

# BRIEFLY

## ■ Dinners with trustees offered

Students will have the opportunity to dine with trustees at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday. Twenty-four students chosen in a random lottery will have dinner with three groups of three trustees. To enter the lottery, students may call student trustee junior Joy Vermillion by today at Ext. 6956.

## ■ Wreath ceremony conducted

The ROTC department will be conducting a wreath-laying ceremony at 7 a.m. Friday. All students and faculty are invited to attend. For more information, call 767-9654 or e-mail to yatesmc3@wfu.edu.

## ■ 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.

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

## ■ Discovery Series continues

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.

The next session will be held Tuesday. The subject will be Tai Chi, the ancient art of stress management.

For more information, call Joanna Iwata, the director of the Benson Center, at Ext. 5228.

## ■ Truman scholarships available

The Truman Foundation provides scholarships for college students preparing for public service careers. Applicants must be juniors in the top quarter of their class who have extensive records of public and community service, are committed to careers in government or elsewhere in the public sector, wish to influence public policies, have outstanding leadership potential and possess intellectual strength and analytical abilities. If you are interested, please contact James Barefield, a professor of history, at Ext. 5555 to set an appointment by Nov. 18.

## ■ French plays to be produced

The Romance languages department will produce Molière's play *Le Médecin Malqué* lui in French during the spring semester. If you are interested, pick up a questionnaire in Tribble B201, fill it in as soon as possible and put it in the mailbox of Eva Rodtwitt, a lecturer of Romance languages, as soon as possible. For more information, leave a message at 759-0570.

## ■ Foreign scholarships offered

Applications are now available for the Berlin Exchange Program and the W.D. Sanders Scholarships for study in Germany and Austria. The scholarship is open to rising juniors who have completed German 153 or above.

The W.D. Sanders scholarships are open to rising sophomores, juniors or seniors who have completed German 153 or above.

The application forms are due in the German department office by Dec. 2. For more information, call Timothy Sellner, a professor and the chairman of the department of German and Russian, at Ext. 5363.

## ■ Museum shop commences sale

"Bring in the new" is the Museum of Anthropology Shop's motto this holiday season. Their annual holiday sale will begin Dec. 2. During the sale the shop is open Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Faculty, staff and students receive a 10 percent discount on items \$5 and above. For more information, call Ext. 5282.

## ■ 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 Ext. 5218.

## ■ 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 Worrell 1312. The public is invited to attend the free lectures.

## ■ BSU fund-raiser planned

The Baptist Student Union is sponsoring Weekend Work Days Friday and Saturday. Members will do yard work and rake leaves and in return ask for donations to North Carolina Student Summer Missions, 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 sophomore Carey King at Ext. 1503.

# Committee travels to purchase artwork

By BRIAN M. WHITE  
NEWS PRODUCTION ASSISTANT

Every four years, something occurs which involves a committee of 10 students, has cost \$25,000 in years past, and requires a lot of hard work, commitment and tough decisions. Because of this hard work, the Student Union collection of contemporary art will have about four to six new works of art.

During spring break this year, five students, a faculty member, and an administrator will travel to New York to purchase art for the collection, which is displayed throughout the Benson University Center.

A lot of preparation was necessary for this trip. "We started with a three way approach. We wrote to local art experts, sent letters to various galleries and sent letters to the artists already in the collection," said sophomore Jennifer Bumgarner, the chairwoman of the buying committee.

The committee then narrows the choices of pieces down until a reasonable number are reached.

In 1963 several students went on the first buying trip, with trips in four year increments starting in 1965. "It's been a very successful operation since it began," said

Robert Knott, a professor of art and the faculty member in charge of the committee.

The collection was started as student-based and student-funded and this policy still remains in effect today. "One of the distinctive features of this collection is that people are very concerned with expanding the collection by representing all sorts of artists and current trends," Bumgarner said.

"The collection represents in essence, what was going on during those four years before the trip," Knott said. A distinctive feature of this collection is the fact that all of the art is located in publicly accessible Benson instead of in a museum or gallery. "I don't know of any other school that does it like this," Bumgarner said.

This year, the committee faces a unique problem. Current trends in art seem to be moving to both video installations, which require a room for a total experience, and temporal mediums. Therefore the selection will be more difficult.

