

Debate team shows maturity in tourney

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Allan Loudon, the director of the debate program and an associate professor of communication, feels that his relatively young team is coming of age.

At the beginning of the season, expectations were low for the team, which is comprised mainly of freshman.

Younger debaters are less experienced at doing the research and developing arguments which all the team-mates share, and they also have less tournament experience. In spite of this, recent victories and strong finishes have helped the team rise above these lower expectations.

"A lot of people thought Wake Forest wouldn't be very good because we are very young, but I think we've matured," junior Clay Rhodes said.

In the Robert Tisinger Debates at State University of

West Georgia, the team of Rhodes and junior Andy Geppert upset the team from Dartmouth in the octofinals before losing in the quarterfinals. The Dartmouth team had won the 130-team tournament held at the university earlier this season and is regarded as one of the stronger competitors in the debate community, according to Loudon.

"We haven't had such a good track record against them. It was good to finally beat them," Rhodes said.

Loudon feels the win over Dartmouth helped the team establish itself as a national competitor.

"At the beginning of the season, as young as we were, expectations were that we would not be competitive at nationals," Loudon said. "We know they're good enough. I don't think the rest of the world knows yet."

Of the seven university teams in the State University of West Georgia tournament, all finished with at least even records. "We are starting to develop a little depth," Loudon said.

Over winter break, the team of Rhodes and Geppert made it to the quarterfinals in the University of Southern California Alan Nichols Invitational. The team of freshman Jarrod Atchison and junior Justin Green took first at the University of Missouri-Kansas City Tournament.

The team as a whole won the Kansas City Swing, a first place squad award, for the two tournaments held there.

Loudon said he was pleased with his squad's performance in the State University of West Georgia and Southern California tournaments because he describes both as "tough tournaments."

"We're pretty excited because they're pretty young," Loudon said.

"I was pleased with the overall team performance," Rhodes said of the recent performances. "It was kind of unexpected. We worked hard and, I guess, we are starting to produce more."

In March, the debate team hopes to compete in several national tournaments, including regular and freshman nationals.

"We would not be favored (to win nationals), but they are clearly good enough to have a shot. With experience from the rest of the year, I would say they have an outside shot," Loudon said.

He said the squad has beaten several teams considered major contenders this year, including Michigan State, Dartmouth, Harvard and Emory.

Rhodes said that he feels the university has at least three teams that are capable of competing at national level. "I'm just looking forward to the future," Rhodes said.

The team has only won freshmen nationals once three years ago, but Loudon feels his team this year is one of the top competitors. "In my opinion, it is between us and Emory. We have a good shot," Loudon said.

WORLD WIDE

Clinton denies charge of harrasing intern

WASHINGTON — Reports that President Bill Clinton had an affair with an intern and then asked her to lie about it have the White House outraged. White House aid Linda Tripp was asked to wear a recording device when talking to 24-year-old Monica Lewinsky.

The resulting seventeen tapes supposedly contain graphic descriptions by Lewinsky of her sexual encounter with the president. The tapes are also said to contain discussions Lewinsky had with the president about covering up the affair.

The president responded to these allegations through his press secretary, Mike McCurry, who said the president "never had any improper relationship" with Lewinsky.

Russia battles over issue of Lenin's burial

MOSCOW — It has been over 70 years since Vladimir Lenin's death, yet controversy still rages over his final resting place.

Though the number of visitors to the tomb has dwindled, the communist leader's body still rests in a mausoleum in the middle of Red Square in the center of Moscow.

While some view the preserved corpse as a great piece of history, others see it as the cause of Russia's problems.

First vice president Boris Nemtsov said, "Unless we bury Lenin, Russia will remain under an evil spell."

Even President Boris Yeltsin has proposed burying Lenin, but fear of confrontation with Communists has prevented anyone from acting on the controversy.

Cuba cleans up its act for Pope's visit

ROME — Pope John Paul II boarded a plane Wednesday morning to begin his historic journey to Havana, Cuba.

