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## Great pumpkin rises again



**Project Pumpkin drew children from all over Forsyth County: Above left, freshman Cassie Graham helps escort Jermaine and Shakee around the Quad. Above right, clowns Rob Brachowski and Zach Zimmerman make balloon animals for the trick-or-treaters. Bottom left, junior Haslyn Howard paints a Halloween motif on Jasmine's face. Bottom right, a trick-or-treater enjoys the festivities.**

All photos by LeeAnn Hodges

## More than a thousand trick-or-treaters descended onto campus

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The Quad was transformed into a pumpkin patch as Project Pumpkin brought Forsyth County children to the campus Wednesday for the Volunteer Service Corps' annual event.

This was a drop from the estimates of over 1,500 children coming to the university. The miscalculation was caused by several factors. This is the first year that an actual count of participants has been done. In years past the numbers were estimated by the agencies involved. Another reason is that around 900 children were pre-registered to attend, and the estimates assumed that several hundred more would show up.

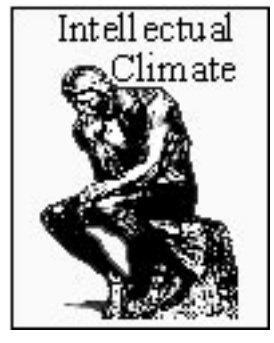
Many students took part in the festivities, filling roles such as escorts, face painters, clowns and others who worked behind the scenes. "Right now, we have around 700 to 800 escorts and another 200 committee members," said senior Chris O'Neal, the chairman of the Project Pumpkin steering committee.

Twenty-nine agencies including the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Clubs, the Downtown Church Center and the Housing Authority of Winston Salem brought 1,000 trick-or-treaters with them.

## Protests impact student opinion

By MEREDITH BOREL  
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As people watching the student protest about the gates last spring may have guessed, students at this university don't hesitate to criticize their school. These results come from George Kuh, a professor of higher education at Indiana University who compiled his findings mainly from the College Student Experiences Questionnaire, administered last spring to a random sample of 527 university students.



staff listen more carefully and more acutely to what students are saying than at other universities," Zick said. Kuh said that disagreement and criticism were a natural part of an intelligent community. However, he said that sometimes this type of critical interaction is not always encouraged by faculty and administration.

"A vocal subset routinely express dissatisfaction and disappointment when their experiences fail to meet their expectations," Kuh wrote.

"At the same time," Kuh wrote, "there is a thread in the ethos of Wake which suggests that public disagreement is to be avoided because it reflects an institutional shortcoming." Gupton viewed this finding as a very important and pressing one. "We get the idea that dissension is not encouraged," Gupton said.

Ken Zick, the vice president for student life and instructional resources, did not find this surprising. "There's a great sense of ownership in the educational process here," he said.

She said that at the recent forum on the Kuh Report, sponsored by Chi Psi fraternity, there was a good discussion of these issues. She also referred to a feeling she had observed among some professors that their public dissension might affect their achievement of tenure.

Kuh said he found that some students feel that meaningful interaction with the administration has been discouraged recently. He referred specifically to controversial issues such as the policy that stipulates letters be sent to parents following a violation of the alcohol policy, the decision to construct gatehouses at the university entrances, and the freshman tuition increase for the Plan for the Class of 2000.

Senior Caroline Gupton was very involved in the organization of the protest against the installation of the gates last year. She said she felt that in that situation, the administration interacted with students and used their opinions only on a limited basis, and took a "top-down" approach to making the decision. "I pretty much see the protest as an effect of the poor relationship between the administration and the students," Gupton said.

## SBAC grapples with many requests, little money

By PATRICK McDONOUGH  
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Each fall, the Student Budget Advisory Committee of the Student Government makes decisions about how to fund approximately 60 student organizations. This year, their findings will be critical to the operation of several student organizations, particularly the media organizations on campus.

The three groups that requested the most money were the *Old Gold and Black*, the *Howler*, and WAKE TV. Junior Chris Cathcart, the treasurer of SG and chairman of the SBAC, noted that WAKE TV requested a significantly larger budget than last year, as did WAKE Radio.

"Due to their growth curve, these organizations have to purchase expensive items. WAKE Radio needs certain items for broadcasting. It is very possible for them to become an AM station," Cathcart said.

Large, one-time expenditures for particular organizations have contributed to a record \$552,690 in requested funds—an increase of 32 percent over last year's requests. A total of 43 groups and 15 club sports petitioned SBAC this fall for the \$383,000 in the SBAC budget.

Cathcart said that SBAC is trying to stay far enough under budget to offer decision packages and to hear budget appeals from student organizations. A decision package is used to cover a one-time expense that an organization may have, such as a new computer or money to attend a conference.

In addition to groups that applied for funds last year, Cathcart said that seven first-year groups applied for funds. A first-year group, according to SBAC, is a chartered organization that is not necessarily in its first year of existence, but is applying for funds for the first time. These groups include College Republicans, the Anthropology Club, Bacchus, Environmentally Concerned Organization of Students, the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Issues Awareness organization, the Islam Awareness Organization, and Resident Student Association. One group that received funding

## SG addresses issue of parking situation

By KATE COSGROVE  
SG REPORTER

Student Government legislators tackled the issue of parking at their meeting Tuesday. Junior Will Ashworth, the SG speaker of the house, asked legislators for new ideas regarding parking policies, rather than ideas concerning structural changes. "We are looking for suggestions to improve the parking situation that do not involve the construction of new parking lots or garages," Ashworth said.

Legislators suggested that a possible remedy to this problem would be to extend the hours that students can park in Physical Facilities spaces until 8:30 a.m. instead of 7:30 a.m. Students would then not be forced to walk far to their dorms late at night.

Senior Tina Schippers, the president of SG, told legislators that the reason that they were not submitting ideas for structural parking changes was because the university did not have the money to fund such a project. According to Schippers, the university investigated the idea of building a parking garage behind Collins Residence Hall, and found that it would cost \$6,000 per parking space.

One legislator also said that there should be a security guard on duty in the parking lot behind Scales Fine Arts Center all night, so that students would feel safe when walking from their cars. An idea to prohibit freshmen from bringing cars to campus created some controversy among the legislature. Sophomore Ryan Opel of the Judicial Committee assured SG members that this idea had already been brought before President Thomas K. Hearn Jr., and he had dismissed the suggestion. Another suggestion was a policy that would allow freshmen to park off campus and provide shuttles to take them to and from their

vehicles. One idea that appeared to gain the vast approval of the legislature was to place lettered signs in the Scales lot, so that students would find it easier to locate their cars. Senior Tina Schippers, the president of SG, told legislators that the reason that they were not submitting ideas for structural parking changes was because the university did not have the money to fund such a project. According to Schippers, the university investigated the idea of building a parking garage behind Collins Residence Hall, and found that it would cost \$6,000 per parking space. In relation to the issue of parking lot security, junior Amy Eckert, the chairwoman of the physical planning committee, reported that Facilities Management has already implemented 30 percent of its two-year plan to strengthen safety on campus. Some of these changes include additional lighting and



**Tree monkeys**  
Two birds of a different feather flock together in a magnolia tree.

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Halloween may be over, but spirits still linger in the theater.  
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