

BRIEFLY

Poetry reading held with Salem

As part of Writers Harvest, a nationwide literary benefit for hunger relief, professors and students from the university and Salem College will read poetry and prose today at the university.

The public reading will begin at 7 p.m. in Scales 102 with an introduction by the university's poet-in-residence Jane Mead.

A \$10 donation, \$5 for students, is suggested. Proceeds will go to local hunger relief agencies, including the Food Bank of Northwest North Carolina.

For information, call 759-5383.

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 Monday.

French plays to be produced

The Romance languages department will produce Molière's play *Le Médecin Malgré lui* in French during the spring semester.

If you are interested, pick up a questionnaire in Tribble B201, fill it in and put it in the mailbox of Eva Rodtwitt, a lecturer of Romance languages, as soon as possible. A meeting for interested students will be held at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday in Tribble B216. For more information, leave a message at 759-0570.

Ethics discussed in Winston

An Ethics Colloquium will be held from 4 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. Wednesday in Winston C.

The topics include "Ethics in Clinical Psychology," by Phillip Batten, a clinical psychologist; "Ethics in Research," by William Fleeson, a professor of psychology; and "Ethics in Teaching," by Terry Blumenthal, a professor of psychology. The moderator will be Charles L. Richman, a professor of psychology.

An informal social will follow in Winston 234. For additional information, call 759-5424.

Foreign scholarships offered

Applications are now available for the Berlin Exchange Program scholarship and the W.D. Sanders Scholarships for study in Germany and Austria. The exchange scholarship, which pays full tuition for a year of study in Berlin, 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 is 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 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

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

Elder care discussion planned

A Women's Network Meeting titled "Elder Care" will be held at 12:30 p.m. Dec. 4 in Benson 401. Lin Brown, the program director of Elder Care Choices, will speak.

Business game gets award

G. Page West, an assistant professor with the Calloway School of Business and Accountancy, was awarded the 1996-97 T.B. Rose Fellowship in Business.

The fellowship recognizes innovation or initiative in teaching, such as West's in-class use of the Business Strategy Game. The computerized management game involves teams of students in the running of a manufacturing company in the athletic footwear industry.

West, who joined the university's faculty in 1995, also teaches courses in strategic management and entrepreneurship.

CORRECTIONS

On page B6 of last week's edition of the *Old Gold and Black*, the person in the stand alone photo "Conducting Electricity" was incorrectly identified. David Hagy, a conductor in the music department, led the university orchestra in their annual midnight concert on Halloween.

On page A5, the reported Student Budget Advisory Committee request from both the Islam Awareness Organization and the Asian Student Interest Association was incorrect.

The correct request for both of the groups combined was \$5,490.39.

On page A2, in the article "Alumnus, poet A.R. Ammons will teach class," quotes attributed to Provost Emeritus Edwin Wilson should have been attributed to his wife, Emily Wilson.

Tribble Hall fire alarms to be upgraded

By DAN CHILDS

OLD GOLD AND BLACK REPORTER

Three weeks ago, the fire alarm in Tribble Hall failed to sound when smoke caused by a power outage drifted through the building. According to facilities management, plans are underway to fix the alarm system, though it is still not known how soon the old system will be replaced or upgraded.

According to Campus Police, the smoke was caused by an engine overload when the power outage occurred.

The fire alarm, which is currently wired into the main power of the building, does not function when the power to the building is cut, according to facilities management.

"The system has always worked before. It's working in there right now," said James Blackburn, the assistant director of facilities management. "The scenario that happened that day is kind of a wild one. To say that the alarm system in Tribble doesn't work is inaccurate."

"I think that people should be concerned that the alarm system doesn't work right in this type of situation," said John Litcher, a professor of education, who was in the building when the power outage occurred. Litcher, like many other professors and students, did not leave for some time after the engine overloaded.

Litcher said he smelled smoke some time after the power went out. He said he pulled three of the wall-mounted fire alarms on different floors, none of which worked.

