a necessary and crucial role in ensuring the smooth functioning of the university.

The employees of the office, which is located on the first floor of Reynolda Hall, work to keep track of and maintain most of the university's financial accounts.

The office, under the leadership of Controller Thomas Gilson, maintains an account for each student enrolled at the university. These accounts indicate payments due, such as tuition, room and board, parking fines and other miscellaneous fees. The student accounts are adjusted to reflect financial aid allowances, although the controller's office does not determine aid figures, according to Clara Pruitt, the loan fund accountant.

The department is also responsible for preparing the university's budget before it is submitted to the board of trustees, Pruitt said.

All finances have to be accounted for, and different employees are responsible for different funds. The spending of government and private grants has to be tracked, and endowments must be accounted for and then invested, Pruitt said.

The office is especially busy in August and December, when tuition must be collected. Several employees work many hours in order to personally check accounts for both undergraduate and graduate students. "But if we didn't have students, we wouldn't have a job, so we're not complaining," Pruitt said.

The office tries to ensure that all students pay their tuition before registration time. Students trying to pay their fees at the last minute create long lines at the Controller's office, causing headaches for themselves as well as the office employees. "A large majority of the students get their payments in on time," Pruitt said.

Another duty of the Controller's office is to offer and collect student loans. While loans are given through the financial aid process, institutional loans are also available to students ineligible for aid. These loans are then paid back after a student graduates, or students can defer payments until after they finish graduate school, Pruitt said.

The university has one of the lowest default rates in the country on these loans, meaning that very few loans are not paid back, Pruitt said. Traditionally, unpaid loans are due to a graduate's unemployment.

Pruitt said some students have at times run up substantial bills through fees such as parking fines. All bills, including bills from Telecommunications, must be cleared before a student can graduate.

In the case of a student who withdraws from the university, bills must be paid before the university releases any transcripts, according to Pruitt.

With all the work that goes into a well-functioning office, many employees are necessary. Student staff members, whether working off grants or on the regular payroll, help to alleviate some of the workload. "We couldn't do it without the students," Pruitt said.

Complaints toward the department are minimal, but Pruitt said that disgruntled students with parking fines often attempt to plead their innocence to the office employees, who only collect the payments and have nothing to do with the legitimacy of tickets.



Senior Colleen Fraser helps a student take care of his financial business at the Controller's office.

Problems arise in Homecoming preparations

By BRIAN M. WHITE
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Homecoming, an event in which over 700 alumni gather on campus, seems to be a mysterious subject to many students. Many students are uninformed about the events due to difficulties encountered in the advertising for the event, said sophomore Camille Breathette, this year's Student Union Homecoming chairwoman.

"In attempting to increase school spirit and lessen the apathy on campus, we tried to have a broad range of events that would appeal to the student population," Breathette said.

Problems in getting all of the events to work stem from several causes. "We tried to do too many things this first year," Breathette said. The committee size was a problem. Starting with a large number of people, the committee had only a few people to help in

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these final days. The amount of money set aside for the events was also a problem. "The budget for Homecoming was large enough to get things done, if you're creative," Breathette said.

There are several student events scheduled for homecoming this year. One of the events will be a pre-game rolling of the Quad at 7:30 p.m. today in anticipation of a successful football game Saturday. The Music Renaissance Festival will kick things off on Friday at 4:30 p.m. with a wide variety of bands. There will be groups representing hip-hop, jazz-funk, reggae and rock.

Saturday, there will be a carnival cosponsored by the Student Alumni Council and the Student Union. The carnival will be held at 10 a.m. before the kickoff of the Navy football game. There will be booths, free food and games. Other events such as the Powder Puff football game have been canceled due to a lack of participation.

Not included in the list of events for Homecoming is a school-wide dance. It was a tradition for many years and then was dropped in 1994 in favor of two showings of the movie "Reality Bites." According to Breathette, there are no plans for a Homecoming dance, but several students have expressed interest in one.

"I think it's a great idea, but I don't know how the administration would react to it, if it was off-campus," Breathette said. In its place, many of the fraternities are having dances of their own.

Homecoming's main purpose is to entertain the university's alumni. Classes starting at 1946 and going up to 1991 are having organized events on campus.

"Right now we have 400 people coming and by Friday morning we'll have between 600 and 700," said Helen Essick, a secretary in the Office of Alumni Activities.

Web site undergoes changes to become more accessible

By MEREDITH BOREL
OLD GOLD AND BLACK REPORTER

The university's World Wide Web site will look quite different the next time you download it onto a computer.

The redesigned Web site will sport a new look and design which will allow for greater accessibility to information about the university, and make the pages speedier and easier to navigate.

"Really you get quite a lot of information in a compact screen," said Lloyd Whitehead, the assistant university editor. Whitehead was on the committee formed last year which proposed the redesigned Web site, and was instrumental in putting the site together over the past few months.

"Basically, there was some evidence that some people in various departments wanted to see changes made on the Web site," Whitehead said.

The committee included faculty from various academic departments, the university editor's office, admissions and the law school.

"It was designed with speed in mind," said Kevin Cox, the director of media relations. "I think people will be extremely happy with this site."

Catherine Horne, the associate university editor and the art director, designed the new physical look of the pages, which includes many more artistic graphical icons than existed before. There is also a new graphic footer for each page, which

can direct users back to the main home page, to a search engine, to e-mail directories, or to a help page.

"We've avoided some of the most cutting-edge things because we didn't want to lose users," Whitehead said. "We're after comprehensive, good-looking pages that someone on a ThinkPad can make good use of."

The new home page includes links to the graduate, undergraduate and professional schools of the university, as well as to the administration and to various directories.

The visitors page has also been revamped to provide better information to prospective students who use the Web to become acquainted with the university.

The new admissions page will be of further help to prospective students. It includes a downloadable application, as well as extensive information about the university, especially financial aid and scholarship information.

The Web site was originally scheduled to go on-line by Monday, but several problems delayed its debut. Whitehead said they hoped to have it up and running by 5 p.m., Wednesday.

"We've had a few glitches over the past several days," Whitehead said.

Whitehead said that they were making their best effort to implement the new site smoothly, without impairing any students prior access or links established through the prior Web site.



Sing Along

Freshmen roommates Hasina Hawkins and Evie Wesley sing in their residence hall room one day.