

# Students remember classmate

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The familiar sounds of Wait Chapel's carillon echoed across the Quad Jan. 20, but they conveyed a palpable note of sadness through the crisp morning air.

The bells were calling community members together to remember the life of sophomore Gregory Wilson, who died Jan. 6 in Ft. Wayne, Ind.

About 200 people answered the call and gathered in the chapel to the strains of "Amazing Grace" on the pipe organ for the religious memorial service.

Speaking at the service were sophomores Matthew Gredvig and Drew Fletcher, both friends of Wilson, and Kline Harrison, an associate professor of business and accountancy and the adviser to the Theta Chi fraternity.

President Thomas K. Hearn Jr. and Chaplain Ed Christman also participated in the service, and the a capella choral group Temporary Reprieve sang.

The speakers each said they wanted to celebrate Wilson's life as well as mourn his death.

"I began to realize that Greg's death is the only bad memory I have of him," Gredvig said.

"We are fortunate that Greg had so many friends here," he said. "The choice to become friends with Greg is one that everyone is grateful to have made."

"We're gathering here today in celebration of a life which has touched us in many, many ways," Fletcher said. Fletcher was one of Wilson's brothers in Theta Chi.

Wilson's qualities were obvious to him from the start of his pledge activities, said Harrison. "I clearly remember a young man who seemed comfortable but not cocky," he said.

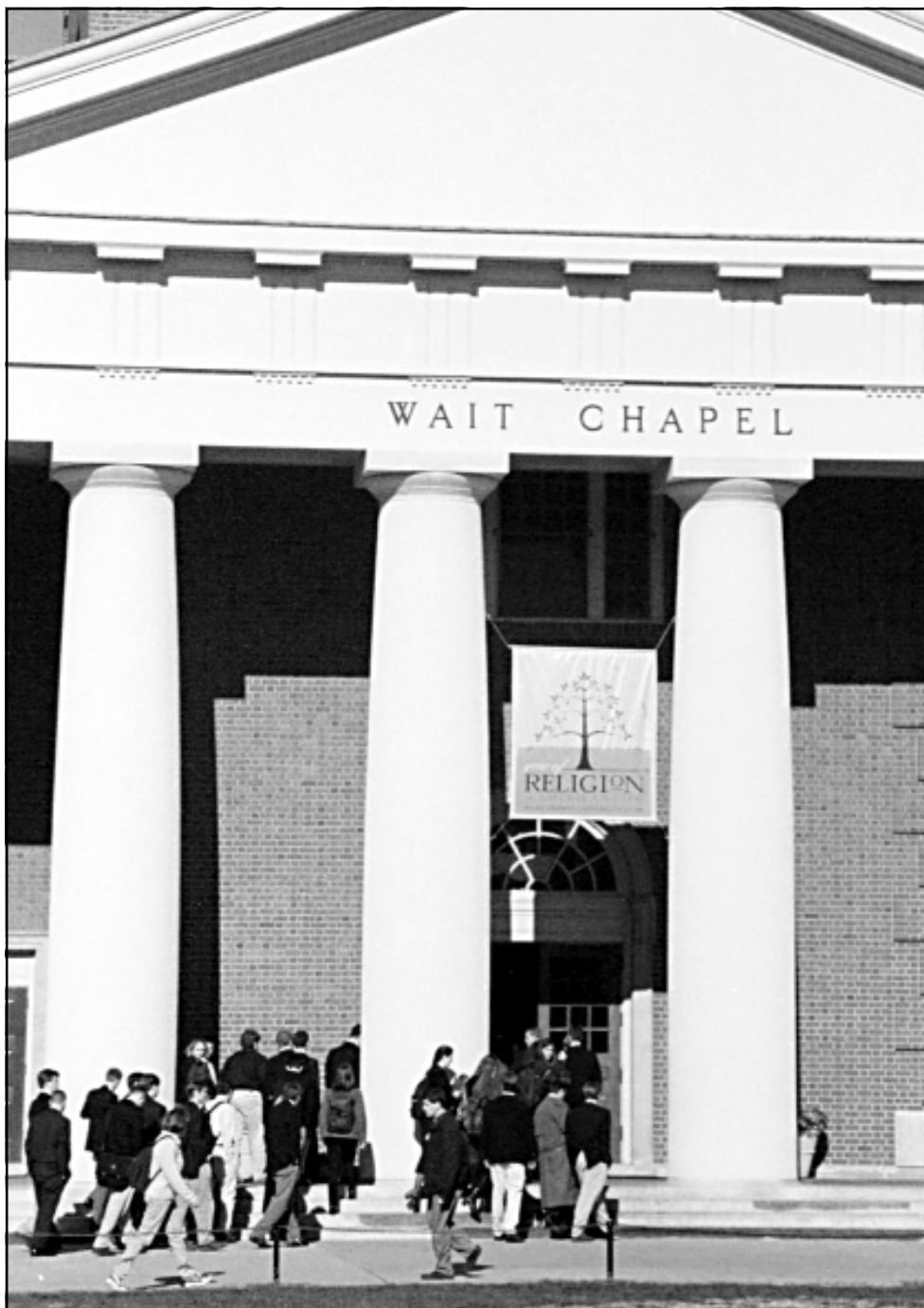
Wilson was destined for leadership roles, Harrison said, but his best qualities were his sense of humor and easygoing manner. Harrison read items from a scrapbook that Wilson's fraternity brothers had put together in his memory.

