

# Hunt holds conference

## Three from university attend Governor's Volunteer Summit

By Carolyn Lay  
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To kick off Governor Jim Hunt's Year of the Volunteer in 1998 three people from the university attended The Governor's Summit on America's Promise and Volunteerism Jan. 21-22 at the Koury Convention Center in Greensboro.

Paige Wilbanks, an assistant director of student development, was chosen as a delegate through her work in collegiate volunteerism and because the university hosted Gov. Hunt's Young Citizen Award Ceremony.

Junior Cynthia Cox attended the summit as a delegate representing Gaston County. Last summer, Cox worked as a HIV/AIDS education coordinator for the Red Cross.

Also, Maya Angelou, the Reynolda Professor of American Studies, spoke at the summit.

The governor's summit was held in response to President Bill Clinton's Summit for America's Future. The national summit, led by retired general Colin Powell, was held in Philadelphia in April 1997.

More than 1,200 attended the state summit. All 100 counties of North Carolina were represented, with each county sending five to 15 delegates, depending on its population.

People from business, not-for-profit organizations, foundations, the General Assembly, state agencies, com-

munities of faith and other sectors of the community were also represented at the summit.

"This summit was the state attempt to mobilize efforts to meet the needs of the community," Wilbanks said. The state summit focused on ways to improve the life of children in the state through five goals.

The five fundamental resources that formed the core of the America's Promise movement were mentor, protect, nurture, teach and serve.

The five resources were expanded into five goals for volunteers: to provide an on-going relationship with a caring adult, to offer safe places and structured activities during non-school hours, to ensure a healthy start, to teach a marketable skill through effective education, and to find opportunities to give back through community service.

The three main goals of the summit were to find ways to deliver the five fundamental resources effectively, to celebrate volunteerism and community service and to mobilize volunteers.

Each county tried to find the strategic needs of its community, particularly at-risk kids, according to Wilbanks. "I enjoyed the fresh approach of getting city officials to talk about the problems of the community and how together they can meet those needs," Wilbanks said.

The summit program included skill development workshops, interactive

panels, discussion groups, expert speakers, informational resources and time for each county to develop an action plan.

Speakers at the summit included Hunt; Bill Miliken, the president of Communities in Schools Inc.; former U.S. Sen. Harris Wofford, who is now the CEO of the Corporation for National Service; Tom Smith, the CEO of Food Lion and a summit co-chairman; former U.S. Sen. Bill Bradley; and Elizabeth Dole, the president of the American Red Cross.

Angelou's closing speech on Thursday encouraged the delegates by emphasizing the importance of volunteerism.

"In the worst of times, a volunteer presents herself as a rainbow in the clouds. That person says, 'I will dare show you the possibility of hope.' That's a brave thing. That's a wonderful thing. And in our world, it's absolutely necessary," she said.

"The lack of youth at the summit really disappointed me," said Cox, "but on the flip side was all these other people who did want to go back and get things done."

Cox said the delegates from her county have already had a roundtable discussion.

They plan to hold more of these meetings to get everyone back together. One of the ideas already in the works was the plan to develop a volunteer day.



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### Video zone

Tracy Melnik watches his young friend Cory Merritt play video games in Benson Game Room in the food court. The Game Room is a popular place to hang out for many students.

# Student response team to offer emergency services

## After clearing up insurance matters, group will respond to on-campus calls

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What was only a vision last year for the student-run Emergency Response Team is now close to operation. Three weeks from now, it will begin to operate on campus to serve the urgent needs of ill or injured students.

Both sophomore Jessica Murray, the director of the emergency squad, and freshman Kevin Gamble, the shift lieutenant, said that after insurance issues have been cleared up, the squad will begin to respond to campus calls.

Murray said that the ERT will be an on-campus medical and trauma first-response unit that will be fully confidential.

"If it is not a situation requiring advanced life support (hospitalization), we would make an assessment of the student's health and treat accordingly; if it is, we would provide basic life support until the ambulance arrives. We are a rapid-response team," she said.

Gamble said that an average of 150 calls for urgent help is placed on campus per year, with an ambu-

lance coming to campus between one to three times a week. The squad will respond to these kinds of incidents.

"We (will be) responding between 4:30 p.m. and 8 a.m., and 24 hours on weekends where no such response team exists," he said.

The remainder of the time will be filled with the work of a safety response team that are trained-emergency medical technicians who currently work with the Physical Facilities crew.

There are currently 17 active EMTs who will provide coverage this semester.

There are also two EMT classes that are in training. Inexperienced members currently work with the Winston-Salem Rescue Squad to gain experience that the small university community cannot provide; this is a prerequisite for running calls on campus.

