

Divinity School to start accepting applications

By Travis Langdon
Old Gold and Black Reporter

With its board of visitors and three new faculty members recently announced, the divinity school is currently preparing for its opening in the spring of 1999 by finalizing the application and admissions process while renovations to Wingate Hall are completed. When the school opens, it is expected that around 35 to 40 students will be enrolled under the Masters of Divinity program.

The primary objective of the divinity school will be to prepare students for work in the clergy, specifically in the form of Christian ministry. The program will also qualify students for chaplain positions in hospitals and the military. However, it is expected that some of the students in the program will attempt to receive their doctorate after completing the divinity program for work in theological education.

Bill Leonard, the dean of the divinity school, expects applications to be sent out around the beginning of June so that they can be returned well in advance. The school hopes to know much of its incoming class by next March, although it anticipates that a small number of admissions for the spring of 1999 will be made after that.

As the school's opening approaches, the administration is growing increasingly enthusiastic about the interest that perspective students have displayed for the program as well as the opportunity to come in contact with new people through the application process.

"There are some people who have been waiting on this school for several years. These are largely people in the region who already have jobs, who have been waiting for this particular school at this particular time. We have a second group that, as we have become more public about our plans, has contacted us. And the third group is made up of people that we have recruited. We've been doing that for the last year or two," Leonard said.

This recruiting process has entailed visiting potential students in undergraduate institutions as well as congregational organizations. Leonard said that recruiting has taken place particularly, but not exclusively, in institutions with a Baptist tradition. However, Leonard's lectures at different college campuses and the conversations that he and other recruiting officers have had with people about the divinity school have made a diverse cross-section of interested students possible.

Based on the number of inquiries already received, the application pool is expected to be fairly large by the time applications are made available.

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Director of student recruitment for the divinity school

"We have not yet officially advertised the divinity school; we will begin doing that around May 15. We have a nice poster and a viewbook in development that will go out to most undergraduate colleges, some churches, campus ministers, chaplain offices, religion departments and places where students who might be interested in theological education would be. The amount of inquiries that we've already received based only on word-of-mouth inquiries is remarkable," Scott Hudgins, the director of student recruitment for the divinity school, said.

Once the applications are distributed, the divinity school will select students on a rolling basis. However, the selection committee will not begin to review applications until after December 1. The application does not have an official due date, but students are encouraged to

submit as early as possible, due to the nature of the selection process for both admission and financial aid.

Because the curriculum offered at the divinity school will be challenging and rigorous, the criteria for admission will be somewhat strict. Applicants are expected to take the Graduate Record Exam, have a specified GPA in undergraduate study and submit three letters of recommendation. In addition, a more subjective analysis of applicants will also be made.

Hudgins said the admissions committee will use four general selection standards. First the applicant needs to have a strong academic record that demonstrates potential for graduate level work.

Applicants also need to demonstrate through commitments, experiences and references promise for ministry.

The third standard is a commitment to Christian vocation, which should be shown through an essay. "Christian vocation is a very broad term, and we want to keep it broad because we want a diversity of students," Hudgins said.

Finally, the student should not only benefit from but also contribute to theological education at the university. "We are in many ways different from other divinity schools, and we want students who can take advantage of the full offerings of the university," Hudgins said.

Volunteering in ACT unites athletes, kids

By Katherine Bradley
Contributing Reporter

Now in its seventh year, the Athletes Care Team, led by assistant athletic director of community progress, Charles Davis, has provided a way for university athletes to make a difference in the community.

Whether the athletes are wrapping Christmas presents for needy families, talking to middle school students about the importance of a good education or assisting with the games at the Special Olympics, they are continuously participating in activities that benefit Winston-Salem children, according to Davis.

"Really, if anyone calls me and thinks student athletes could help out with a project, we're ready to offer our services," Davis.

ACT falls under the "service commitment" category in a university student-athlete support program, called Challenging Athletes' Minds for Personal Success. This program is dedicated to assisting athletes with their commitments in five areas, including athletics, academics, personal life, service and career development. With ACT, though, committing to service is completely voluntary. Davis emphasizes the importance of a volunteer being someone who wants to give willingly of their time.

"Kids are very intuitive; they know whether or not someone is speaking from his heart. I want students who truly want to serve. That's why I won't allow coaches to require their athletes to participate," Davis said.

In fact, 66 percent of the athletes, which is approximately 210 to 220, participate in some way with ACT. "The athletes are very proud of the program now. Upperclassmen will bring in freshman — they really want to help people," Davis said.

The participants in ACT fully commit

when they volunteer to help. Tutoring at local elementary schools, one of ACT's programs, is a service that the athletes do every week without fail.

"If an athlete decides to tutor, he or she makes a commitment for the entire semester — an hour a week with the same child. It is amazing to see the kids' attitudes transform. At first they have a 'yeah right' attitude — skeptical about whether or not the athlete will really be there every week. But by the third time he or she shows up, the child is so proud to tell 'his athlete' that he didn't get in trouble or that he made a good grade on a test," Davis said.

This year is a special one for Davis and his volunteering athletes. Although ACT usually averages 2,500 volunteer hours per year, the 3,000 hour mark is just around the corner. "This is a really big accomplishment for us: something we're very proud of."

Davis hopes that the ACT, whose motto is "Care, share and commit," will serve as a starting block for the athletes' entire life.

"The truth of it is, the majority of our athletes won't ever make a dime playing professional sports. They will become positive parts of their communities; hopefully by that point, volunteering will be instilled in them as something they like to do," Davis said.

According to Davis, right now there is something about a college student, especially an athlete, that makes kids listen. "Personally, it really impacts me to know that we're doing something that makes a difference. When I see a big football player dressed as Santa Claus get teary-eyed after a child hugs him and says, 'Thanks,' that's what it is all about," Davis said.

