

Graduates take advantage of university jobs

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Contributing Reporter

After receiving an education from the university, some graduates have found a way to give something back to the school and at the same time earn valuable on-the-job experience. Many graduates have taken advantage of the opportunity to remain at the university as employees, filling positions in the Office of Admissions as well as teaching positions.

According to Martha Allman, the associate director of admissions, the entire professional staff at the admissions office consists of alumni of the university. In hiring for positions, applicants who graduated from the school are favored over their counterparts from other schools.

Allman said that former students can offer insight about the university that other people could not. "(They

can) talk to students about the Wake Forest experience," she said.

Becky Meisenbach, '97, now works as an admissions counselor. "I had such a wonderful experience here. To be able to come back and tell other students about Wake is the perfect job for me," Meisenbach said.

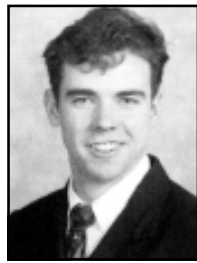


Meisenbach

Three admissions counselor positions in the admissions office are designated for graduating seniors. According to Allman, these are internship positions, intended to be held no longer than two years. There are also three professional positions, at the assistant director level, that are often filled by the admissions counselors after two years.

Therefore, graduates working in the admissions of-

office have the option of either remaining at the university long-term or using the experience as a starting point for a related career.



Creel

Meisenbach said she wasn't sure which path she would take. "I can see myself being associated with the university for a long time, but would also like to branch out at some point and explore something new," she said.

Colin Creel, '96, also found a job in the admissions office as an assistant director of admissions and financial aid. "(I have gained) valuable experience in admissions, which I will be able to use to pursue further goals," he said.

Being a graduate of the university has helped him in

his job, according to Creel. "You're a much more credible source of information about the school," he said.

The admissions office is not the only division of the university which offers graduates employment opportunities.

At times the department of mathematics and computer science has hired a student in the master's program to a teaching position. However, these positions are designated for a one-year period.

Patricia Underhill is a graduate of the university who received a one-year appointment as an introduction to computer science instructor. Underhill said her experience as an instructor at the university will help her with her career.

"I got such a different perspective on things, in preparing the lectures instead of taking notes. It helped reinforce what I already knew," Underhill said.

WAKE WATCH

Q. Is it true that Salem College students who have Salem parking passes may get Wake Forest parking passes for free? — R.C.

According to Regina Lawson, the Chief of University Police, Salem students cannot get university parking passes for free. These students are considered visitors and are allowed to park in Lot B. A few Winston-Salem State students have time-limited parking passes, she said.

Q. Why is the emergency call box near the Student Apartments out of service, and when will it be fixed? — J.G.

The two emergency call boxes near Student Apartments, one near the complex and the other on the

path to Lot Q, near the Scales Fine Arts Center, were both working when they were tested Jan. 27. Lawson said that they were inoperable for a time but were fixed. She said that University Police assumed the reason for the problem was a wire cut during the construction of Polo Residence Hall.

Q. What is the procedure for making faculty and staff pay outstanding tickets? Does the Controller or supervisors receive reports as to their employees' parking violations and outstanding tickets? Has the university ever considered a payroll deduction for staff members who continually abuse parking privileges and refuse to pay for them? — A.A.

Faculty and staff members do have to pay their parking tickets. Lawson said that students are usually billed for their parking fines four times each year, whereas faculty and staff members are billed twice a year. At one time the university considered trying a payroll deduction, but because of tax code regulations, it cannot deduct parking ticket fines from employees' paychecks, Lawson said.

Q. What are they doing to Davis Field? Why is it all torn up? How long will it be a mess? — M.G.

According to Rodney Cheek, an assistant construction manager, Davis Field is being leveled to make it more conducive to student use. There is currently no completion date because of bad weather.



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You will remember this

Janine Jennings of the Rotman Research Institute for Geriatric Care in Ontario, Canada, speaks on "Understanding and Improving Age-Related Changes in Memory" on Feb. 2 as part of the department of psychology's colloquium series.

