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## SG wraps up year

### Teacher awards, football shuttle planned

By DAN CHILDS  
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A bill presented by the Physical Planning Committee to make plans to beautify the Scales courtyard was passed unanimously by Student Government Tuesday.

Beautification plans for the breezeway between the art and theater wing and the music wing of the Scales Fine Arts Center were presented at the meeting by junior Kevin Palme, senior Mary Leigh Cherry, and senior Lash Briggs.

The proposal includes landscaping and furnishing of the courtyard, as well as reshaping of the walkways and removal of concrete.

"This is a really barren area that has not been very useful for students," Palme said.

He said the project would convert the currently sterile and unwelcoming courtyard into a place of student interaction.

Having been passed by SG, the project is still subject to approval on

other levels, among them approval by President Thomas K. Hearn, Jr. No date was proposed for construction to begin.

A bill recommending that the Freshman Orientation Committee institute a condensed demonstration of the Rape Aggression Defense program to female freshman students during orientation was also passed unanimously by SG.

The bill was proposed by the Campus Life Committee in an effort to promote awareness of the program. The course, which has been offered to women in past semesters, is designed to teach women personal safety strategies as well as self-defense techniques.

In addition, SG unanimously passed a bill proposed by the Academic Committee to establish a teacher recognition award.

According to proponents of the bill, tables at which students would be able to nominate teachers to receive the award would be set up in the Benson University Center.

It was proposed that the award be a plaque bearing student quotes about the teacher. According to the Academic Committee, the award will be initially presented at the end of the 1997 spring semester, and may be continued annually based on funding and student interest.

A bill proposed by the Campus Life Committee to provide a shuttle service to and from home football games was passed unanimously as well.

The plan will take effect on a trial basis for the first two football games of the 1997-98 season in order to determine whether there is student demand for such a service.

SG president senior Tina Schippers congratulated SG for its work this semester. Schippers said she feels Student Government has been extremely successful in serving the student body, citing an approval rating of 74 percent.

She added that she was looking forward to next semester with the SG legislature.



**Flower power**  
An AIDS Awareness flower arrangement by junior Rudy Shephard adorns Perritt Plaza.  
Carlton Ward

## SG in review: projects completed for fall, goal of increased communication met

By CHARLES STARKS  
ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

From legislator e-mail to Quad Christmas lights, visibility has been the watchword of Student Government this semester. "If anything, I've heard we're too much in people's faces nowadays," said senior Tina Schippers, the SG president.

SG officers say they have worked hard lately to respond to complaints in earlier years that students were unaware of SG's activities. "Every student gets an e-mail at least weekly," Schippers said. SG legislators also visited 915 students during a door-to-door survey Nov. 6 and 7, and SG updates are posted periodically around campus.

Another way SG has increased communication this semester has been through the use of open forums. "Most open forums are held more to inform people than to create policy," Schippers said. Though attendance at this semester's open forums has been low, Schippers said SG plans to hold more forums next semester. "We plan to

publicize it more," she said.

To increase communication between groups, junior Chris Cathcart, the SG treasurer, and junior Will Ashworth, the speaker of the house, are planning a "super-council," to be made up of the presidents of all student organizations.

"It's to encourage interaction among groups that don't normally interact," Ashworth said. "It would encourage group participation and more joint events."

Ashworth also said that the super-council would help to solve conflicts between different groups, citing the tension last year between the Women's Issues Network and the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

Cathcart said that issues that arose in the super-council could then be taken up by Student Government or other organizations, depending on which group could most effectively take action. "The ultimate goal is to create a campus vision, a community on campus," Cathcart said.

According to Ashworth, the super-council would be a chartered organization with a constitution. After a year or

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## Male profs earn more

### Report reveals lower salaries for female professors

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The "Annual Report on the Economic Status of the Profession" in the journal *Academe* reported that there is a discrepancy between the male and female faculty salaries at the university.

The average salary of male full professors in the 1995-96 school year was \$76,300, whereas the average salary of female full professors was \$68,700, the journal reported.

The gender discrepancy also extends into the lower faculty rank of associate professor, the salaries of which were \$59,000 for men and \$52,000 for women. However, the salary distribution for assistant professors and lecturers showed no gender difference.

The university's discrepancy is comparable with the national trend of

salary discrepancies between the genders. The university's overall salaries of professors, though, are in the top 20 percent of the nation's private universities' salaries.

Other North Carolina universities with top-paying scales are Duke University, Davidson College and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

However, the gender discrepancy is virtually non-existent at Duke, and at Davidson female professors actually have slightly higher salaries than men on average. Chapel Hill shows a gender gap similar to that of Wake Forest.

