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Down in the dumps

Two dump trucks take a load off in Davis Field. Davis Field is being leveled off for a new band practice field and construction has been ongoing since last semester. The university got all the dirt from other construction sites.

WORLDWIDE

U.S. rejects Iraqi offer for weapons inspection

WASHINGTON—Although Iraq has said that it is now ready to allow access to eight disputed areas for arms inspections, the United States has rejected the offer. Iraq's proposal called for each of the 15 U.N. Security Council members to appoint five inspectors. It also requested that each of the 21 U.N. Special Commission members name two inspectors, for a total of 117 inspectors. Each inspection team would have had complete access to the eight presidential areas under dispute. The United States said that the proposal was inadequate because it did not comply with the United Nations request for "full and unfettered access." President Bill Clinton favors diplomatic action but if unsuccessful, will consider a military strike.

Texas executes woman for first time in century

HUNTSVILLE, Texas — Texas executed its first woman in over 100 years Feb. 3. The Supreme Court found

no legal grounds for Karla Faye Tucker's appeal and Texas Governor George W. Bush refused to grant a 30-day stay of execution, saying that since the Supreme Court would not overturn the case, there was no reason for him to. Tucker admitted to killing a man and a woman with a pickax in a 1983 break-in. Tucker's transformation from a drug-using prostitute to a born-again Christian had led to appeals for clemency from around the world; including appeals from the pope.

Low-flying U.S. airplane clips cable wire, kills 20

CAVALESE, Italy — A United States EA-6B Marine Prowler from the U. S. base in Aviano, Italy, crashed into and severed a wire supporting cable cars. The crash caused one cable car to crash into the ground 280 feet below. Twenty people were killed, authorities said. The plane suffered minor damage and no one on board was hurt. The plane was on a training mission as part of the NATO plan to patrol Bosnia. The pilot said that he was unaware of severing the cable. *Compiled from news services.*

Referendum to reform judicial, honor systems

By Dan Durand
SG Beat Reporter

SG's executive Judicial Committee met Jan. 27 to discuss their plans for what may be a very influential semester.

Three main topics were covered, the most notable being that of judicial reform and preparations for an upcoming student referendum.

The referendum, scheduled to be held March 24, will allow the student body unprecedented involvement in university policy. Plans call for the referendum to be carried out as a confidential ballot, with three issues to be voted upon.

First and foremost students will vote for or against the addition of a new judicial article to the student constitution in order to replace the existing article.

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Since this involves a fundamental change of the student constitution, its passage will depend on securing a 2/3 vote from the student body.

The second question will be less significant, as students will vote whether or not to grant SG the authority to replace all references in the student constitution to the Honor Council and Judicial Board with the

new governing body, the Honor and Ethics Council.

With the final issue of the referendum, the Judicial Committee intends to ask the student body for their permission to alter the statutes within the student constitution as they see fit in order to ensure that the new system will run smoothly, justly and with integrity.

While SG is permitted to change constitution statutes through the passage of a 2/3 vote in a legislative meeting with a quorum, the Judicial Committee feels it will be best to ask for a formal mandate from the student body while they have the opportunity.

The referendum will mark a peak in the events surrounding the honor crisis that characterized the fall semester of 1997 and has necessitated judicial reform.

"It will be a big step in an ongoing process to augment the integrity of the honors system at Wake.

(Judicial reform) is one of the biggest things to happen since Wake has moved to Winston-Salem," commented Judicial Committee chairman junior Ryan Opel.

While judicial reform will cure the symptoms of the honor crisis, the Judicial Committee believes it will take a greater effort to get to the root of the problem.

Towards this end, the committee plans to increase student awareness in regard to the honor system.

This awareness, it is hoped, will extend beyond the student body and change the way both faculty and prospective students view the honor system as well.

"We're looking forward to getting everyone in the Wake Forest community to take renewed pride in the honor system," said junior David Ramsey.

Additionally, the committee is also investigating ways that may make it easier to break up deadlocks that occur in the legislature.

Year of Religion brings Dervishes

By Cedron Williams
Contributing Reporter

Those unfamiliar with the Whirling Dervishes of Turkey may expect them to be people with insatiable appetites for circular motion and amazing talents to delay vomiting. However, their Islamic ceremonies are serene, sacred rituals. In white costumes the dervishes face the right palm towards heaven and the left palm towards the earth. They begin seemingly endless rotations, twirling twenty to thirty times per minute to achieve union and grace with Allah.

The Sufi Muslims are visiting the university as guests for the Year of Religion. Kabir Helminski, himself a Mevlani shaikh and translator of Mevlana Rumi, will introduce the performances. They offer those who are interested in the Mevlani tradition an opportunity to witness the central Mevlani ritual, Sema, conducted by semazens and musicians from Turkey.

Sufism is a doctrine that emerged from the practices and monotheistic principles of Islam. Sufists believe that people are not separate from God. By practicing the development of presence and love, Sufists engage in unity of being and deeper identity. The rituals of the Whirling Dervishes are among the enduring as well as the most exquisite ceremonies of spirituality among Sufi Muslims.

The Whirling Dervishes usually includes twelve musicians on traditional Turkish instruments and twelve dancers. Their performances have had a profound impact on the Ottoman high culture. The doctrinaires of Islam's orthodoxy opposed music; it was thought to be harmful to the listener and detrimental to religious life.

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Junior

Sufi poet of the 13th century, integrated music into the rituals as an article of faith. Rumi said, "Music uplifts our spirit to realms above."

Sema is an artistic spiritual journey represented through meditation in motion as the dervishes transform themselves to commune with Allah and return to life as servants. The members of the Sufi brotherhood, tariqa, are known as dervishes. The Semazens are the spiraling performers.