With over 15,000 hours volunteered to date, ACT can be assured that it is indeed making a difference.



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Break time

Students converge on the stairs of the patio outside of the Benson University Center Food Court between classes to discuss their day. Due to the warm weather, the stairs have become prime seating.

Junior receives Truman Scholarship

By Laura O'Connor
Old Gold and Black Reporter

Junior Jennifer Bumgarner received the Truman Scholarship and was one of 75 winners nationwide and the sole recipient from this university.

"I think it's a very big honor to have received this," Bumgarner said. "The fact that it was a competitive scholarship is very valuable. It allowed me to evaluate my future plans and it will open a lot of doors."

The scholarship pays a stipend of

\$10,000 a year for three years - senior year and two years of graduate school.

Sponsored by the Truman Foundation, the scholarship requires that the applicant have a very strong standing in academics, leadership and service.

The applicant must be entering some kind of public service.

A politics major, Bumgarner plans on mastering in international affairs or entering graduate school to pursue comparative politics.

She is also a member of Women's Issues Network, the politics honor society

and the Philomathesian Journal and Society, among other campus organizations.

According to Bumgarner, the university must nominate a student for the scholarship. The application consists of 15 short-answer question and a policy analysis, in which the candidate must discuss a recent policy that is important to the United States. As a finalist, Bumgarner attended an interview in Washington, D.C.

"Bumgarner is a very fine candidate," Dr. James Barefield, a professor of history and head of the Truman Scholarships this year, said. "It is a very prestigious award."

BRIEFLY

Campus organizations may have their announcements listed by sending e-mail to 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.

WFDD to hold on-air spring fund-raiser

The listener-supported radio station of the university, 88.5 FM WFDD Public Radio, will finish its spring fund-raiser today and April 24. It is an on-air fund-raiser.

Library to hold book sale for school, public

The Z. Smith Reynolds Library will hold a book sale from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. today for university students, staff and faculty. Admission requires a university ID.

The library will hold a book sale for the public from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 24. All sales will be in the Gerald Johnson Room of the library.

Sociologist to speak on hurting loved ones

Sue E. Estroff, a professor of social medicine at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, will speak at 5 p.m. April 27 in Detamble

Auditorium in Tribble Hall.

Estroff's free presentation is entitled "You Always Hurt the One You Love: Re-framing Violence and Mental Disorder."

Psychology students to present colloquium

The department of psychology's colloquium series will include first-year graduate student and honor student presentations.

The honor student presentations will be from 3 to 4 p.m. today.

The first-year graduate students will present their presentations from 3 to 4:45 p.m. April 29 and from 3:15 to 5 p.m. April 30 in Winston C.

Groups to host local battle of the bands

Students Against Drunk Driving, Safe Rides and Peer Health Educators will sponsor a battle of the bands from 4 to 6 p.m. April 29 on the Magnolia Quad.

To register a band, call senior Mike Fronezek at 722-3896, senior Charles Cole at 759-0311 or

Natascha Romeo, a health educator, at Ext. 5937.

The deadline is April 26. Cash prizes will be given to the three top bands.

University to host Special Olympics

The Special Olympics of Forsyth County will have its springs games from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 27-29 and May 1 at Kentner Stadium.

Photography class to present its best work

The Concerned Photographers and their Works class, will present the semester's best work from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. April 30 in the Z. Smith Reynolds Library in front of the all-night study room.

Federal official set to speak at symposium

John Ruffin, the associate director for research on minority health at the National Institutes of Health,

will speak on "Innovative Approaches for Addressing Minority Health Affairs and Education" April 30 as part of a symposium at the Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center.

The symposium, which is free and open to the public, is in Babcock Auditorium and begins at 10:15 p.m. Ruffin will lecture at 12:30 p.m.

Doctor speaks as part of Year of Religion

Dr. Kenneth E. Olive, associate professor of internal medicine at East Tennessee State University, will speak on the role of religious belief in doctor-patient relations at 7 p.m., May 5 in Babcock Auditorium on the Bowman Gray campus.

The Wingate Johnson Lecture is part of the Year of Religion in American Life and is free and open to the public.

For more information, call 716-4450.

Beta Iota initiates 10, inaugurates new officers

The Beta Iota chapter of Eta Sigma

Phi, the national classical languages honor society, initiated 10 members and inaugurated its officers for the 1998-99 school year April 7.

The following students were inducted into Beta Iota: junior Samuel Crawford White, sophomores William Johnson, Tiffany Kassab, Samuel Newlands, Jeremy Ruppon and Suzanne Van Sciver, freshmen Kelly Jones, Julie Richardson, Suzanne Steele and Mary Young.

Sophomore Anne Taylor is the new president, while junior Joshua Parks is vice president. Junior Kimberly Clower was inaugurated as secretary and junior Brady Stephenson is treasurer.

Taylor and senior Cate Mansell represented the university at a national convention in Richmond, Va. April 3-5.

New building will house dining facilities

A new dining location will open in the Information Systems building next semester. The dining area will include Chick-Fil-A, Starbucks, Krispy Kreme, Freshens, Pan Geo's (display cooking), Deli Corner and a bakery case, which will include freshly baked cakes and cookies daily.

The food area will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturdays. It will be closed on Sundays.

Correction

In the April 16 issue an article reported incorrectly about senior Shannon Poekennedy receiving a fellowship. She declined it and is instead accepting a National Science Foundation Grant, a graduate fellowship award.

This award provides three years of support for graduate study, including a cost-of-education allowance of \$9,500 per year and a stipend of \$15,000 per year.

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