



Jordan Wong

Video craze

Two students spend their time enjoying a video game in the newly completed Benson game room adjacent to the Food Court.

Quiz Bowl tests students' knowledge

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Some students, possibly considered psychotic by their friends, don't put away their books when their homework is done. Their studying extends to mastering the subjects which they will be tested on in their next Quiz Bowl competition.

In its second year of existence the university Quiz Bowl team is ranked 11th in the nation, according to the Academic Competition Foundation Rankings.

Senior Ryan Bowles said, "I think it is great and shows how we have progressed in two years." Freshman Katie Wooton said, "I'm impressed, but we still have room for improvement."

Quiz Bowl is a trivia competition between university teams. Teams are made up of four people who have a wide range of knowledge, from history to biology to art and music. The competitions are battled out on weekends at universities around the nation. "Competitions are sometimes every weekend, but mostly once or twice a month," Bowles said.

As many team members that can go attend the competitions, which usually means that four or five members will go. If they have more people go to a tournament, sometimes two teams will be entered. The competitions are contested by 10 to 32 teams.

The team practices twice a week, on Wednesdays and Fridays, for a couple of hours during each session. The practices are run like tourna-

ments. The group breaks into two teams, and they have their own buzzer answer system like the ones used during the competition. They compete against each other with actual questions from the competitions. The team is coached by Bobby Shepard, a graduate student, and Robert Whaples, an associate professor of economics.

E-mail is also used by the team to enhance their knowledge. Occasionally questions or facts are sent out to the team so that they continue to learn new information.

Each member specializes in one area of information. Freshman Sarah Austrin-Willis said, "Right now we have a lot of science people. We could really use people that know a lot about music."

The organization is doing well, but

is always looking for new people. A large number of students involved are seniors, so the underclassmen are looking to recruit more people. Bowles said, "(The underclassmen) will do well, they just have to put the work in that we did."

"As a freshman it is kind of hard because we haven't had the course work that the upperclassmen have had. We need to know more details," Austrin-Willis said.

To recruit more students, some, like Austrin-Willis and Wooton, are trying to talk to friends who would be interested. "You meet a lot of fun, interesting people," Wooton said.

The team is scheduled to compete throughout the rest of the year, ending with a national tournament in the spring.

State-of-the-art stadium creates home for Deacon soccer

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The Athletic Department has built it; now they're hoping that people will come.

The W. Dennie Spry Soccer Stadium has been completed and now serves as the new home for Demon Deacon soccer.

The stadium, located near the Polo Road entrance, has a seating capacity of 3,000 and a state-of-the-art lighting system that will allow the university to host night soccer matches.

In addition to the brick grandstand, the stadium also includes locker rooms, concessions areas, and restrooms.

The new stadium has been in the works for a long time. "We broke ground in February," said John Weisenburger, the associate athletic director. "It's been worth the wait, for we feel like we have a stadium that is as good or better than any in the country."

The stadium is named in honor of W. Dennie Spry, a retired partner in a Winston-Salem law firm.

His son Bill is a major supporter of Deacon soccer, and he made a significant financial contribution to the sta-

dium project. "I am very happy to be in a position where I can do something that will be lasting in nature for the university and will honor my father at the same time," Bill Spry said.

The Spry donation was part of \$2.5 million raised for the stadium.

"About one-fifth of the money was from the Athletic Department, including private donations," Weisenburger said. "The rest was funded by the university."

"There is no question that it will greatly impact the growth of our program," women's soccer head coach Chris Turner said. "We have already seen it with the caliber of recruits we are able to attract."

Weisenburger said he feels that the stadium is one of the finest he has seen. "I understand that Clemson and Virginia have some of the better facilities around," he said. "We may not have as many seats, but I feel like the amenities, as far as the newness aspect, the playing surface, and the lights make this as good as any facility in the country."