University examines need to provide day care options

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The committee charged with implementing the suggestions in the report formed a subcommittee, led by Louis Morrell, the vice president of investments, to look into the possibility of providing a day care facility. Morrell's committee, made up of faculty and staff members, has met once this semester. "It's a good committee and they're active and have a lot of ideas. They'll be issues and we'll have disagreements, but it's a good committee," Morrell said.

Morrell said he has no idea when the group will present their initial findings. The committee has not yet decided what type of facility to recommend. They can advocate an on-site care center run by the school or a contract company an off-campus center run by a contract company, or recommend the university provide child care by simply subsidizing the cost of faculty and staff children's care in off-campus facilities. "My sense is there is a natural tendency for people to want the center on campus," Morrell said. "There's a very strong feeling that you want to be able to visit the child at work, so you don't want it somewhere far away, like at Bowman Gray."

Hutchens agrees that the proximity of the facility is a big factor. "To have the option of going two miles to see your child is a huge benefit," she said. Many other factors involving cost, whose child can enter

the facility and quality standards have to be decided. "Once you start talking, more things come into it," Hutchens said, citing issues of educational benefits, staffing of facilities and cost to the faculty and staff, among other factors.

The committee could find that the university does not need a day care facility, but Morrell thinks this is unlikely. "The Report on the Status of Women had actually come to the conclusion that day care was needed," Morrell said.

Claudia Thomas, an associate dean of the college, a professor of English and the chairwoman of the oversight committee, said she believes the committee will find a need for a child care facility. "A vice president is in charge who's done it before, the president gave us the charge and the president would like to see this done," she said.

Thomas said that she sees a need for a day care facility. "We work very long hours, and universities need to be able to accommodate families — especially since we consider ourselves model communities," she said. "Universities are now being rated according to their family-friendly policies. This is no longer being regarded as a perk — it's a necessity."

Clark agreed that day care should not be a luxury. "I could never understand why a university who has so many resources and so much money could never afford to put up a day care center," she said.

Hearn seeks leadership from Dean in new position

Old Gold and Black Staff Report

University president Thomas K. Hearn Jr. promoted Richard H. Dean to the position of senior vice president for health affairs approximately two weeks ago.

Dean had been the interim vice president for health affairs since July, replacing Richard Janeway, and was named the director of the Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center in October.

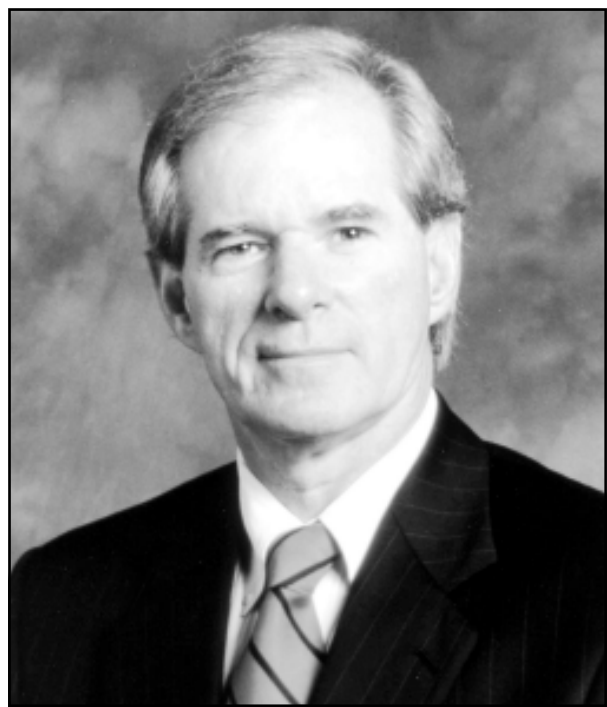
Hearn said in a faculty meeting, "I have full confidence that (Dean) not only has the values and personal integrity but also the intellect, persistence, leadership and determination to succeed that the medical school requires at this challenging moment," according to a university press release.