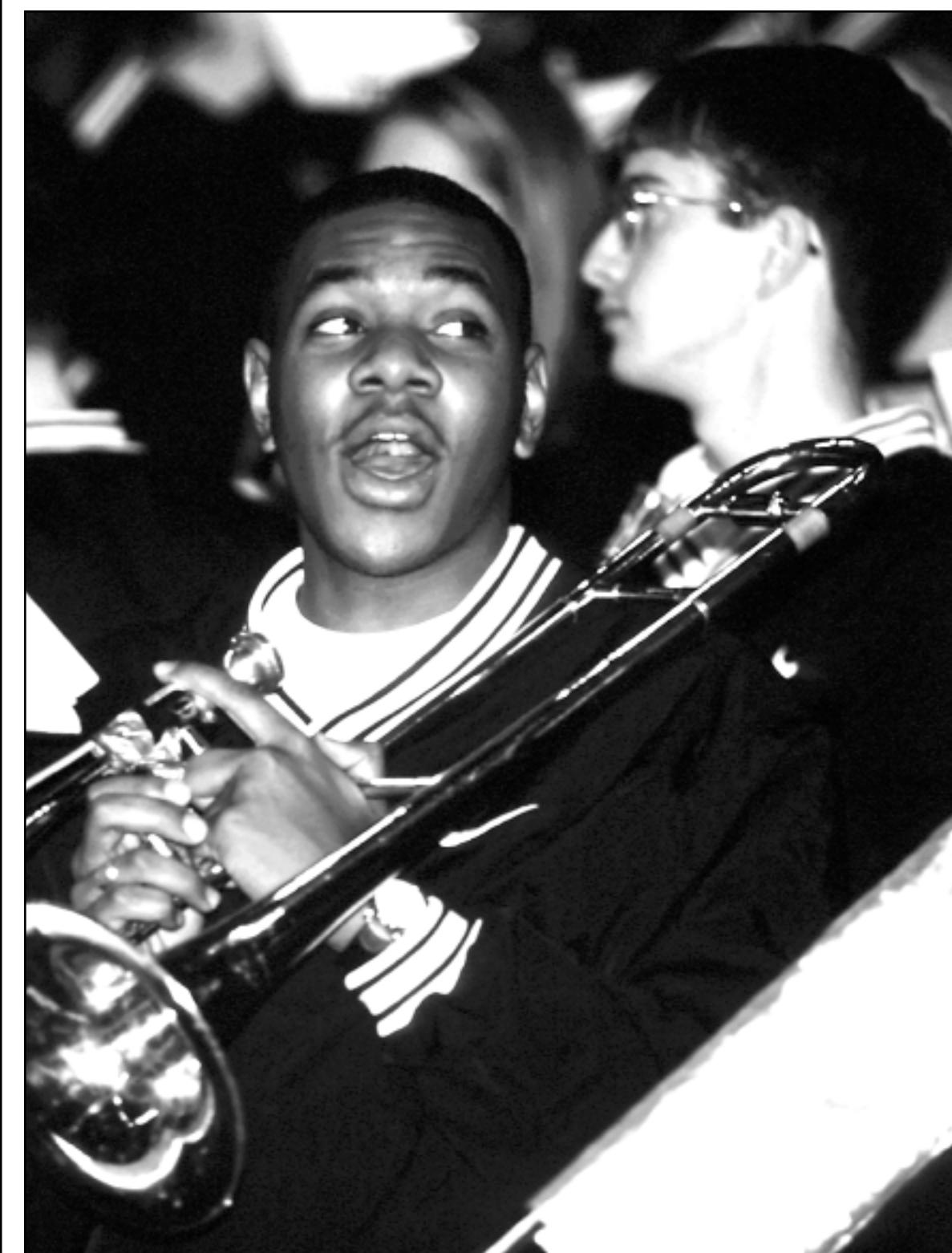
Cuba, a communist nation, is still officially atheistic.

Meanwhile, in Havana, the government of Cuba is scurrying to give the areas the Pope will visit a facelift.

Roads have been repaved and schools have been repainted, all in an effort to impress the pontiff. The government has also issued a ban on firearms in all areas that the Pope will visit.

Many have grumbled that all this work by the government is nothing more than an attempt to impress the Pope and try to take some credit for the visit to Cuba.

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Tooting his horn

Sophomore Elliot Nichols plays the trombone and freshman Joe Meader plays the trumpet in the Pep Band for men's basketball. University musicians play for both men's and women's basketball games.

Students warned to avoid circulating junk e-mail

Information Systems places limit on mailbox size

By Jenny Blackford
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E-mail is quickly becoming a staple of college life. Communicating with parents, friends at other universities, colleagues across the country and around the world, the possibilities for e-mail are endless. Yet few people ever think about the ramifications of one e-mail.

A great story or joke gets sent to a friend. The friend enjoys the story and sends it on to three of his or her friends. Those people send it on to more people and so on and so on ...

Users expect e-mail to be working when they need it, but with situations like this one, one innocent little story could end up crashing the university network.

"Chain letters had a negative effect in September," said Jay Dominick, the chief information officer and vice president of information systems. Twice during that month, chain mail crashed the Lotus Mail server.