Men's soccer Head Coach Jay Vidovich agrees with Weisenburger's assessment. "This facility is one of the finest in the country," he said. "It may be the best soccer-

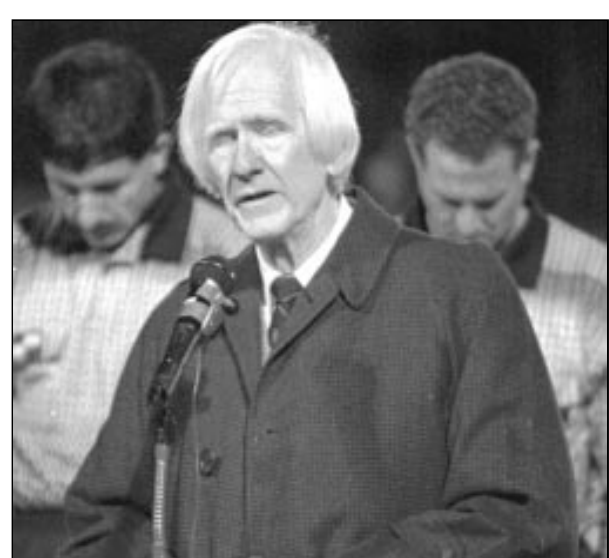
only stadium in the nation. It's something we and the players have looked forward to for a long time, and it will have an impact on our recruiting and the further successes of our team."

The players are enjoying the new stadium as well. "It creates a very energetic atmosphere to play in," senior Josh Timbers said. "I feel like it's one of the best stadiums I've ever played in, as far as appearance, with the surrounding trees and hills. It's more than great."

Deacon fans have also noticed the change in atmosphere. "It feels more exciting," junior Josh Bryant said. "The lights and everything really give the stadium a big-time feel."

The new facility may have the university in line to host some post-season play in the very near future. "We have it in mind to host both the men's and women's ACC Tournament, though obviously not in the same year," Weisenburger said. "We'd like to do this in the next few years, hopefully within a year or two."

Soccer fans may not have to wait very long to see some post-season play at Spry Stadium. "We have also put in a bid to host a match in the NCAA Tournament this season, provided our teams get in," Weisenburger said.



Kara Lassen

Chaplain Ed Christman leads the audience in prayer at the inauguration of the new soccer stadium.

Debate team wins Harvard tourney

By PATRICK McDONOUGH

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The university debate squad is freeing up space in their trophy case. Again.

After a 1995-96 year in which the team finished with a No. 1 national ranking in debate, this year's team proved that it is not resting on any laurels by capturing the Harvard Debates on Nov. 2-4 in Cambridge, Mass.

Senior Brian Prestes and junior Daveed Gartenstein-Ross won the prestigious tournament by compiling a 7-1 record in the preliminary rounds and by defeating every opponent they faced in the single-elimination final rounds of the tournament.

Prestes received the award for second-best speaker from a group of nearly 200 top debaters. Sophomore Kristin Langwell also earned recognition as one of the top 10 speakers.

According to Allan Loudon, the director of the debate program and an associate professor of communications, the team defeated several strong teams from the Midwest, including Iowa, a national finalist from last year, and Kansas, who recently won another major tournament at the University of Kentucky.

"The last time we won the Harvard tournament was five or six years ago. Along with the one at Kentucky and the tournament we are hosting this weekend, it is one of the three major tournaments this fall. It was a big win," Loudon said. More recently, the team sent seven pairs of students to the Liberty University debates this past weekend. Three teams reached the semi-finals within their respective levels of competition.

At the varsity level, freshman Josh O'Donnell and sophomore Drew Brown reached the semi-finals, and at the novice level, two teams reached the semi-finals. The first team was comprised of sophomore Joe Gagnon and senior Andy Harris, and the second team was freshman Chris Mills and freshman Michelle Young.

This weekend the debate team will host the Franklin R. Shirley Dixie Classic Debate Tournament, named for a founder of the university's debate program. Approximately 60 schools will bring 120 varsity-level teams to campus. For once, these teams will not fear the university's team in competition.

"It's kind of a tradition for the host school not to participate," Loudon said. "It should still be an exciting weekend."

