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A new outlook

After the inconvenience of construction in the spring, residents of Student Apartments are compensated with an aesthetic environment. For more on construction, see A6.

Former deans die during summer

After thirty plus years, Lee retired from position at law school in '77

By Zach Everson
News Editor

On August 21, Robert E. Lee, a professor emeritus of law and dean emeritus of the school of law, died at the Brookridge Retirement Community in Winston-Salem.

Lee was dean of the School of Law in the late 1940s and was a teacher at the school for over 30 years before retiring from the university in 1977. He had earned both his undergraduate and law degrees from the university before pursuing advanced law degrees at other schools.

In addition to teaching, Lee was a prolific author of law texts, many of which focused on family law. In the 1970s he published a biography, *Blackbeard the Pirate*.

Lee's writing was not confined to books, as he also wrote a newspaper column titled "This is the Law." His articles appeared in several newspapers in North Carolina.

James Sizemore, a professor emeritus of law, called Lee "one of the finest scholars" at the university.

"He was admired by all the faculty," Sizemore said.

Rhoda Billings, a professor of law, said that Lee was "a demanding professor who loved both the law and his students."

"He was demanding because he thought it would aid his students in mastering the law and make them better lawyers," she said.

Lee, a native of Kinston, also taught law at Temple University and at other institutions.

Reece won university's merit award

By Zach Everson
News Editor

Mark H. Reece, the former dean of students, died May 12 at the age of 71.

"To generations of students, Mark Reece was a counselor and a guardian, using the authority of his office whenever he had to, and even being stern when firmness was called for, but never really masking the kindness that lay behind the official look he had to wear," said Ed Wilson, provost emeritus.

In 1996 Reece received the Medallion of Merit, the university's highest honor, for his 32 years of distinguished service.

Reece, who hailed from Jonesville, came to the university in 1943 as a student. After spending 30 months in the U.S. Navy, Reece returned and graduated with a bachelor's degree in 1949.

In 1956 Reece became the associate director of alumni activities. Two years later he was named the director of student affairs, and in 1963 he became dean of men, a position he held for over 20 years. In 1984 he became dean of students when the offices of the dean of men and dean of women were combined. He retired in 1988.

"Working with Mark Reece as dean of men when I was dean of women was special. I have never seen him angry, disgusted or disappointed," said Lula Leake, the associate vice president for academic affairs. "He was always patient, fair and forgiving."

While at the university, Reece worked with several student organizations, including fraternities and the Student Union. He also played a pivotal role in starting the Student Union Collection of Contemporary Art.

High demand for housing results in loss of student lounge space

By Danielle Deaver
Editor in Chief

Some students returning to campus after a long summer at home had a big surprise awaiting them when they lugged their belongings to their rooms. Some freshmen found themselves living in former lounges, and a few upperclassmen discovered they had lost lounge space they had counted on having.

"They definitely weren't too happy about it. We had blocked this suite entirely because of the lounge," said junior Colleen Bailey.

Bailey and her suitemates lost lounge space that last year occupied the fourth room in their Poteat House suite. Poteat is the only residence hall that still contains suite lounges.

"I think it pretty much stinks. The reason we wanted this suite in the first place is because of the lounge," said junior Leslie Rush, one of Bailey's suitemates.

"That's what we had to do so everyone who wanted housing could have it," said Connie Carson, the director of residence life and housing.

"Our first objective is to house everyone," she said.

Rush was angriest about how the incident was handled. The students who lost their suite lounges were notified in July. The former lounge rooms, which are bigger than the regular rooms in the suites, were not offered to the students with rooms already in the suites, but to the students on the

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Yet To Be Assigned list, who had lower lottery numbers.

"They could have let us know or offered it to the person with the highest lottery number or the juniors or seniors, instead of rising sophomores," Rush said.

Offering the converted lounge space to students who were already assigned rooms within the suites would have been too difficult and time-consuming, according to Carson.

Not all students were upset about the lounge conversions. Freshman Eric Alderman ended up getting more than he had hoped for.

"I like it. It's quite large — larger than I expected," Alderman said.

Alderman is one of three men living in what used to be one of Palmer Hall's study lounges.

Three of the eight study lounges in Palmer and Piccolo Halls were converted into triple rooms for first-year male students.

The conversion of the lounges in Palmer and Poteat and of the lounges in Babcock Residence Hall was necessitated by the housing crunch the university is experiencing this year. A large freshman class and an

unusual amount of upperclass interest in on-campus housing is causing the first housing shortage the university has experienced in five years, according to Carson.

"When you have that bulge (in upperclass desire for on-campus housing) and at the same time you have a large freshman class, you have a housing squeeze," Carson said.

Carson said she has no explanation for the dramatic increase in the demand for housing, which is out of line with that of previous years.

Carson said she expects that all recently converted lounge areas will be returned to lounge space after this year, when a new residence hall will provide an additional 190 beds.

Contributing to the problem is the fact that this is the first year of a three-year plan to phase out small double rooms in the back of the Quad house suites.

Students felt that if those rooms had not been converted into singles, the Poteat lounges could have been saved, according to Carson.

Carson said that no matter what, most of the lounges would have been taken away, but added that the conversion of double rooms to single rooms did have a negative effect.

"If we hadn't done that, yeah, we would have had to convert less lounges," Carson said.

All students who desired on-campus housing and were eligible for it were assigned rooms, although some received their assignments as late as Aug. 18.

Year of Religion intended to provoke lively discussion

Rabbi Kushner to deliver opening convocation address

By Shannon Bothwell
News Copy Editor

The prospect of spending an entire year holding public discussions on the role of religion seems sure to stir up some controversy, especially at a university that was affiliated with the North Carolina Baptist Convention until 1986. At least, that's what Bill Leonard, the dean of the Divinity School and chairman of the Year of Religion Committee, hopes.