The scrapbook entries ranged from personal memories of time spent with Wilson to reflections on his personal qualities.

"We could always count on Greg to laugh and have a good time," one entry read.

"To Greg, even our smallest problems were worth his full attention," read another.

Harrison's religious faith was strength-



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Students enter Wait Chapel Jan. 20 for Greg Wilson's memorial service. Wilson died Jan. 6 in Ft. Wayne, Ind.

ened by this experience, he said. "We can all rejoice in knowing that Greg is being led and held by the hands of God."

Christman read a note from Wilson's parents to the university community. "We have been profoundly moved by the outpouring of love and concern that we have received from the Wake Forest University," they wrote.

"Greg was blessed by your friendships and love." The parents visited the campus last weekend and sat in the front row at the service.

Fletcher thanked Wilson's parents, who had been in contact with Theta Chi fraternity members over the last several weeks.

Christman also read from scripture, and Hearn spoke briefly to invoke the service.

# Law student protests, stages hunger strike

By Heather Seely  
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First-year law student Ed Shlikas sits huddled in a blanket, coat, hat and mittens outside the main entrance of the Worrell Professional Center. He is staging a hunger strike in protest of what he feels is unfair treatment of first-year students by the law school.

Shlikas, 28, is suing the law school for more than \$125 million in punitive and compensatory damages and expenses.

Shlikas filed the suit Nov. 12 in the U.S. District Court in Greensboro and filed an amended complaint Dec. 19.

"I could not in good conscience not file. I had to know that I did everything I could to try to prevent someone else from going through what I went through," he said.

Shlikas said with the lawsuit he hopes "to have the students, especially the L1 students, to be treated with courtesy, respect and dignity; to have the students receive a better legal education for the money they pay here; and to prevent anyone from having to go through the hell of the first year of law school as it now exists."

Law school, especially the first year, is traditionally known to be very difficult and competitive, and Shlikas said he knew this going into it. "I expected it to be tough. I always enjoyed hard work," he said.

Shlikas has not really considered going to a different school. "If I did that, the things that are happening to students here would not stop," Shlikas said.

And he knows that the practices of professors at this university are not different from those at other law schools about which he has heard and read. "From what I have heard, the first year is about the same," Shlikas said.

But Shlikas said the "detrimental effects are too great," and compared first-year law school to the military. Some professors use face charts to call on students at random, forcing them to recite specific cases in front of the class, according to Shlikas. "In some instances, they just keep on going at you until they trip you up," Shlikas said.

Some professors defend this type of treatment with the rationale that it is comparable to a courtroom situation.

Shlikas said that even with this rationale, the treatment is unnecessary because most cases are settled outside of court.

Although he was accepted to 15 other law schools, Shlikas chose to come to Wake Forest School of Law because he felt the people were nice and he would get a better education for his money, he said.

Despite the lawsuit, Shlikas said "There are nice people here," and said he wishes to complete his schooling at the university.

"Hopefully, I will be able to finish up my legal education here; it is a good law school with good professors," Shlikas said. Shlikas took a leave of absence last fall with the understanding that he would be able to return the following spring or fall. He is now suspended from the school.

Today marks the eleventh day of Shlikas' hunger strike. In that time, he has consumed only water and vitamins. Since Jan. 17, he has been drinking hot water flavored with bullion cubes.

Originally, Shlikas had intended to stage his entire hunger strike in front of the doors of the Worrell Professional Center. The low temperatures, however, have convinced him to go home at sunset. "This is a hunger strike, not a sleep strike," Shlikas said with a laugh.

Shlikas began his strike hoping the dean would change his mind and allow Shlikas to take classes, but 10 days into the strike, he felt making up the missed time would be impossible.

Many of Shlikas' friends and fellow students have brought him blankets, wool socks, reading material and a scarf, he said, but what he enjoys most is when people stop to visit him. "Fellow students have been very supportive," he said.

Shlikas said that his hunger strike will last "as long as I can endure it."

If Shlikas is not accepted back into the school, he is not certain what he will do, although he mentioned he enjoys teaching and children. "I don't know. I haven't gone there yet," Shlikas said.

## WAKE WATCH

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**Q. Is there a limit on the number of books a student may check out from the Z. Smith Reynolds Library? — C.R.**

There is no limit to the number of books a student is allowed to check out, according to Isabel Zuber, the head of access services for the library. Non-college patrons, however, are limited to 10 books, according to Zuber.

If a student has many overdue books that have not yet

been returned, the library's system automatically produces a hold on the student's account, she said.

"We terminate a student's checkout privileges, at least temporarily, if they fail to return a book that has been recalled," Zuber said.