"I was really quite shocked when the alarm system didn't go off," he said. "I would like to believe that even if we didn't have power in the building, we could get out of here safely."

Litcher said he did not feel unsafe in the building because there is a lack of combustible material there, and because fire extinguishers are on every floor.

Blackburn said he did not know when the system upgrade will take place and that Facilities Management is assessing the cost of installation of such a system, the cost of which the administration will have to approve.

Intramural improvements draw more participation

By BRIAN M. WHITE

NEWS PRODUCTION ASSISTANT

Hike! The receiver runs up the field, cuts left, dodges his opponents and finally gets in the open. He reaches up and the ball glides smoothly into his hands. Touchdown! the referee yells. Complete with painted lines, actual time clocks, and uniforms for the referees, intramural athletics have begun with a bang this year.

"This year is going really well. Participation is up in almost every area," said Max Floyd, the director of intramural and club sports.

Intramurals are a popular event among students, with 65 percent of men and 25 percent of women participating this year.

Games are currently being contested in soccer and volleyball. Each weekday 16 soccer games and seven volleyball games are played.

"The level of play in the soccer games is like stepping into a varsity soccer match," Floyd said. There are several divisions in playing ability, and each division has its own tournament and playoffs.

One thing that sets the university's intramurals apart from the club sports at other universities is the attention that is paid to the details.

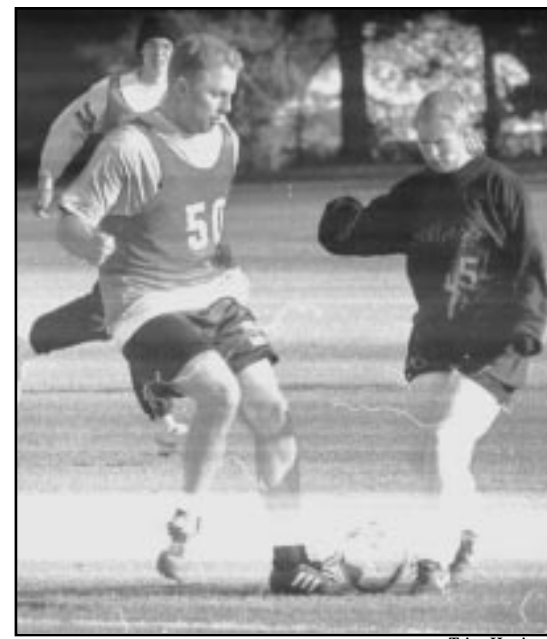
"We have been putting a lot of time into the turf and we've been purchasing high-quality equipment that don't make the games feel like just an intramural event," Floyd said.

Behind each black and white striped shirt of a referee is a student being paid about \$5.25 an hour. Each year about 135 students are referees.

"It's really fun to officiate if you like the sport, but sometimes you have to make a close call and one of the teams will get upset at you," said freshman Dan Grossberg, a volleyball official.

It takes about a week to train the officials in each sport. "We're striving to get better and I'd like to remind students that they're not professional, they're just fellow students," Floyd said.

When Floyd came to the university three years ago, he insisted that all of the officials be students.



Tripp Harrington

Members of two opposing intramural soccer teams, the APO and the Bo Bo Knows teams, fight for the ball.

This creates more active participation in intramural athletics, but it has its drawbacks.

"When students officiate students, it is often difficult for them to apply rules," Floyd said.

A large portion of the money allotted to intramural athletics goes to the officials and the rest makes its way into improvements of the equipment.

Floyd said that he would like to see a larger portion of money going to the upkeep of the fields and the equipment and to all of the little details that help make an intramural game seem almost like a professional one.

"We have plenty of room for improvement but as interest grows, the program will grow and get better," Floyd said.

WAKE Radio sees SBAC allocations as unfair

By MATTHEW COLEMAN

OLD GOLD AND BLACK REPORTER

Some groups, such as WAKE Radio, feel that they received unfair allocations through the Student Budget Advisory Committee process, which ended earlier this week.