"We want the members to be well-trained, because we are servicing our peers. At all times, a shift lieutenant (a highly experienced EMT) will be on-call if their service is needed," Murray said.

Many premedical students, as well

as students of other majors, such as business, are interested in the group, according to Murray.

"We provide basic service with a 'jumpbag' of extensive first aid materials. We can do anything from delivering a baby to providing basic life support in a mass casualty incident."

Murray also said that the EMTs will carry oxygen and spine stabilization equipment in a van.

"We will also do stand-bys at functions and provide education, such as CPR instruction and first-aid programs," she said.

"We also have a special projects division, which executes programs such as a mentor program for inner-city schools and the organ donor drive on campus. You do not have to be an EMT to be a part of our special projects division," Murray said.

"There was a void of the Emergency Medical System that we could fill with students on campus. But it not only benefits Wake Forest by filling the void, but also through educating the members.

"It instills confidence to respond to emergency situations, but also

teaches about life situations not ordinarily experienced by the average Wake student," she said.

Gamble called it "problem solving beyond the classroom."

The EMTs will be clearly identifiable on the scene and can be reached by contacting 911 on campus, or through Student Health for serious emergencies where the patient is unable to get to Student Health on their own, Gamble said.

"We want students to be aware of us and that everything will be confidential. Student-to-student contact is much more comfortable. We know the stress people are under, we don't pass judgment and we understand," Murray said.

"We have a high-level of care and we are there for them. We are concerned with their health and nothing else," she said.

If any students are interested in helping with or joining the ERT, classes are offered. People can be involved with the Special Project Division or the Education Division.

Interested students may contact Murray at Ext. 6978, or Jacara Cunningham, the personnel officer, at Ext. 1424.



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Members of the student-run Emergency Response Team practice procedures they will use to assist ill and injured students.

## 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.

### Counseling Center offers support groups

The University Counseling Center is offering the following support 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; and Life/Career Planning.

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

### MBA Program info sessions scheduled

An information session for anyone interested in the Evening and Executive MBA Programs at the Babcock School of Management will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Feb. 3 at the Sheraton Imperial in Research Triangle Park.

The Evening Program is for professionals and managers who have at least three years of work experience. Individual courses meet from

6 to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday at the Worrell Professional Center. The degree may be earned in three to five years.

The Executive Program is tailored to mid-career professionals and managers and can be completed in four semesters over two years. Classes meet in Winston-Salem on Saturdays, with occasional Friday sessions.

For more information, call Ext. 4584 or 800-428-6012.

### Memory changes to be next colloquium topic

The department of psychology's colloquium series will continue at 3:15 p.m. Feb. 2 in Winston C.

Janine Jennings, from the Rotman Research Institute for Geriatric Care in Ontario, Canada, will speak on "Understanding and Improving Age-Related Changes in Memory."

Monica Biernat, from the department of psychology at the University of Kansas, will lecture on "Stereotypes and Shifting Standards of Judgement" at 3:15 p.m. Feb. 5 in Winston C. For additional information, call Ext. 5424.

### 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.

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

### 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 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 double-spaced pages, 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 are welcome from men or women.

Please mail your typed, anonymous testimonial to Betsy Taylor, University Counseling Center, P.O. Box 7838, or bring it to the Counseling Center in Reynolda 118 no later than Feb. 6.

### Baptist Medical Center offers free 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.

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

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

### Town hall discussion to relate media, faith

The university will host a town hall-style discussion of media coverage of religion titled "Faith in Focus? The Media and America's Search for its Soul" at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 7 in Carswell 111.

Bob Abernethy, a former Moscow Bureau chief for NBC News, and Sharon Green, the senior cultural affairs editor for National Public Radio, will be among the discussion leaders.

Other panelists will be Cecile Holmes, a religion editor and writer for the *Houston Chronicle*, and Scott Libin, a former news director at WGHP-TV in High Point and the head of the Poynter Institute's broadcast media and ethics training.

Abernethy was a correspondent for NBC News for more than 40 years and is the executive editor and on-camera host for the weekly magazine produced at WNET-TV.

Green established the Cultural Desk at NPR in 1993 and is now the network's religion editor.

Holmes is the president of the Religion Newswriters Association and worked as a reporter at Greensboro's *News and Record*.

Libin specializes in broadcast leadership and management at the Poynter Institute and has worked as a Congressional press secretary.

The event is co-sponsored by the Poynter Institute for Media Studies in St. Petersburg, Fla.

### Correction

The director of Residence Life and Housing was misidentified in a pull-out quotation on Page A1 of the Jan. 22 issue.

Her name should have read Connie Carson, as it appeared in the article.

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