The main computer has to examine each piece of mail and determine whether it stays here or goes off-campus, which takes up processing time, slowing the system down and can ultimately cause the computer to crash, he said.

Chain mail has other effects on computing systems. The server at the university can fill up, which causes the server to go down; it can clog up the Internet connection if the letter is being delivered to an off-campus e-mail address; or if a person is near their e-mail quota, their personal e-mail account may shut down upon receipt of the e-mail.

Though chain letters are common, other types of e-mail can have the same effects. Junk e-mail or advertisements, commonly known as spam, can also fill up the university server.

Even though spam is not illegal in the United States, many Internet providers, such as the university, do not permit spam on their networks.

Occasionally, the university is the victim of spamming. Last semester many people received messages from Upper Crust Pizza advertising specials on its products. When the university contacted the company, it responded by sending more spam to the

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campus, causing congestion on the network.

To combat the problems the university has been having with the various e-mail issues, a new e-mail quota was implemented in January. All students, regardless of class, have 25 megabytes of space at their disposal. For most this should be more than adequate.

Most students have less than one megabyte of stored e-mail, but over winter break it is easy to accumulate 25 megabytes, Dominick said.

E-mails containing video or music clips can cause problems. The problem is that "it causes no more effort to send a 10 megabyte file than a (Microsoft) Word file," Dominick said.

The average e-mail size is getting bigger due to the ease of use and the different types of files that can be easily attached in the newer e-mail programs such as Eudora, which the sophomores use, and Lotus Mail, which most of the faculty and freshmen use.

Dominick said he hopes to see the university only using two e-mail systems in future years, but added that no user will ever be forced to change programs.

"What we're doing is trying to establish rules for this new electronic community," Dominick said. Dominick advises that students not forward chain mail.

Instead of just hitting the forward button, cut and paste any interesting material into a new message. Also, he recommends never using reply-all since large lists of recipients are often attached to an e-mail.

To bring mail accounts under the quota, students can remove messages from the server. Each e-mail program has specific instructions, to find instructions for each e-mail program, look at the information systems homepage at <http://www.wfu.edu/Computer-information/quotas>.

POLICE BEAT

Prank calls rouse students out of bed

University Police are investigating phone calls to several students from a man falsely claiming to represent the office of the Dean of the College and advising them to attend an early morning meeting. The calls were received between 11 p.m. and midnight on Jan. 15.

Students who may receive similar suspicious phone calls should not comply with the caller's request without contacting the Dean's Office to see if a meeting is indeed scheduled.

Students are encouraged to notify University Police if they receive a call that cannot be verified with the Dean's Office.

Damage

A windowpane in a Poteat Residence Hall suite door was broken between 9:30 p.m. Jan. 12 and 11 a.m. Jan. 13.

A headlight on a university vehicle parked in Lot P, behind Huffman Residence Hall, was broken between 4 p.m. Jan. 12 and 11:30 a.m. Jan. 13.

Miscellaneous

A University Police officer arrested a man for driving while impaired and driving without a license on Jan. 16 at 8:39 p.m.

The officer found the man slumped over in a vehicle parked in Lot W, next to the Worrell Professional Center. The vehicle's engine was running and one wheel was on the curb.

An underage student had alcohol in a Student Drive residence on Jan. 18 at 1:25 a.m.

During a routine patrol, an officer saw someone hiding behind some bushes and then running behind the residence.

The person was identified as a student and asked to show the officer their identification card. At that time, the student went into the residence and closed the door.

Once the student returned and opened the door, the officer saw cans and bottles of alcoholic beverages inside the room.

The alcohol was confiscated and the incident was forwarded to Harold Holmes, associate vice president and dean of student services.

Two men in Reynolds Gymnasium were issued trespass warnings and escorted off-campus.

The men, who were not Wake Forest students or employees, had been asked to leave, but refused.

A university employee received two harassing phone calls at the employee's private residence between 8:10 a.m. Jan. 5 and 1:39 p.m. Jan. 12. The phone calls were made from an on-campus location.

Theft

A university-owned desktop computer system worth \$4,000 was stolen between 10 a.m. Jan. 6 and 12:15 p.m. Jan. 11 from a locked Benson University Center office.

A videocassette recorder belonging to a campus organization was taken from a locked lounge area in Davis Residence Hall between 7 a.m. Dec. 13 and 12 p.m. Jan. 14. The stolen item was worth \$250.

A laptop computer, a digital camera and a hand-held computer were taken from an unlocked office in the Worrell Professional Center between 2:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. Jan. 14.

The total value of the items was \$4,050.

University Police handled 45 calls from Jan. 12 to Jan. 18, including 11 incidents and investigations and 34 requests for service.

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