**Q. What are the rules for vendors to sell their goods in the Benson University Center? — J.M.**

According to Gale Newport,

the facilities coordinator of the Benson University Center, vendors must either have an on-campus sponsor (a student group such as a fraternity or other club) or pay a fee of \$50 per day.

Vendors of credit cards are not allowed, although banks are. The vendor may not sell objects "of a derogatory nature" such as alcohol.

"Usually they sell baked goods, clothing, jewelry, Greek items, CDs or records," Newport said.

**Q. Does Student Government ever receive comments in the SG comments box in the post office? — J.N.**

Senior Scott Plumridge, the president of SG, said that the box is checked regularly by the publicity director who passes the messages along to the appropriate executive officer or legislator.

"Unfortunately, we haven't had too many messages, and that is something we would like to increase," Plumridge said.

## BRIEFLY

Campus organizations may have their announcements listed by sending e-mail to [news@ogb.wfu.edu](mailto:news@ogb.wfu.edu), faxing to Ext. 4561 or writing to P.O. Box 7569. The deadline for inclusion in each week's paper is 5 p.m. Monday.

### 1998-99 financial aid information available

Students who are interested in need-based aid for the 1998-99 year and did not receive the necessary information over break should stop by the financial aid office in Reynolda 4.

The office has information concerning the forms required and filing deadlines.

Applications for need-based aid must be filed the spring semester prior to the academic year.

### R.A.D. offers defense program for women

The Rape Aggression Defense class schedule for the semester will be posted in Davis Police Satellite Office and the Benson University Center.

If ten or more women would like a private class, call Ext. 2160 at least three weeks in advance.

R.A.D. is a 15-hour course taught by certified members of the University Police.

The course teaches women aware-

ness, prevention, risk reduction and avoidance, and it includes basic self-defense training.

A nominal fee will cover the cost of the R.A.D. manual provided.

### Counseling Center offers support groups

The University Counseling Center is offering the following groups: Eating Disorders Recovery Support Group; Adult Children of Alcoholics; Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Orientation; Grief and Loss; Living with Cancer; Healthy Eating and Positive Body Image; Stress Management; Positive Self Talk; Life/Career Planning.

All groups are confidential. For more information, call Ext. 5273.

### Baptist Medical Center offers CPR class

Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center will offer free training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) Feb. 21 at Anderson Conference Center at Winston-Salem State University.

Both pediatric and adult CPR will be taught. Each class takes about an hour.

CPR is also a life-saver for children, whose hearts can stop as a result of such accidents and illnesses as choking, near-drowning, electrical shock and pneumonia.

To schedule an appointment for the CPR classes, call HeartLine at 1-800-716-7730.

Services are available on the hour from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Child care will be available.

### Police provide victim assistance program

The Victim Assistance Program, offered by University Police, provides free and confidential services for those affected by crime.

The primary purpose of the program is to provide direct assistance to victims, support during the legal proceedings and response to the victim's emotional needs.

Services are available for any university student, faculty, staff or visitor to the campus who becomes a victim of a crime committed within the University Police's jurisdiction. For information or emergency

assistance, call Ext. 4332 during daytime hours or Ext. 5591 for a nighttime emergency.

### Testimonials needed for annual Speak Out

The Policy Group for Rape Education, Prevention and Response invites students to submit anonymous testimonials of an instance of rape and/or sexual assault for consideration for reading at the annual Speak Out (candlelight ceremony) Feb. 12 in Wait Chapel.

The Speak Out is the culmination of Tie-A-Yellow-Ribbon Week (Rape Awareness Week).

Testimonials should be no more than two pages (double-spaced), should include no identifying information and may take the form of a personal account of an experience of rape or sexual assault, feelings about the experience of a close friend, a poem, or any other creative format.

Submissions can be from men as well as women.

Please mail your typed, anonymous testimonial to Betsy Taylor, University Counseling Center, P.O. Box 7838, or bring it to the Coun-

selling Center in Reynolda 118 no later than Feb. 6.

### Attorney to be keynote at scholarship banquet

The university's Black Law Student Association is hosting its 13th annual scholarship banquet at 7 p.m. Feb. 27 in the Main Gallery of the Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art. The scholarship banquet will feature Charles Becton as the primary speaker.

Becton is a trial attorney from the Raleigh firm Fuller, Becton, Slifkin & Bell.

He served nine years on the North Carolina Court of Appeals.

The public is invited to attend. Banquet tickets will be on sale from Jan. 5 through Feb. 7.

For more information, call 785-4362.

### University Press plans festival, needs workers

The Wake Forest University Press, which publishes Irish poetry, and other groups are looking for



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First-year law student Ed Shlikas sits outside of Worrell Professional Center protesting the unfair treatment of first-year law students.

Irish students or students interested in Irish film, music or poetry to help plan the first-ever Irish Festival.

The festival will include a film festival, poetry readings, traditional Irish music and a St. Patrick's Day celebration in Shorty's.

Anyone interested should call coordinator Susan Murphy at 722-8018 for more information.

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