

# Judicial statutes released

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SG Beat Reporter

Following the results of the March 24 referendum on Judicial Reform, Student Government this week released the statutes that will be incorporated into the SG Constitution. The statutes are pending a vote on April 14 in legislature on a detailed 18-page manuscript composed of three statutes outlining every facet of the new judicial system.

"We are very excited to pass this legislation, which has garnered unprecedented support from the student body," senior Scott Plumridge, the president of SG, said.

Statute I of the report includes most of the major changes; each section overwrites one that presently exists in regards to the Judicial Board and Honor Council.

Section one outlines the purpose of the judicial system, followed by a brief outline of the system's projected structure in Section two.

Section three provides details on the Honor and Ethics Council. Members are to be elected yearly by the student body after considerable pre-screening by the Judicial Elections Committee.

"This is the section that I am most proud of because (SG) was able to convince the administration to leave the selection of HEC members to the student body," junior Tina Carlucci, the speaker of the house, said.

The JEC will be composed of the SG president, the speaker

of the house, two other members of SG elected by the legislature, the two judicial co-chairmen and one student member of the Judicial Council.

Additionally, article seven of subsection B states that these students must have a minimum GPA of 2.0 and no honor violations on their transcript at the time of application.

A total of 12 students will sit on the HEC, including three seniors, four juniors, three sophomores and two freshmen.

The freshmen members of the council will be elected at the beginning of the fall semester.

Within the HEC, there will be two co-chairmen, to be elected each spring by the HEC.

One of these co-chairmen will perform duties similar to that of a judge in each HEC hearing and will neither deliberate with the committee nor vote.

Twelve faculty members will also sit on the HEC, each appointed in a staggered fashion by the dean of college for three-year terms.

Administrative members of the HEC will be appointed by the vice president for student life and instructional resources.

Unlike students and faculty, administrators will be discouraged from sitting on both the Honor and Ethics Council and the Judicial Council concurrently.

During each case handled by the HEC, seven members will sit in judgment, including four students, two faculty and one administrator.

A majority vote of five-sevenths will be required for a verdict.

Thus it is impossible for the accused to be convicted if the majority of students on the HEC holds that they are innocent.

In the case of a split vote among the four HEC student members presiding on the case, a guilty verdict may be rendered if both faculty and the administrator vote guilty.

In the event of a guilty verdict, Statute II (Procedures), Section nine, subsection A states factors that may mitigate the degree of a guilty verdict.

These include ignorance of the judicial system as opposed to deliberate violation, evidence that a presumptive sanction will cause greater harm than intended, evidence that the student attempted to rectify their actions before being formally accused and evidence that the student confessed prior to the hearing.

Subsection B of the same statute and section lists aggravating factors.

These include prior offenses, evidence that the student attempted to conceal the offense, evidence that the student obstructed or did not cooperate with the investigation and evidence that the offender is unaware of the magnitude of their wrongdoing.

Section three of Statute III lays the groundwork for the Board of Investigators and Advisers which will be the primary advocate of the accused in each case.

The BIA will consist of 12 members, each appointed during the spring by the Judicial Elections Committee, assigned a certain caseload.

BIA members will serve a dual role as both student advisers and investigators during all phases of the judicial process.

BIA members may also advise and represent students in administrative hearings. GPA and honor requirements for BIA members are identical to those for HEC candidates.

In the interest of expediency, the dean of student services is authorized to oversee cases in which the maximum penalty is under 50 hours of community service or in which the accused was under the influence of alcohol or drugs or both.

"Having the dean (of student services) act in this capacity in clear-cut cases allows the system to run smoothly and is an integral part of the present system," Plumridge said.

Other important changes to the judicial system include a new form of cheating through Internet usage not listed under the previous section.

"The use, by paraphrase or direct quotation, of on-line material without complete acknowledgment of the source (is prohibited)," states Statute II, 5, a, 2, d.

In effect, this closes a loophole in the present constitution. Currently, copying from the Internet without actually downloading a data file is not specifically prohibited but is reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the HEC.



Dave Frisvold/Old Gold and Black

Andy Ferguson, the new Mr. Wake Forest, performs as Vanilla Ice with his backup singers, the 'fly-guys,' April 2 in Brendle Recital Hall.

## Twelve earn positions on BIA

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Contributing Reporter

Student Government has continued to alter its structure since the passing of the judicial referendum which focuses more on honor and ethical issues. Most recently, the Board of Investigators and Advisers was selected.

The 12-member body is responsible for providing student representation by investigating and presenting cases before the Honor and Ethics Council.

The members of this division were appointed by the Judicial Elections Committee after an application and interview process.

The board comprises only of undergraduate students.

"It's an extreme honor to be appointed,"

sophomore Chris Jewell said.

The concept of an investigating and advising board is not new. In the old judicial system, members of the Judicial Board select members to investigate and advise students.

Now the Honor and Ethics Council will use the BIA as an independent resource for students.

"I would like to see the sense of honor on campus increased," freshman Elizabeth Reilly said.

Junior David McGlinchey said that the new investigating board is better for the student body.

BIA is supposed to allow the Honor and Ethics Council to be more impartial than the past practices of the Judicial Board.

"I'm committed to do a fine job in upholding the high ethical standards of

the university," Jewell said.

"I'm very excited about being appointed to the BIA. I see it as an opportunity to help students and in helping them, to help them realize they did something wrong and if they did do something wrong, how they can fix it and how not to repeat it again," freshman Ashley Hughes said.