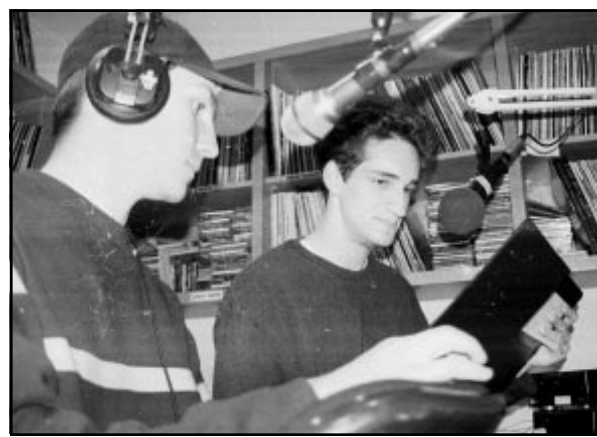
WAKE Radio presented a budget to SBAC asking for \$46,775.80, and they received \$14,996.95. Senior Brian McKee, the station manager of WAKE Radio, said that a significant part of the request was for one-time, capital expenditures.

"I worked in a radio station this summer, and that's when I realized how far behind we are," McKee said. "We don't even have the old versions of a lot of the equipment that's being used today."

WAKE Radio was allotted the \$4,000 they requested for AM broadcasting equipment.

According to junior Chris Cathcart, the Student Government treasurer and the chairman of SBAC, WAKE Radio representatives made it clear that the AM equipment was their top priority.

"Their presentation emphasized the importance to go AM, and that was the first thing on their budget. The SBAC recognized their desire to grow and increase their impact on campus, and the committee made a decision



Bryan Herring

WAKE Radio DJs sophomore Alex Cogswell and junior Michael Paul entertain listeners during their radio show.

that is consistent with that goal," Cathcart said.

McKee said that WAKE Radio hoped to be broadcasting on an AM frequency by the end of the year. "We'll still do it," McKee said. "The problem is that our budget only allows us to replace things that break. Other than the AM

allotment, we don't have the money for new equipment and expansion."

Although WAKE Radio received only about one-third of the funds they requested, that still represented a 31 percent increase over their budget last year.

According to SBAC figures, the average percentage increase for organizations that received funding last year was 13.2 percent.

Cathcart said that SBAC was able to fund the top four priorities for WAKE Radio, including the AM broadcasting equipment, a new CD player, a sound mixer and two microphones.

According to Cathcart, SBAC considers each organization separately and does not compare one organization's funding with others.

"This year's committee has been as objective and fair as we could possibly be. We have read progress and development reports from every organization, and we appointed one committee member to work with each group that came before us," Cathcart said.

"We face a dilemma in that there are several groups, like WAKE Radio and WAKE TV, that require massive capital expenditures to grow," Cathcart said. "That's why WAKE Radio's budget request was so high this year. We gave them a substantial increase over last year, but we also had to consider that we're operating with limited funds."

Task force appointed to evaluate voice mail use

By TIM MACPHAIL

CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

In an effort to develop some ground rules for a currently unregulated aspect of the university's operation, the administration has appointed a task force to look into intra-university mass communications.

Voice mail has been the subject of debate on campus during the last few weeks. It is being used for more and more announcements, and some students who do not have the feature feel left out of university communications.

According to Carolyn Hall, the student service coordinator at the Telecommunications office, 705 student phone numbers currently have voice mail service.

While many of these numbers are shared by roommates, a significant portion of the student body is still without the service. Also, Hall said that off-campus students are not able to receive voice mail service through the university.

The 10-member committee, which is co-chaired by Kevin Cox, the director of media relations, and Connie Carson, the director of residence life and housing, has representatives from the administration, faculty and student s.

As of now, no guidelines exist to determine what types of messages can be broadcast using mass communication devices such as voice mail.

The committee intends to look at the situation and make recommendations on how to communicate with students and faculty most effectively.

"(We are) looking very carefully at the entire process," Cox said. "I would love to see some more specific guidelines."

While the university news bureau originally used the voice mail system to broadcast emergency messages, it is now being used as

a general information outlet as well.