To be a part of the committee, the students submitted an application last spring which included three short answer questions and a brief interview.

"The people on this committee are really willing to make a big time commitment and really willing to do a lot



This untitled painting in the Benson University Center is part of a collection that was purchased in New York by the special committee.

of work," Bumgarner said. They also take a class in contemporary art the semester before the trip, in order to help them in their purchasing decisions.

# Alumnus, poet A. R. Ammons will teach class

By NICOLE IACOVONE  
CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

This spring, students and faculty will be able to relish in the literary achievements of a distinguished alumnus, poet A.R. Ammons. He will serve as a poet-in-residence for the spring semester.

Ammons will probably admit no more than 15 students to his class, Theory, Practice Verse Writing I, but Ed Wilson, the provost emeritus, is still encouraging people to learn from him. "Whatever you do, there is a place in everyone's life for some poet. Archie models the fact well that even though he has written great poetry he is just a real person," Wilson said. "He is always so excited to come back, even flattered. . . . He once said he thought he was invisible here."

This humility is evident in the attitude Ammons takes toward his homecoming. He too discourages students from feeling intimidation. "It doesn't matter where the person is at the given time of the class but where they go from there," he said.

Ammons wants to dispel any false impressions or glorious expectations. "After all, it's just me, and I'm just a country boy," he said.

Originally from Whiteville, Ammons attended the university after completing service in World War II and graduated

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Edwin Wilson  
Provost Emeritus

with the class of 1946.

His accomplished writing career has been honored and distinguished with many awards including two National Book Awards, a Guggenheim fellowship and the North Carolina Award in Literature.

In addition to his publications, Ammons is a Goldwin Smith professor of poetry and has been teaching at Cornell University since 1964.

Ammons revisited this university in 1978 as a poet-in-residence, after Wilson, his former professor, recognized his name in a literary publication.

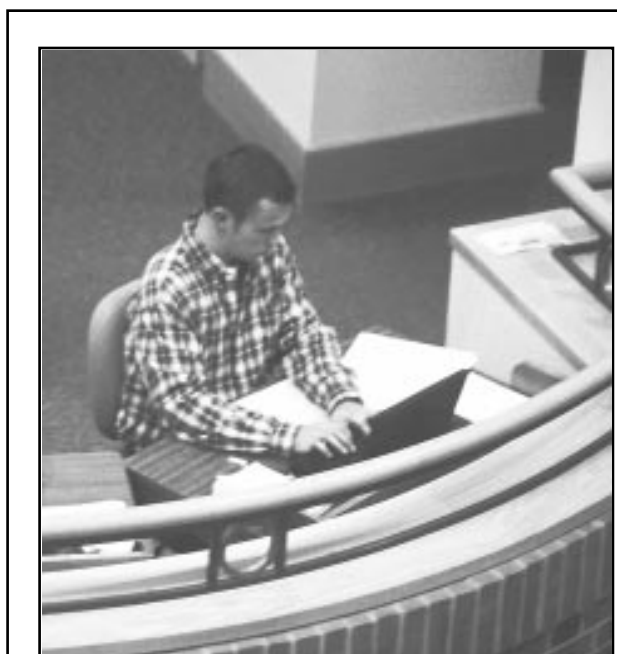
Ammons was also on campus in 1995 for a seminar called "The Homecoming of A.R. Ammons," which gathered many alumni for an exciting experience in exploring his poetry.

Emily Wilson, the wife of Ed Wilson, and herself a published poet, remembers the seminar and Ammons with pleasure.

"It is wonderful to have him on campus, and to get to know him, as a member of the community and a great poet and alumnus," she said.

She emphasized that students should not be intimidated by the fact that he is a great poet but instead should be eager to take his class this spring.

Wilson even encourages students who do not plan to enroll in the class to attend the poetry readings or even stop by his campus office. "Students should really take advantage of the fact that he is here," she said.



Don't look down...

Sophomore Josh Janes studies on the balcony in the library.



Camera shy

Sophomore Cedron Williams and his friend avoid the camera outside the Benson University Center.

# University to charge admission to volleyball, soccer matches

By FRANK BYRNS  
CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

Non-revenue sports will get their chance to earn money for the university this season.