Sophomore Erin Anderson, a member of BIA, said that student concerns will be addressed better through representation by the advisers, allowing students to present individual cases thoroughly.

The members of the new Board of Investigators and Advisers are juniors Dawn Shoultz and Ashley Edmonson, sophomores Anderson, Suzanne Davis, Jewell, Josh O'Donnell, Zach Redington, freshmen Daniel Durand, Jonathan Dowling, Erika Harrison, Hughes and Reilly.

## Ferguson wins Mr. WF

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the Anthony Aston Players, performed a monologue written by Quetin Tarantino, about the movie *Top Gun*.

Sophomore Matt Mundy, nominated by Sigma Nu fraternity, used a '70s theme for the competition. For the talent round, he acted as a lounge singer, complete with martinis, piano accompaniment and groupies wearing feather boas.

In an audience favorite, freshman Kevin Gamble did an impersonation of Maya Angelou, a Reynolds professor of American Studies, — at the audience's request. Gamble was nominated by Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

After the talent portion, Temporary Reprieve, the university's men's *capella* group, sang a few songs while the scores were added up.

Five finalists were narrowed down for the question round. The finalists were freshman Luke Fedlam, nominated by the Asian Student Interest Association and Black Student Alliance; Ferguson; Mundy; Stern; and freshman Robert O'Kelley, nominated by BSA. The five men were asked to draw questions from a box and answer them.

Ferguson was asked how and why he would eat a Reese's Peanut Butter cup. Ferguson said he was glad he had seen the commercials for Reese's, because some of the guys had not seen the TV shows they were asked questions about.

Junior Clinton Wilburn, Mr. Wake Forest 1997, crowned Ferguson as his name was called. O'Kelley was first runner-up and Stern was second runner-up. Ferguson

won a two-night stay for two people at the Biltmore Hotel in Asheville. The first and second runners-up won gift certificates from various local restaurants and stores.

## Student requests first open honor hearing in nearly a decade

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the student's request to have an open hearing was "a personal decision on his part."

Silversten said the hearing will be a chance for students to see what a hearing is like, since most find out only when they must appear before the council. "The student body would be interested in seeing through the eyes of the *Old Gold and Black* some of the things that go on during an Honor Council hearing," he said.

Most hearings are closed, allowing only the witnesses, the defendant, the Honor Council and the defendant's council into the hearing.

Jamison would not disclose the details of the case, on the grounds that Honor Council members must not have the opportunity to learn about it before hearing the case.

Both Silversten and Jamison said that having an open hearing would not affect the proceedings of the hearing. The only thing that will be different is the location, since the room the council normally uses is not large enough to hold the extra people, Jamison said. The location has not yet been decided.

Silversten and Jamison are still deciding which students they will ask to attend the hearing. Silversten said he and his client have discussed possibilities but have

made no final decisions. Jamison said he has discussed the matter with John Harper, the vice chairman of the Honor Council, and junior Alecia Chandler, the investigator of the case, and that he is mainly looking for people who respect the proceedings and will not be disruptive.

The last time a student opted for an open Honor Council hearing was 1989. In a Nov. 17, 1989, *Old Gold and Black* article titled "Council to Hold Open Hearing," Howell Smith, who was then the chairman of the Honor Council and a professor of history, said that "there may have been an open hearing before the judicial system was revised in the late '60s, but, as far

as he can remember, no other trial has been held in public since that time."

At the time of this hearing, which was for a student accused of lying, anyone was allowed to attend. Media ranging from NBC and *The New York Times* to local television channels and the *Winston-Salem Journal* covered the trial. It attracted national attention because the student, while in Beijing, China, smuggled a tape of the Tiananmen Square massacre to an NBC crew and lied to his professors about where he was at the time.

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## House allows students to study German language and culture

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Plans call for 15 students and a professor to reside and study in the house each semester. Currently, 20 students study each semester in Venice and 15 students each semester in London.

According to the president Student Government, senior Scott Plumridge, 30 percent of university students currently study abroad at some point during their college careers.

"Certainly this is a great addition to the multiplicity of opportunities provided by the university," Plumridge said.

The Flow Haus is located in northwestern Vienna in a neighborhood with many embassies, diplomatic residences and distinguished private homes. The house contains three levels. Plans call for the university faculty member to live in the basement, with classes held on the first floor and students living on the top floor.

The house will undergo a three-month

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renovation beginning as soon as possible.

The Vienna program will allow students to study German as well as a number of other disciplines. Each semester a different faculty member will lead the group and teach in his or her area of study.

In addition, local experts from a wide range of disciplines will participate in the instruction of students studying in Vienna. "This will be a wonderful educational

opportunity for our students and our faculty in a great variety of disciplines," Paul Escott, the dean of the college, said at the press conference.

Tim Sellner, a professor of and the chairman of the department German and Russian, said that the program was wonderful for all departments, not just German.

He said that it is likely that the program will be run like the Venice program so that students and faculty members studying in Vienna will have to take at least a semester of German before they go.

"Vienna is the perfect city," Sellner said. "It embodies all that is wonderful about German and European culture. It is a very cosmopolitan city, a beautiful city, and it has all sorts of resources for Wake Forest students." Sellner said that the location of Vienna provided students with an opportunity to travel all around Europe. "It is the crossroads of Europe," he said, "within an hour by train you can be in six or seven countries."



Courtesy of Wake Forest University

Trustee Vick Flow recently donated money to purchase this 7,200 sq. ft. house in Vienna, Austria for use in a study-abroad program.