"This year has the potential to be more controversial than Year of the Arts because of its subject matter. Religious ideas are controversial. Some people will think we have too much religion or not enough, too much diversity (of faiths) or not enough," Leonard said.

The Year of Religion in American Life is a comprehensive program of activities and speakers, designed to deal with contemporary problems of religion and public life. "As we move toward the 21st century, America is increasingly religiously pluralistic," Leonard said.

"Judeo-Christian is the dominant tradition, but we must come to terms with the diversity of world religions present in the U.S.," Leonard said. "America has always given up religious liberty (to unorthodox groups) grudgingly."

The Year of Religion can also be seen as a chance to set the direction that will be taken by the university's new divinity school, which will open in the fall of 1999. "The divinity school will bring excitement, enthusiasm and controversy. We must determine how we will put a divinity school in a university that is so diverse," Leonard said.

The first item on the Year of Religion agenda is Opening Convocation on Sept. 4. Rabbi Harold Kushner, the author of *When Bad Things Happen to Good People*, will give the address at 11 a.m. in Brendle Recital Hall in the Scales Fine Arts Center. In his speech "What's the Point of Being Religious?" Kushner will introduce some of the central questions to be examined throughout the year.

In addition to delivering the opening

convocation address, Kushner will participate in a Service of Remembrance and Hope at 3 p.m. Kushner will offer insight from his book as part of a service to commemorate the lives of university students Julie Hansen and Maia Witzl on the anniversary of their deaths in an automobile accident.

The university will host another renowned speaker for Fall Convocation on Nov. 19. Bill Moyers, an author and producer, will speak at 8 p.m. in Wait Chapel. Moyers is the author of *Healing and the Mind* and has produced numerous documentaries for public television, including "Genesis," "Amazing Grace" and "Listening to America."

The university will also brush with national recognition when it hosts a conference on Religion and Higher Education Oct. 23-25.

The conference, funded by the Lilly Endowment, will draw presidents, deans, faculty, trustees and students from 13 Baptist-related schools to the university to discuss the role of faith and value on modern campuses.

To highlight the diversity of religious experiences in the U.S., each month the university will host a visiting religion resident of a different faith. The religion residents will spend a few days on campus, giving demonstrations and lectures and participating in classes.

Leonard pointed out that these religion residents will be available for discussions and interaction far beyond the level usually offered when the university simply hosts a guest lecturer. "It was student input on the committee that emphasized bringing in people who would stay on campus longer than just to give a lecture," Leonard said.

To supplement these planned speakers and events, the university is offering a grant program to allow students, faculty and staff to bring other programs and speakers to campus. The university has allocated \$10,000 to be distributed in regular grants of \$1000 each and mini-grants of \$250 and less. Any person or group may apply.

BRIEFLY

Campus organizations may have their announcements listed by sending e-mail to news@ogb.wfu.edu, faxing to 910-759-4561 or writing to P.O. Box 7569. The deadline for inclusion in each week's paper is 5 p.m. Monday.

Band seeks additional musicians, assistants

The marching band is looking for tuba players and student equipment managers.

Any interested students should call Kevin Bowen, the director of bands, at Ext. 5365.

Museum of Anthropology closing for Labor Day

The Museum of Anthropology will be closed Saturday for Labor Day. It will re-open Tuesday.

Run with the Deacs race for Piccolo fund planned

The eighth annual Run with the Deacs 5K race will be held at 4 p.m. Sept. 26, with registration at 3 p.m. The entrance fee is \$10 and includes a T-shirt.

All money goes to the Brian Piccolo Cancer Fund.

The race takes place on the cross country course behind Palmer and Piccolo Residence Halls and is sponsored by Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity and the men's and women's basketball teams, who will be in attendance.

Prizes will be awarded to the top finishers in six categories. There will also be a drawing for door prizes.

Last year's race had over 200 partici-

pants and raised over \$4,000. For more information, call Ext. 5921.

Upperclass Carswell Scholarships available

The Committee on Scholarships and Student Aid invites sophomores, juniors and seniors with outstanding records to compete to become Thomas E. and Ruth Mullen Scholars of the Upperclass Carswell Scholarships.

These scholarships carry an annual stipend of \$1,500; once awarded they may be renewed for the remainder of the undergraduate education.

Applicants should submit to the Scholarship Committee a letter that indicates their major areas of academic interest, extracurricular participation and future plans. Two faculty letters of recommendation are also required.

The deadline for the application is Oct. 15. Finalists will be interviewed and awards will be announced by Dec. 15.

Fulbright Fellowship offered for study abroad

Competition for Fulbright grants for graduate study abroad in the 1998-99 academic year will be open until September 29. Proposals may be in any field including the creative and performing arts.

For applications and information, contact Mary Friedman, an associate pro-

fessor of Romance languages at Ext. 5429 or Peter Siavelis, an assistant professor of politics, at Ext. 5451.

Baptist church invites interested singers

Students are invited to participate in the choir at Wake Forest Baptist Church. Choral scholarships are available upon audition with the director. The choir rehearses on Wednesdays from 7-9 p.m. and services are on Sundays at 11 a.m., with rehearsal beginning at 10:30 a.m.

If you have choral or other musical experience and wish to be considered for a scholarship, contact John Newman, a director of music, at 723-0021.

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I'll drink to that

Sophomores Kristi Lake and Jennah Dieter relax with tasty beverages on the Benson University Center patio, enjoying the time before classes begin.