Faculty votes on changes in curriculum

By ZACH EVERSON

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Changes in the curriculum and whom those changes affect were on the agenda Monday afternoon when the faculty convened in Pugh Auditorium.

"The big change is that you're going to pick a catalog based on the year you declare your major, not the year you enter," Registrar Margaret Perry said. Officially, students used to be bound to the requirements for their majors set forth in the catalog that was published when they enrolled in the university.

Now, students will need to meet the standards of their major that are in effect when they declare that major.

This has actually been the practice for a while, but it was never put in writing. "Now we're just saying it clearly in the catalog," said Paul Escott, the dean of the college.

The faculty also voted on several changes to the curriculum.

One of the more significant changes approved pertained to the religion divisional. "It used to be that the lower religion requirement simply meant any course at the 100 level," Escott said.

Now, students will have to take one of three introductory classes, either in religion, the Bible, or the Christian tradition. According to Escott, this was done because the religion department felt that an educated person needs to know basic information about their subject.

"We now have more structure in the lower division religion requirement," Escott said.

An addition to the courses needed to complete a major in sociology was also approved by the faculty, Escott said. Future sociology majors will need to pass a course in quantitative methods. This five credit class increases the number of credits needed to fulfill the major requirement from 36 to 41.

Neither of these changes affects students currently enrolled in the university. Sociology majors will still only be required to complete 36 credits and those students who have delayed fulfilling their religion divisional will still have the wide array of

100-level courses from which to choose.

All changes effecting courses will not be instituted until next fall.

According to Escott, in order for a department to make a change in their course offerings it must make a proposal to the curriculum committee. If the change affects the requirements for completing the department's divisional or major, it must be approved by the faculty.

Other alterations, like in the name of a course or the material that a course covers are just mentioned. "Fields will evolve, new subjects need to be taught," Escott said.

The faculty also approved a resolution in the memory of Graham May, a professor of mathematics who passed away last year. It was a full description of what he meant to the university and to the students, Perry said.

The resolution, which was read by Marcellus Waddill, a professor of mathematics and computer science, touched on the various contributions May made to both the university and the community. A copy was sent to May's widow.

North campus residents inconvenienced

By CRAIG TAYLOR

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A few months from now, driving and parking near Student Apartments, North and the W. Denny Spry Soccer Stadium will get much easier — but residents will have to put up with parking shortages and long walks for a few months. And south campus will not see similar relief anytime soon, according to Ryan Opel, an undergraduate representative on the Capital Planning Committee.

A new road and parking lots containing 220 spaces will be constructed between Allen Easley Street and Wingate Road on north campus. But because Lot R, next to Student Apartments, has been closed, the area will see a net gain of only 67 spaces, said Bill Sides, the director of Facilities Management. Construction, which has already begun, should be complete in about 90 days, Sides said.

The path running from Lot R to Lot Q next to the Scales Fine Arts Center has been closed for the duration of the construction, which has inconvenienced residents of Student Apartments and North Hall.

"People have to park on the street,

There are a lot of safety concerns now that the walking path is closed, especially about walking down Allen Easley at night," said senior George Scott.

Construction on the new road and parking lots will be complete before construction begins on Polo Hall, the new residence hall to be built on the marching band's practice field.

However, none of these plans addresses the parking problem many students perceive on south campus. Some on the committee believe that adequate parking throughout campus already exists.

According to Opel, one of the Capital Planning Committee members said that the university does not have a parking problem; rather, it has a walking problem.

Not all students agree with that assessment.

"Parking on South Campus is abominable. Because I have a commitment until 12:15, I can never find a space before my 1:00 class; therefore, I am always late," said unclassified day student Lara Owensby.

Opel said that the Capital Planning Committee looked at building a "parking ramp" above the lower level of the

parking lot behind Collins. According to Opel, the Bowman Gray School of Medicine recently built such a structure.