Messages regarding ticket distributions and sporting events have been mixed in with announcements about class cancellations and crimes on campus.

Although not all students have a voice mail account, Cox said it is often the best mechanism for alerting large numbers of students about an issue in a short time period. The news bureau also works with other departments, such as Campus Police and the Office of Residence Life and Housing, and local radio stations to inform students of important news, such as weather problems.

Junior Chris Cathcart, the Student Government treasurer, is the student representative on the committee. "I'd like to see some guidelines put forth," he said.

Cathcart said he feels the university has the communication methods necessary for making students aware of everything they need to be aware of but still needs to find ways to most effectively use those mechanisms. "We're walking a fine line with all of our new tools," he said.

According to Cathcart, the new tools, specifically e-mail and voice mail, must be used properly to guarantee their success.

Cathcart said he feels that overusing a communication device such as e-mail for frivolous announcements would diminish the credibility of truly important notices.

Cox also sees overuse of mass communication devices as a potential problem. Many individuals and organizations have approached him in hopes of having a message broadcast over the entire voice mail system. "I get requests for everything you can dream of," he said.

Both Cathcart and Cox see e-mail as a definite possibility for a notification device, though. "(E-mail) is going to be the medium of the future," Cathcart said.

The committee met for the first time last week and will continue to meet periodically over the next two or three months.

Cox said the task force intends to make recommendations after this period and submit them to the administration.



Cathcart

Students audition to appear on 'Jeopardy'

By ELIZABETH D. FISHER

CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

While most students are busy preparing for exams and papers, sophomore Mark Rabuano has visions of game shows dancing in his head: He has been chosen to audition for the College Jeopardy Tournament. In addition, junior Elaine Merrill tried out last month, though she was not chosen to advance to the show itself.

This weekend, Rabuano will test his luck in New Orleans. Senior Leona Trombly, although turning down the opportunity to try out this year, auditioned for the program in high school.

Rabuano said he will draw on his basic knowledge for the answers to test questions. Although fairly confident, Rabuano says, "I'm worried about driving all that way (to New Orleans) and seeing the first question be about quantum physics." Rabuano says he doesn't know how far he will advance, but is "hoping to get past the test round."

Merrill has already tried her hand at the Jeopardy challenge. "I always liked watching ('Jeopardy') and the people I watch with would always say 'You should go on,'" Merrill said. Intrigued by the idea, Merrill sent her name into 'Jeopardy' via their Netscape page, hoping for a chance to get on the show. Several months later, Merrill received a letter informing her that she had been selected at random to try out for the program.

On Oct. 27, Merrill traveled to New York City, where she, along with about 90 other Jeopardy hopefuls, took a qualification test. The test, Merrill said, was a 50-ques-

tion, one-word-answer test. To administer the test, proctors played a recording of Alex Trebek reading the questions (or answers). The test-takers then had eight seconds to write down each answer.

At the end of the test, the test administrators called the names of 10 collegiates who had passed the test and would advance to the next round — a mock round of "Jeopardy," complete with TV screens, buzzers and answers phrased in the form of a question.

Merrill was not among the 10 mock-round contenders. Although she was never told her performance on the test, Merrill estimates she answered between 28 and 30 of the questions correctly. To pass, contestants had to get 35 questions right.

The questions, Merrill said, "weren't easy." They would be the equivalent of \$800 or \$1,000 questions on the program. Merrill remembered being stumped on a question that inquired about the Norse god of trickery.

To prepare for the test, Merrill said she studied facts that could be used in several categories. Specifically, she researched and memorized world capitals. Other than some fact-searching, Merrill said she relied on her general knowledge. "I take in a lot of what I see and read," she said.

A veteran of 'Jeopardy' contestant searches, Trombly will not be trying out this time because of scheduling conflicts. She has already been through the audition process once, in high school. Trombly said the test was not as bad as she had expected, perhaps because of her knack for retaining pieces of information. "My friends tell me I'm good at it, that I know random facts," she said.