The university has decided to charge admission to volleyball and both men's and women's soccer. Tickets cost \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. Students can still get in for free.

"We've always charged for women's basketball and baseball. We never have for soccer before, because of the old stadium set-up, and we haven't had volleyball in awhile," said Hunter Yuracek, the assistant director of marketing and promotion in the sports marketing department.

The new policy is being implemented with the help of the All-Sports Card. "The All-Sports Card is essentially a season ticket to these sports," Yuracek said. "It costs \$40 for adults, and \$20 for children. These cards are good for admission to any of these five sports."

The card serves as a pass to over 60 university athletic events. "We feel like it's a good way to tie all these sports

together. An individual pass for one sport might not sell as well," Yuracek said. "We hope that people will take advantage of all the sports we have to offer. Most people will buy this card for one sport, and maybe use it once or twice for the others."

The reduced rate for children is aimed at helping out families. "This whole idea is centered towards families. Most families can't afford to buy season tickets for the kids, too," Yuracek said. "We really want to get as many young families in the community involved in Wake athletics as possible."

It is still too early to determine whether or not the card has been a success. "We haven't marketed it as hard as we should have because of the late completion of the new soccer stadium," Yuracek said. "We should know more as the year progresses."

Attendance is up at athletic events this year, thanks in part to the new Spry soccer stadium. "We don't know if there's a direct correlation between the cards and attendance, but there's definitely been more people coming out this year," Yuracek said. "We'll be able to judge it better during women's basketball."

# WAKE WATCH

If you have a question, send mail to P.O. Box 7569, e-mail news@ogb.wfu.edu or call us at 759-5280.

By Poppy Durant

**Why were there people walking around on the roof of Wait Chapel? And why are there yellow ropes surrounding the Chapel? Are they doing some type of construction up there? — D.J.**

Exactly. Many students were seen gazing at the men who were working very high up on the roof of Wait Chapel.

Those men are fixing the copper roof of the bell tower, which was leaking.

According to Wayne Thompson of the university news bureau they expect construction to be done at the end of this week.

The yellow ropes are to protect the people walking around on the ground. With the construction workers so high it would be extremely dangerous if a falling object was to hit someone.

**What happened to the fryer in the Benson University Center Wednesday? I wasn't able to get the chicken tenders that I so dearly love. — M.K.**

You, and the approximately 2,499 other people who consume food made at the fryer weren't able to get your chicken fingers because the fryer was broken.

Scott Ownby, the director of food

services, said, "We hope to have it back in action by midafternoon (Wednesday). They're usually pretty good about (fixing) it."

The fryer is six years old and is simply worn out. It needs to be rewired. "The problem with Benson is there's never any time to take anything down to fix it," Ownby said. However, many fried foods were available for consumption throughout yesterday afternoon.

**When does the university plan to pave our new "official" unofficial parking lot: Davis field, or at least the upper part, and when will students be allowed to park there? — B.S..**

Don't get your hopes up. Davis Field will definitely not be paved according to Mary Gerardy, the assistant vice president for student life.

Davis Field is only used as parking for people connected to the university such as the alumni council.

According to John Anderson, the vice president of finance and administration, Davis Field will be fixed if the constant parking hurts the grass.

Those groups not associated with the university have to park off campus at the Assembly of God church and they must pay to be shuttled in.

**Why is the inspection sticker in the Benson University Center elevator still outdated? It says that the elevator was last inspected in July of 1995. Since the elevators are supposed to be inspected yearly, I am concerned for my safety every time I step into the box. — Z.E.**

The inspection sticker has become the object of debate for the many people who use the elevator on a regular basis.

Joanna Iwata, the director of the Benson University Center, said that as far as she knew, the elevator still needs to be inspected.

She said that she called Campus Police several weeks ago after the question last appeared in Wake Watch and her request for an inspection was passed along to Facilities Management.

However, according to Kimberly Griffing of the university news bureau, the elevator was inspected in July of 1996.

The updated inspection certificate for that elevator is being kept in a Facilities Management office for safe keeping.

Although state law requires all certificates to be posted, Griffing did not know if this law applied to the elevator inspection certificate in