In his new position, Dean will work with James N. Thompson, a vice president and dean — a team which, according to Hearn, will provide strong leadership for the medical school.

"I have learned that the key to success is leadership and planning — having the right people in place doing the right things. We have that right people and they will be about the business of establishing a plan aimed at making this institution into a premier academic medical center," Hearn said in the press release.

In a speech to the faculty, Dean emphasized increasing competition in the medical university, which faces increased managed care and cuts in funding for Medicaid and Medicare.

"With the enormity of change that is in front of us, we cannot let it alter our core values. We have a uniquely humane environment compared to our peers. We have a unique commitment to teaching altruism by example. Likewise, we have a history of overachievement and humility in an institution," Dean said, according to the press release.



Courtesy of Wake Forest University

Richard H. Dean recently was promoted to senior vice president of health affairs. Dean will work with James N. Thompson to lead the medical school.

Dean has served as the director of the division of social sciences, the chairman of the department of general surgery and the Richard T. Myers professor of surgery. He is a graduate of Virginia Military Institute, and he earned his master's degree from the Medical College of Virginia.

Ticket system allows devoted fans to get better, more seats

By Carolyn K. Lay
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Students may miss Tim Duncan, '97, but they certainly haven't missed the old lottery system.

This year the ticket distribution procedure was changed to first-come-first-serve distribution. Under the new policy, students must wait in a line and present their student IDs and athletic passes when they reach the front.

The first three pick-up locations were in the Benson University Center and the last three were in Spry Soccer Stadium.

"The main thing I don't like with the new process is the fact that it's up at the soccer stadium. I would like it to be back in Benson again. The one good thing is the people who want good tickets can get good seats, whereas the people who don't care

can go whenever they want," senior Heather Dukes said.

Dukes was in charge of gathering tickets for her sorority, the Kappa Delta sorority. She said at the fifth ticket pick-up, which included the game against the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, she was in line at 8 a.m. and did not get good seats because of the number of people already in line.

Judy Cunningham, the director of Ticket Office Operations, said she has received virtually no comments — positive or negative — about the new system. There were also no problems with any of the pick-ups this semester, she said, although she added that there weren't any bad weather days this year. In last year's lottery system, students waited in line for a ticket stub, then the number from the ticket stub was called randomly and students picked up their tick-

ets according to the number on their stub. That procedure prompted many complaints from students who felt the process was unfair to those who wanted good seats and would have been willing to wait for good tickets.

Many also felt the process was inefficient. A new cheering group, the Freakin' Deacons, was formed this year and is not sponsored by the university. They have used the new lottery system to get tickets for the entire group behind the cheerleaders. At every pick-up day, they have spent the night before in Benson or at Spry to guarantee that they get the very best seats available.

Another difference has been the placement of the Wake Wackos, a group of alumni fans. Instead of sitting opposite the band as they did last year, the Wake Wackos sit behind the band.

"The Wake Wackos felt separated where they were and thought they would be more effective with the band," Cunningham said.

Sophomore Meghna Baliga, a member of the band, said, "For the most part, I think they add to the cheering from the band. I don't see any problems with them there." She said that their present location was helpful.

On the other hand, Baliga said the Freacin' Deacons were also missed from the other side. She said not having them opposite the band made that side of the coliseum seem empty.

After each season, the ticket distribution procedure is evaluated between the Athletic Ticket Office and Student Government. Wake Wackos, after evaluating their previous location, also decide at the end of the season where they would like to sit the following season.

Cunningham said the student sections this year were sections 108-113 on the first tier and almost the same number on the second tier.

The tickets have not been sold out for any of the games, she said. The Screamin' Deacons are in sections 108, 109 and part of 110.

The tickets for the games are free to any university student. For individual games, the prices range from \$6 to \$25. Season tickets to the general public are \$295. Two separate packages are also sold for the Atlantic Coast Conference games. Each package consists of four ACC games and are \$91 each.

Seventy-five seats are reserved behind the opposing team's bench for fans of the opposing team, according to Cunningham. After those were sold, opposing fans could buy tickets as they were available.