Opel said the structure at the medical school is "minimal, bare bones and ugly," yet it still cost \$6,000 per parking space. The committee discovered that such a project would cost

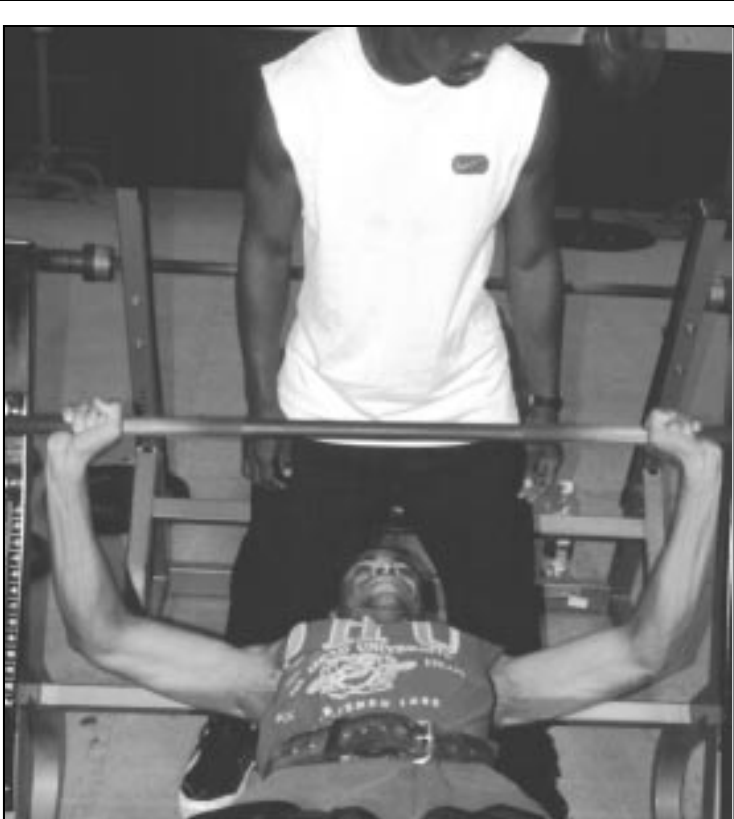
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\$10,000 per space if it was built to fit in with the rest of the campus, Opel said.

Both Sides and Opel agreed that planned construction on south campus over the next two to five years will worsen the parking situation.

A planned building to connect Carswell and Calloway Halls will eliminate several faculty spaces in the lot behind those buildings, and another project near Olin Hall will likely eliminate some spaces there.



Carlton Ward

How much can you bench?

A student uses the bench press in the Benson gym. The first floor gym is available for student use every day.

SBAC

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appeals, some groups still feel the SBAC could have done more. Junior Stacy White, the president of the Resident Student Association, was hoping for some part of the \$9,000 the organization had requested to fund activities in three areas: programming, hall government expenses and state, regional and national conferences to which RSA sends 20 representatives each year.

The organization was not allocated any money and now see themselves in a tight situation. "These are all things we cannot cut. We will have to completely redo our budget ... we will have to find the money somewhere," she said.

Having followed the channels for both the initial request and the appeal, RSA still does not understand why their group was not given any money.

She said, "We are disappointed because it would have been nice to get some money. But to get zero..."

Also disappointed with the result of their appeal were the crew at WAKE Radio.

They were allotted \$200 more than their initial \$14,727.95 after the appeal, but it still did not seem like enough.

According to senior Brian McKee, the station manager, the money is needed not only for their plan to go AM, but also to replace much of the station's outdated equipment.

The money they have been receiving thus far has been used mainly to keep the equipment they do have going, without being sufficient in allowing them to buy new equipment.

"We obviously asked for a lot of money," McKee said, "and we tried to justify it. ... I do not know how the SBAC determines how much money they will give each group, but others saw a more marked improvement. ... We really did not get that much and I am not that happy," he said.

Cathcart, however, is still confident regarding the management of the money, which resulted in a total budget of \$383,914.93.

Some groups just have not been in existence as long as others, and as was the case with the RSA, some had not previously requested funds and therefore were not figured into the preliminary budget.

Each group can only hope to manage well with their budget for this year and remain positive about future distributions. Cathcart said, "We realize that there are young groups out there that need enormous capital, and we are doing our best to address those needs."