The gender salary gap at the university, and at many of the nation's other universities, may be a combination of statistical factors, historical academic trends, and gender biases.

Length of service often determines the level of salary for professors' ne-

gotiable contracts. "Because we have been hiring more women recently, many are not as far along in their careers (as male faculty members are)," Provost David Brown said.

According to Brown, he and Dean of the College Paul Escott have conducted a "male/female pair faculty analysis." The salaries of faculty members of both sexes of similar merit and service records were compared. "Some adjustments in salary were made," Brown said.

Brown said that he receives departmental recommendations for salaries and infrequently makes changes to the contracts submitted to him. "One is constantly dealing with the issue of merit and making sure it reflects in the pay," he said.

Mary DeShazer, a professor and director of the women's studies program, has been concerned about this

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**If you build it**  
Construction for the new Shorty's patio continues outside the Benson University Center.  
Carlton Ward

## IFC elects new executive officers

By MEREDITH BOREL  
OLD GOLD AND BLACK REPORTER

The leadership of the Interfraternity Council changed hands Tuesday, as new executive officers were inducted at the annual fraternity banquet program.

The new executive officers are junior Matt Kerr, president; junior Chad Harlan, vice-president; junior Aaron Schacter, secretary; junior Jeremy Weber, treasurer; junior Brian Goolsby, chairman of special events; and sophomore Jamie Green, chairman of publications.

New officers are elected at the end of each fall semester to serve for the subsequent year, and all of the IFC offices are open to any fraternity leader.

Each executive officer represents a different campus fraternity. The only prerequisite to run for president of IFC is to have served at least one previous year as a representative on the council. Every fraternity has two representatives on the council each year.

The election process runs by a system of nominations, and the nominated officers are then voted on by council members. Each fraternity gets one vote, and each former executive officer gets one vote as well. This year no executive office was uncontested.

"I think we have a lot of good people with a lot of good potential for the executive board next year," said senior Pat Clark, the outgoing IFC president.

According to Mike Ford, the director of student development and the IFC adviser, the role of the IFC is to oversee different fraternity programs and regulate the fraternity system on campus.

"We represent the views of Greek men to the administration, we work to the social, academic, and service activities of the fraternities, and we foster a spirit of cooperation among the fraternities," Clark said.

Some of the biggest activities organized by the IFC are rush, the Brian Piccolo Cancer Fund drive, the Greek Leadership caucus, Greek Week and a Greek speaker series. Last year, the IFC, along with the Panhellenic Council, sponsored the Drink Think in the spring, which aimed at discussing

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## Chi Rho to perform at White House party

By ERIN KOREY  
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A campus *cappella* group will take a unique end-of-finals trip — to the Christmas staff party at the White House.

Chi Rho, the university's all-male student-run Christian chorus, was invited to sing in Washington on Dec. 15.

The original invitation came through a connection from Colin Creel, an admissions counselor. The White House was looking for a musical group to perform at their annual Christmas staff party, and a university alumnus who works in President

Bill Clinton's social office suggested Chi Rho as an option.

After the idea was thrown about, Chi Rho was selected and informed via Creel.

The group has known about the opportunity for a few weeks but opted to keep it quiet just in case the engagement did not go through. "It was overwhelming at first. We thought it might be too good to be true," said senior Matt Shurts, a member of the group. "We kept it to ourselves until it was absolutely definite."

The group will be performing two 40-minute sets on the morning of Dec. 15 for the White House staff and the President's executive office. This

includes all staff members, the lowest staff all the way up to possibly members of the cabinet and even Clinton. "It would be great if we got at least a glimpse of the president," said senior Judson Hollifield, the director of Chi Rho.

The group will be performing Christmas carols and other types of Christmas arrangements. All their songs will have to be learned in the next week. The chorus plans to put in 15-20 hours this week preparing for the performance.

Chi Rho is very crunched for rehearsal time with its busy schedule over the holiday break. Not only is the group performing at the White

House, but it is also preparing to release an album at the end of January, according to Hollifield.

The group will record the album right after Christmas, so it is putting in double-time to prepare for both events.

All members of the singing group share similar reactions to the group's unexpected invitation. "We feel so honored to be able to sing at the White House," Hollifield said. "Kind of undeserving."

The trip itself will actually be only a two-day event. Leaving Saturday morning, the group will prepare Saturday evening, and then perform

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Good luck on exams and have a safe and happy vacation.  
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