The Whirling Dervishes have toured the United States before and performed at other universities, including Columbia University and the University of Pennsylvania. Students and professors have been looking forward to the event here. Junior Will Kennedy states, "Dr. Paul Cobb mentioned their performances in my middle eastern history class last semester. I have been anticipating their arrival ever since."

This week Helminski leads the devotions with poetry by Mevlana Rumi, the thirteenth century poet that founded this mystical branch of Islam, the Mevlani Sufi tradition. The ceremony of the Whirling Dervishes, Sema, begins at 8 p.m. today in Brendle Recital Hall. At 8 p.m. Feb. 6, Dr. Kabir Helminski will make remarks on Sufism and Mevlani Jelaluddin Rumi, followed by Sufi movement and dhikr.

POLICE BEAT

Expensive chairs taken from Reynolda

A \$500 chair in Reynolda Hall was taken between 5 p.m. Jan. 23 and 8:30 a.m. Jan. 26. Two other chairs in Reynolda were damaged during the same time period. The incidents may be related.

Theft

Two wheel covers worth \$50 were taken from a student's car between 11 p.m. Jan. 25 and 5 p.m. Jan. 26. The car was parked in Lot Z along Allen Easley Street.

A student's \$5 baseball cap was taken from the Z. Smith Reynolds Library around 12 p.m. Jan. 27. The hat was attached to a backpack, which was left unattended in the library.

A student's identification card was taken from a wallet, which was left under a shirt in Reynolds Gymnasium while the student played basketball. The incident occurred

between 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Jan. 29.

A license plate was taken from a student's car between 3 p.m. Jan. 25 and 7:30 p.m. Jan. 28. The vehicle was parked in Lot Q, next to the Scales Fine Arts Center.

Two stereo speakers in Carswell Hall were taken from a classroom wall between 12 p.m. Jan. 21 and 3 p.m. Jan. 23.

Damage

The door lock to a student's vehicle was damaged between 8:30 a.m. and 2:45 p.m. Jan. 26. The car was parked in Reynolda Village.

The rear bumper on a student's car was scratched between 7:50 a.m. and 1 p.m. Jan. 28. The car was parked in Lot W, next to the Worrell Professional Center.

A broken entrance light at Student Health Service was discovered at 4:50 a.m. Jan. 30.

The front grill of a student's vehicle was damaged between 3:30 a.m. Jan. 30 and 3:30 a.m. Jan. 31. The incident occurred in Lot Q.

Miscellaneous

A university employee received a harassing phone message between 5 p.m. Jan. 23 and 8 a.m. Jan. 26.

Several students living in Davis House received harassing phone calls Jan. 28. Three of the incidents occurred around 6 a.m. The fourth incident occurred between 12:10 a.m. and 6:10 a.m.

A University Police officer found a student lying on the ground outside of Luter Residence Hall at 4:45 a.m. Jan. 29.

The student, who was underage, had been drinking alcoholic beverages and was escorted to Student Health. The incident was forwarded to Harold Holmes, an associate vice president and the dean of student services.

An officer helped a student escort another student, who was underage and intoxicated, to Student Health at 10:16 p.m. Jan. 30. The incident was forwarded to the dean's office.

A trespass warning was issued to a former Wake Forest law student at 12:50 p.m. Jan. 26 at the Worrell

Professional Center. The student returned to the building the next day, but left campus after being asked to do so.

Three people attempting to sell perfume on campus were issued trespass warnings at 2:22 p.m. Jan. 30.

A University Police officer issued a citation for marijuana possession to a student at 8:47 p.m. Jan. 30.

The officer was investigating a call about a marijuana smell from a Babcock Residence Hall room. The incident was forwarded to the dean's office.

In another incident, a student was issued a citation for possession of marijuana and a stimulant-type drug at 5:30 p.m. Jan. 31.

The officer was investigating a call about the smell of marijuana from a Poteat House room. The incident was forwarded to the dean's office.

University Police handled 73 calls from Jan. 26 to Feb. 1, including 22 incidents and investigations and 51 requests for services.

Controller changes departments' funds

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made significant improvements, according to Carpenter.

"We were working with an aggressive time table," Carpenter said.

Both Levy and Shields saw positive aspects in the new system. "I think it is potentially a better system," Shields said.

There are fewer chances for error with this system because the department heads are responsible for inputting their own information, instead of having someone else input it from a piece of paper, Shields said.

"We have more assurance of the accuracy of the data," Carpenter said.

Levy said another benefit of the new system is that it gives him information at his fingertips which previously would not have been avail-

able.

He was able to catch mistakes in different areas, like professors being listed as part-time who are full-time and vice versa.

The departments also have access to different systems and past budgets. "The process should work fine, but I don't think we were ready for it," according to Levy. "My biggest disappointment was that it was so rushed."

Carpenter said that, overall, the implementation of the programs has gone well and that faculty and staff have been very supportive and patient in dealing with the system's problems.

"I have done a lot of implementations before I came here, and overall, this has been the best in terms of support," she said.

With the incremental budgeting, the departments start with the same budget as the previous year and must justify any increases.

"I think the administration has been fairly generous with increases in budgeting (in past years)," Levy said.

Carpenter said that because she works with limited funds, it makes sense for people who desire increases to have to justify them.

"I think it is a better process for allocating the resources where they are really needed," Carpenter said.

One area not affected by budgeting change is salaries.

"The fact that they are continuing to support salaries is more important than the other line items," Levy said. "I put people before things."

Levy said with low inflation, the lack of increases in the budget "should not cause any hardships." "In most cases, I have just been accepting and working without an increase for 1998-99," Levy said.